

# Jericho: City of Judgment

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Joshua 6.
- B. Joshua was given Jericho to conquer by God.

## II. The character of Jericho.

- A. It was an ancient city dating back to 8000 BC.
- B. Huge walls surrounded it.
- C. It was a wicked city infested by homosexuality.

## III. Joshua was sent to take over Jericho by marching around the walls defensively.

- A. There are times to take up our battles and there are times to let God take over. The Israelites were to march silently.
- B. The Israelites were to march in united form.
- C. They marched expectantly.
- D. They marched triumphantly.
- E. There is no wall that God cannot break down.

## IV. The judgment of Jericho.

- A. We need to get rid of anything in our home that leads us to sin.
- B. Sin is contagious, so all of Jericho had to be eradicated.
- C. A curse was placed upon the city. (I Kings 16)

## V. Jericho reminds us...

- A. That judgment always happens in God's time. (Ecclesiastes 8:11)
- B. Judgment always happens in God's way.
- C. Judgment is always mingled with mercy. (Joshua 6)
  - 1. Rahab became a heroin of the faith because she knew more than she realized.
  - 2. Rahab was part of Jesus' line. (Matthew 1)

**Application questions:**

1. How would you counsel someone looking to overcome a barrier in his or her life in light of the message? Explain.

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2. Why is it important to rid your home of anything that causes you to stumble?

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3. What was distinct about Rahab that enabled her to receive God's mercy in such a terrible situation?

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