

*RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE*

**SPIES, LIES, AND REDEMPTION**

*Joshua 2:1-24*

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What are the lessons found in the story of Rahab the harlot?

**1. The LORD will judge sin.**

*... and in righteousness He judges and wages war. Revelation 19:11*

A. Jericho was a wicked city destined for total destruction.



B. Rahab was an immoral woman covered in sin and shame.

**2. The LORD will save the worst of sinners who trusts in Him.**

Rahab heard about the LORD and trusted Him.

*“Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22*

A. Rahab risked her life to save the LORD’S spies.

B. Rahab had a burden for her family to be saved.

C. Rahab hung the scarlet cord, a picture of redemption.

*"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 1:18-21*

*"For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live." Ezekiel 18:32*

**3. The LORD will bless and reward anyone who comes to Him.**

A. Rahab was changed by the power of God.

B. Rahab marries Salmon and has a family.

C. Rahab is included in the Hall of Faith.

*By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.  
Hebrews 11:31*

D. Rahab is included in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

*... and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse; and to Jesse was born David the king. Matthew 1:5-6*

*It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 1 Timothy 1:15*

**Have YOU responded to God's amazing grace?**