



JOSHUA - ALLOW GOD COMPLETE CONTROL

Joshua had a problem, an impossible situation, as he approached the fortified city of Jericho on the hill and considered it. Was he trying to decide how to overcome the problem? What tactics to use? Did he have to admit there seemed to be no solution? Let's find out . . .

Read Joshua 5:13-6:27

Joshua 5:13-15

1. Why do you think Joshua went over to Jericho? Whom did he meet on the way?

Joshua 5:14-15

2. How did Joshua respond when the man told him who he was?

Joshua 6:1-5

3. What were the orders the Lord gave Joshua?

4. How did these orders show that the battle was to be the Lord's?

Joshua 6:6-11

5. Imagine you are one of the people in Jericho. How would you feel as you watched the Israelites?

6. What other examples can you think of, how God used what the world would consider foolish to accomplish His purposes?

Joshua 6:12-21

7. Who did God use to assure the Israelites that they would have the victory over Jericho (and the whole land of Canaan)? How was this message of faith passed on?

8. *1 Samuel 17:47; Zechariah 4:6* How does the Lord win His victories?

9. *Ephesians 6:10-12* Against whom are we, as Christians fighting?

10. *2 Corinthians 10:4; Hebrews 11:30* What weapons can we use?

Joshua 6:22-27

11. *Genesis 15:16* Why did the Lord order Jericho to be destroyed?

12. What people were saved?

13. What things were salvaged?

14. *1 Kings 16:34* What does this verse remind us?

The End Bit!

Suddenly Joshua saw a man standing in front of him. We can understand what Joshua was thinking. There would be two sides in the Battle of Jericho, so he asked, 'Whose side are you on?' The man replied (in effect), 'I have not come to take sides, I have come to take over, I want to have complete control.' Recognising the Lord, Joshua immediately gave the whole situation over to Him, saying, 'What do you want me to do?'

Are we always willing to allow the Lord complete control of our problems? We need to stand aside and allow God to act. All we need to do is to ask, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?'

Sometimes we forget that we are fighting against the spiritual forces behind our problems, so we try to work out solutions at a human level. We even tell God what we want Him to do! But we can only conquer with spiritual weapons such as faith, righteousness and prayer.

Verse to remember

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57