

# Week 16: The Fall of Jericho — Obedience Brings Victory

*A Sabbath Family Bible Study*

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## Scripture Reading: Joshua 6:1–27 (KJV)

*With Commentary Throughout*

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### **Joshua 6:1–2**

*“Now Jericho was straitly shut up... And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho...”*

#### **Commentary:**

Jericho was a mighty fortress—humanly impenetrable. Yet God declared victory before a single weapon was raised. This reminds us that **victory belongs to the Lord**, and our role is to trust and obey His instructions, even when they seem unconventional.

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### **Joshua 6:3–5**

*“And ye shall compass the city... once... six days... and on the seventh day... seven times... and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.”*

#### **Commentary:**

God’s battle plan was not military genius but **obedient faith**. Marching around a city in silence for seven days seems foolish to the world—but it was God’s command. His ways often defy logic to prove that **the victory is His alone**.

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### **Joshua 6:10**

*“And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise... until the day I bid you shout...”*

#### **Commentary:**

Silence requires discipline. The people had to suppress fear, impatience, and doubt for six

days. God often tests our trust in silence before the shout of triumph. **Waiting obediently is often the greatest act of faith.**

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**Joshua 6:16, 20**

*“And it came to pass... Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city... So the people shouted... and the wall fell down flat...”*

**Commentary:**

Victory came not through power but through **faith-filled obedience**. God collapsed the walls when His people obeyed to the letter. This teaches us that **obedience—even when it seems strange or slow—is the path to breakthrough.**

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**Joshua 6:26–27**

*“And the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noised throughout all the country.”*

**Commentary:**

Joshua’s obedience brought him honor, but more importantly, it glorified the LORD. God exalts those who fear Him and follow Him without question. Victory doesn’t come through cleverness—it comes through **reverent obedience**.

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## Discussion Questions for All Ages

**Young Children:**

- What did God tell the people to do around the city?
- When did the walls fall down?
- Who made the victory happen?

**Older Children & Teens:**

- Why do you think God gave such strange instructions for taking Jericho?
- What would have happened if they only marched for five days?

- Can you think of a time when obedience to God felt hard or confusing?

#### Adults:

- How does this story challenge your understanding of spiritual warfare?
  - What “walls” in your life might be brought down by quiet, consistent obedience?
  - How can we model the kind of faith Joshua and Israel showed in this story?
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## Psalm Reading

### Psalm 20:6–8 (KJV)

*6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed...*

*7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

*8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.*

#### Commentary:

Victory doesn’t come from human strength but from trust in the Lord. Israel didn’t need chariots to take Jericho—they needed **faithful obedience**. This psalm echoes the truth that those who trust in God stand firm.

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## Hymn: “Trust and Obey”

By John H. Sammis (1887)

1.

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

#### Chorus:

Trust and obey, for there’s no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

**(Chorus)**

3.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

**(Chorus)**

4.

But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

**(Chorus)**

5.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go—  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

**(Chorus)**



## Family Application Points

1. **Obedience Before Understanding:**

Teach children that God sometimes asks us to obey before we fully understand. Trust comes first; understanding often follows.

2. **Honor God's Commands in Detail:**

Obedience is not partial or selective. Like Israel, we must follow God's instructions exactly. Review how your household is obeying God—not just generally, but specifically.

3. **Be Silent Before the Shout:**

Practice family moments of silence before prayer or reading to reflect on waiting and listening for God's voice—just as Israel marched quietly before the victory.

4. **Identify “Jerichos” in Life:**

Discuss any personal or family situations that feel like walled cities—strongholds that seem impossible to overcome. Commit them to God and obey Him step by step.

5. **Sing in Faith, Not in Sight:**

Sing "Trust and Obey" throughout the week—not because you see results yet, but because you trust God to bring victory in His way and time.



## **Closing Prayer**

*Lord God of Heaven and Earth, You are the One who brings down walls and defeats the strongholds of man. Help us to trust and obey You, even when Your commands seem strange to the world. Teach us to follow You in faith, to wait on You in silence, and to shout for joy when You deliver us. May our family walk in faithful obedience, and may every act of trust bring glory to Your name. We thank You for Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, through whom every victory is won. In His name we pray, Amen.*