



“The Walls of your Jericho must Fall Today”, by Pastor Mboneni Rathiyaya, Sunday Service, the 4th of March 2012.

Scripture Reading: Joshua 6: 1:6, 16, 20 and Joshua 3:5.

Josh 6:1-6 *"Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." 6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." NKJV*

Josh 6:16 *"16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!" NKJV*

Josh 6:20 *"20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city." NKJV*

Josh 3:5 *"5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." NKJV.*

“The Walls of your Jericho must Fall Today!”, when we read from verse 3, we hear God say to Joshua “I have given Jericho and everything in it to you and the Israelites” it means that even the king is included and must report to Joshua. The problem is that there was a wall between Joshua and Jericho. God is saying today



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"The Walls of your Jericho must Fall Today". You know what is standing between you and your success!

As Christians we live by faith and today believe that your wall has indeed fallen. Canaan is a land flowing with milk and honey and once you talk about honey and milk we think about good things, health etc but there is a wall before you can get to the milk and the honey. It is left between you and me as to how to get through the wall into Jericho. God said to the Israelites, sanctify yourself. Some of you are thinking *"It means that all this time, there was something that I have not been doing."*

In Genesis 12 God said to Abraham, Get out of your land and go to the land I will show you and then I will bless you. In the land where Abraham was staying, the people, including his father, were worshipping gods. God could not bless Abraham in such a place. Which is why God told Abraham to get out and separate Himself from those who were worshipping idols.

To be able to break through the wall of Jericho City you need to separate yourself. One artist sang the song *"I can't believe you brought me thus far to leave me."*

The bible says when the Israelites arrived at Jordan it was overflowing with a strong current but God told Joshua to tell the Israelites "Sanctify yourself." What God did for the Israelites He can still do it for you. Joshua said to the priests immediately they stand next to the water, the water will separate.

I don't believe God brought you through the seas and will now not be able to get you through the rivers, through Jordan. "Sanctify yourself."

The bible says the Israelites sanctified themselves. Some of the things God told them to do sounded illogical. At that time they had a very strong army but God said *"I don't care about your army. Just walk around the Jericho City."* They wanted what was inside as God had promised Jericho City and all that was in it, to them including the king. The Israelites did not question God and did what sounded illogical. This is because they knew who was talking to them.

Some of us today would have thought we don't need to walk around, we can just go in and fight this people and defeat them. They marched and whilst marching they were quite. For six days they marched only once and on the 7th day they were to march 7 times. Joshua's instructions were that they were to then shout a big shout and then the walls of Jericho City would fall.

Today God need people who will not question God but will do that which He has instructed them. The problem is that today we are full of questions and we want to question God. We are full of disrespect.



You must take time to “Sanctify yourself” and to meditate on the word of God and take your problems to Him. Today God is saying we must “Sanctify ourselves.” and when you do this you don’t mix with other people.

2 Chron 7:14-15 *“14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.” NKJV*

You know your pain and you must “Sanctify yourself” before the Lord. “Wicked ways” means to go against the word of God and doing that which is against the word of God. If we continue in the wicked ways there will be no movement or breakthrough in our lives.

When you separate yourself God will honour your prayer. God listens to those who pray with all their hearts. Separate yourself so you can cross the Jordan River so you can go through the walls of Jericho City.