

## The Gift of Jericho

- Conquering Jericho – Josh. 6
- Jericho's walls fell because of God's grace
  - 6:2 – Jericho was an easy victory because God gave it to Israel
- Jericho's walls fell because of active faith
  - 6:3-5 – People had to believe that following God's instructions would work
    - Belief that God's power would work—not in their own military might/strategy
  - Heb. 11:30 – Even though God gave Israel the city, they didn't receive gift until after following instructions
- Likewise, we are saved by grace and faith
  - Eph. 2:8 – Grace and faith—gift of God
  - Jn. 3:16
  - Heb. 11:6 – Must obey and believe to see reward
- God keeps promises
  - 6:20-21 – Deliver city to Israel
  - 6:22 – Save Rahab
  - 6:18-19; 7:20-25 – No booty
  - 6:26 – Curse against rebuilding (1 Kgs. 16:34)
- Conclusion
  - Could Israel have taken Jericho through military strength alone?
  - Could Israel have taken Jericho without marching around the walls?
  - We can't get to heaven on our own or without following God's instructions...