

***Into the Promise: A Journey Through Joshua***  
**Lesson Four: Shout! For the Lord...**  
**Joshua 5-6**

*We are always in a fever to do something for God and have forgotten that the first thing God wants is that we should be something for Him.  
In this time of delay God had lessons to teach His people which were going to decide all the future course of warfare in the land. <sup>1</sup>*  
~ Alan Redpath

God's miraculous parting of the Jordan had instilled fear in the hearts of all the people of Canaan (Joshua 5:1).

**I. Set Apart (Joshua 5:2-9)**

A. God's Commands are to be Fully Obeyed

The men were to be circumcised to mark them with the sign of the Abrahamic covenant. The circumcision was done on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month. The men were to stay there until they were healed. They would have been extremely vulnerable. Obeying God's command meant their entire army was incapacitated on the Jericho side of the Jordan.

Today, if a man is circumcised, he is advised to "refrain from all physical activity—at least for the first 72 hours." <sup>2</sup>

"But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you" (Exodus 12:48-49).

"And in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Colossians 2:10-11).

B. Obedience Leads to Revelation

"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him" (John 14:21).

**II. Worship: Celebrating the Passover (Joshua 5:10-12)**

The people had last celebrated the Passover when they left Egypt. It marked their going out (Exodus 12). Now the Passover would mark their going in.

They were to celebrate the Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month.

We celebrate the New Covenant through the Lord's Supper.

### III. The LORD with the Drawn Sword (Joshua 5:13-6:5)

Obedience + Worship = Revelation

#### A. Take off your shoes

“When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:4-5).

This was most likely a preincarnate appearance of Christ. Angels do not allow themselves to be worshiped.

“I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, ‘Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God’” (Revelation 22:8-9).

#### B. The Instructions for Battle – Joshua 6:2-5

Isaiah 55:8-11

### IV. The Conquest Begins (Joshua 6:6-27)

#### A. The sparing of Rahab and her family

#### B. Destruction and the ban

#### C. The curse –

Fulfilled during the Divided Kingdom during the reigns of Ahab in Israel and Asa in Judah.

“In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his firstborn and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun” (1 Kings 16:34).

### V. Rahab’s Influence (Joshua 6:25)

Lot had virtually no influence in Sodom. Even his daughter’s fiancés did not believe him. His wife’s affections were in Sodom and she was turned into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19).

God’s manifest presence requires holiness:

“For I am the Lord who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy” (Leviticus 11:45).

“Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy’” (Leviticus 19:2).

“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine” (Leviticus 20:26).

“Since the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you” (Deuteronomy 23:14).

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1).

“But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Peter 1:15-16).

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth” (John 17:16-19).

### **Absolute Obedience (Holiness) + Worship = Revelation and Commissioning**

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<sup>1</sup> Redpath, Alan. *Victorious Christian Living*, p. 71. Unknown. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.centerforcircumcision.com/what-is-the-entire-healing-process-like-for-adult-circumcision/>