The Capture Of Jericho
Joshua 6:1-21

Introduction:
A. Lord told Joshua, "I have given Jericho into your hand..." (v. 2)
   1. Opposite Mt. Nebo, west of Jordan, walled city, massive gate closed by night.
   2. Confirmed by Archeologists: Charred grain, 2 walls with beams for houses, as if blasted from center.
B. Lord gave specific procedure for capturing Jericho.
   1. The promise: I have given" as if already done. (cf. John 3:36; 1 John 2:25; Mk. 10:30)
   2. The procedure: Marching, trumpets, shouting, etc.
   3. The results: Received city only after were faithful to His way.

Discussion:
I. God's Ways Are Not Our Ways. (cf. Isa. 55;8.9).
   A. What military leader would have recommend this procedure?
   B. O.T. give other illustrations of this principle:
      2. Brazen Serpent. (Num. 21).
      3. Naaman's cure. (2 Kings 5)
   C. Scheme of redemption illustrate this principle:
      1. Facts surrounding His incarnation contrary to human wisdom.
      2. Plan of salvation: Who would have suggested baptism? (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).

II. The Real Meaning Of Grace.
   A. Jericho a gift (grace), but required obedience. (Josh 6:2,16,20).
   B. Many things can be gifts (grace) and still require effort from us.
      1. Daily bread. (Matt. 6:11; 2 Thess. 3:10).
      2. Salvation from sin. (Eph. 2:5; Mk. 16:16). - If Jericho & bread a gift, why not salvation?

III. The Meaning Of Saving Faith.
   A. Walls fell by faith after encompassed. (Heb. 11:30) - faith included obedience.
   B. We are saved by faith. (Rom. 5:1).
      1. When? (Jas. 2:20; Gal. 5:6; Acts 16:31-34).
      2. If walls fell by faith only after obedience, why not salvation only after obedience?

IV. God's Way Will Work.
   A. Walls fell even if no "logical" reason could be given - God's power.
   B. Church needs to work God's way - God will furnish results. (cf. 1 Cor. 3:6).

Conclusion:
A. Find out what God wants done.
B. Do just what God says do.
C. The results God wants will follow.