

The Rewards of Hospitality

by Clement of Rome

The sermon highlights the importance of faith and hospitality, as seen in the story of Rahab the harlot, and how these qualities are essential for salvation and redemption.

Scripture: Joshua 2:1, Joshua 6:22, Matthew 1:5, Hebrews 11:31, James 2:25

Topics: "Faith And Obedience", "Salvation History"

Description

Clement of Rome highlights the story of Rahab the harlot, emphasizing her faith, hospitality, and role in the salvation of the spies sent by Joshua to Jericho. Rahab's courageous actions in hiding the spies and her declaration of faith in the Lord demonstrated her belief in God's power and protection. Through her faith and obedience, Rahab and her family were spared when Jericho fell, showcasing the importance of trust and obedience in God's promises for salvation and redemption.

Transcript

On account of her faith and hospitality, Rahab the harlot was saved. For when spies were sent by Joshua, the son of Nun, to Jericho, the king of the country ascertained that they had come to spy out their land, and sent men to seize them, in order that, when taken, they might be put to death. But the hospitable Rahab received them, and hid them on the roof of her house under some stalks of flax. And when the men sent by the king arrived and said "There came men to you who are to spy out our land; bring them forth, for so the king commands," she answered them, "The two men whom you seek came to me, but quickly departed again and are gone," thus not discovering the spies to them.

Then she said to the men, "I know assuredly that the Lord your God has given you this city, for the fear and dread of you have fallen on its inhabitants.

When therefore you shall have taken it, keep me and the house of my father in safety." And they said to her, "It shall be as you have spoken to us. As soon, therefore, as you know that we are at hand, you shall gather all your family under your roof, and they shall be preserved, but anyone found outside of your dwelling shall perish." Moreover, they gave her a sign to this effect, that she should hang forth from her house a scarlet thread. And thus they made it manifest that redemption should flow through the blood of the Lord to all those who believe and hope in God.

You see, beloved, that there was not only faith, but prophecy, in this woman.

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