

We Are Now The Carriers Of The Ark (God's Presence)

The Ark Of The Covenant



Over and over again we are told that Christianity is Christ in us, the hope of glory. We are told that the Christian life is a progressive unfolding – in an inward, life changing way -- of the indwelling Christ to us. We are told that God desires to form Christ in us – which will make us living Epistles; which will

make us a living testimony to the resurrected Christ. We are told that Christ in us is the very means by which all ministry functions, and the very foundation of the church itself. When God gave His commands as to how the Ark should be moved and dealt with by His people, He was careful to illustrate the Truth that would come through Christ. The people of God themselves would carry the presence of God – we would lose our lives but find HIM. We would be living Epistles, indeed, we would be a type of the Ark of God. We would be ONE with Christ. "But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He Who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you." (Romans 8:9-11) We are aware of the reality of this presence from our obedience to His Word.



"We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praise of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). Note that Peter says that "We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood" The Priesthood carried the Ark of the Covenant and now we are the Royal Priesthood that carry the presence of God. We carry the power of God within us and the

enemy knows it. The persecution of Christians is about the livening God within us and the enemy wants to destroy all that is a reflection of Jesus. Christians need to understand the reality of this power. We need to pray (Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is Heaven) and God will move on our behalf to fulfill the Glory of His Son to our Nation. **Thy Kingdom Come! Show Us Your Glory!**

In this hour, like never before, the Spirit of God will release mighty demonstrations of His Glory in our nation and to the world. The world is looking for a God Whose presence is real. We are the temple of the Living God. We are the containers of His presence. We are carriers of His Glory. God is waiting on us, and we can change the direction of our nation, we can break down the walls of the enemy as we unit as One in the Body of Christ!

The Trumpets Sounded On The 7th Day



The story of the walls of Jericho falling down, recorded in Joshua 6:1–27, is one that vividly demonstrates the miraculous power of God. But more than that, the utter destruction of Jericho teaches us several grand truths regarding God's grace and our salvation. The people of Israel had just crossed over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan (Joshua 3:14–17).

This was the land of milk and honey God had promised to Abraham over 500 years earlier (Deuteronomy 6:3, 32:49). After spending forty difficult years wandering in the desert of Sinai, the people of Israel were now on the eastern banks of the Jordan. Their challenge: take the land of Canaan, the Promised Land. However, their first obstacle was the city of Jericho (Joshua 6:1), an unconquerable, walled city. Excavations there reveal that its fortifications featured a stone wall 11 feet high and 14 feet wide. At its top was a smooth stone slope, angling upward at 35 degrees for 35 feet, where it joined massive stone walls that towered even higher. It was virtually impregnable. In ancient

Jericho, Behold His Glory!



warfare such cities were either taken by assault or surrounded and the people starved into submission. Its invaders might try to weaken the stone walls with fire or by tunneling, or they might simply heap up a mountain of earth to serve as a ramp. Each of these methods of assault took weeks or months, and the attacking force usually suffered heavy losses. However, the strategy to conquer the city of Jericho was unique in two ways. First, the

strategy was laid out by God Himself, and, second, the strategy was a seemingly foolish plan. "Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful." (1 Corinthians 1:27) God simply told Joshua to have the people to march silently around Jericho for six days, and then, after seven circuits on the seventh day, (7 represents completion) to shout. Though it seemed foolish, Joshua followed God's instructions to the letter. When the people did finally shout, the massive walls collapsed instantly, and Israel won an easy victory. In fact, God had given the city of Jericho to them before they even began to march around its walls (Joshua 6:2, 16). It was when the people of God, by faith, followed the commands of God that the walls of Jericho fell down (Joshua 6:20). "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

Do Not Underestimate The Power Of Your Prayers

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the Power of Prayer is in the One Who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. (Max Lucado)



As the walls of Jericho were brought down apart from human ability, so the spiritual weapons of our warfare are appropriated through prayer, faith, and various truths of the Word of God. A Jericho March is what some may refer to as a prayer walk by a group or congregation. The purpose is to pray

for or against something and ask God to intercede, protect, or change something. Have faith that the Lord hears every prayer because He may again call on us to bring down some walls to restore His Kingdom. We read in Hebrews 11:30, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days." In spite of the taunts that were perhaps hurled down at them from the walls as they marched silently around Jericho, they were willing to look foolish and simply rest in the Lord. "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) He was their source of strength. The Apostle Paul assures us, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4). The description of the complete obliteration of Jericho was recorded in Scripture in order to teach us several lessons. Most important is that obedience, even when God's commands seem foolish, brings victory. **When we are faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, we must learn that our Jericho victories are won only when our faithful obedience to God is complete.** "And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever." (1 John 2:7) "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:1-5). There are other key lessons we should learn from this story. There is a vast difference between God's way and the way of man; "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9). We must never question God's purpose or instructions. We must have faith that God is Who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. "I Am That I Am"(Ex.3:14)

The Undercurrent Of God

"Whatever You Ask (John 14:13-14) In My Name, That Will I Do, So That The Father May Be Glorified In The Son. "If You Ask Me Anything In My Name, I Will Do It."



Do not be swayed, deceived or distracted by "Current Atmospheres" or the atmospheres that feel like they are "prevailing", God is doing things Below The Surface. God is setting things up, He is moving, He is orchestrating things and YOUR PRAYERS AND AGREEMENT with what He is doing are POWERFUL. His

Spirit is like the **UNDER CURRENT** of water below the surface that is bubbling and building momentum to move things in a direction different than what is being seen on the surface, **UNDERCURRENT**: 1. An underlying feeling or influence, especially one that is contrary to the prevailing atmosphere and is not expressed openly. 2. A current of water below the surface and moving in a different direction from any surface current which is a definite demonstration of Zechariah 4:6: "So He said to me, "This is the Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty." This is why it is imperative that the people of God have eyes to see and ears to hear in this season, because what is happening in the 'Natural' is **NOT THE TRUE REALITY**. What He is doing in the Spirit, what He is doing below the surface, what He is saying, THAT is REALITY and the people of God must be positioned as an echo of what He is saying over the UNITED STATES right now! A partnering with what the Spirit is saying is crucial. He wants **RIGHTEOUSNESS** to prevail! He wants to expose the wickedness in high places. He wants to usher in a move of His Spirit in this nation that has never been seen before. He wants life and not death! God is calling His people to become His instruments of faith in this nation to begin to break down the walls of wickedness through the power of prayer. Remember satan is the prince of this world and this is spiritual warfare that can only be won when we humble ourselves before God. **Where Man Is Attempting To Pull The "Current" In A Certain Direction, The Lord Is Building And Increasing The Divine Undercurrent To Release Victory, But We Must Intercede And Agree With HIS Perfect Will.**

God Gives Us The Victory

In addition, the story tells us that God keeps His promises. The walls of Jericho fell because God said they would. God's promises to us today are just as certain. They are just as unswerving. They are exceedingly great and wonderfully precious. So it is with us today: if we have true faith, we are compelled to obey God, and **God gives us victory over the enemies that we face throughout life.** Obedience is the clear evidence of faith and our faith is evidence that there is Salvation in Christ Jesus. **We never give up because God does not give up on us!**