

## Daily Devotional, June 15, 2020

### “The Scarlet Cord”, (Joshua 2:21, NKJV)

*“And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.”* (Joshua 2:21)

Rahab was a harlot who lived in a house on the wall of Jericho in the days of Joshua. She had heard of the Israelites and their God who had power to part the seas and subdue the nations. Though she was a sinner, she demonstrated faith in the Living God. This woman, a Gentile, found her faith rewarded and her name memorialized by being grafted into the genealogical line of Jesus Christ (Joshua 6:25; Matthew 1:5). *“By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace”* (Hebrews 11:31). It was faith that saved her physically, and it was faith that saved her spiritually.

*“The scarlet cord”* is significant. When the Israelites saw *“the scarlet cord”*, they knew to pass over that house, and spare all who were in it. This reminds us of the Passover. *“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt”* (Exodus 12:13). Just as the Israelites were saved from the last plague, Rahab and her family were saved from death also. *“Scarlet”* in the Bible is the color of blood (Cf. Isaiah 1:18). And ultimately, it is the blood of Christ Jesus which redeems us from our sins. We who believe are saved from certain destruction by *“the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* (1 Peter 1:19).

So, friends, bind *“the scarlet cord”* from your window, the window of your heart. Let the blood of Christ save you, and let it be efficient in atoning for your sins. Just as Rahab’s name ended up in the Bible, ensure that by your faith, your name ends up in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Even in the midst of the worldly city in which you live, let your faith be known to God, and proclaim it beginning in and from your household, just as Rahab did, knowing the power of God, even unto salvation for all those who believe (Romans 1:16).