



31. Victory is the Lord's

Listen to Joshua 6:1-2, "Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. The Lord said to Joshua, 'See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors.'"

Here's some solid food. Jericho was a strategic city. Three main roads leading in and out of Jericho made it the gateway to all of Canaan. It had a great water supply ... and would be in the Israelite

army's supply-line from east of the Jordan. Jericho was strongly fortified ... but it was a small city compared to the well-prepared Israelite army of 40000 soldiers. Joshua and his men could have easily conquered it on their own ... but the Lord said to Joshua, "*See, I have given Jericho into your hand*". You see ... Joshua needed to know that even when fully prepared, this and every victory comes *from the Lord*.

God told them to march around the city once each day for six days ... then seven times on the seventh day followed by a blast with the ram's-horn trumpets and a collective shout from the people. That plan was very unmilitary. However, Joshua

followed God's plan and the walls came down. Then Joshua and the army knew that *the Lord* had given Jericho into their hands.

Psalm 20:7 states: “*Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God.*”

And Psalm 21:31 says, “*The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the Lord.*” Be fully prepared for all your battles ... *but* trust in the Lord for your victories. Your victories belong to Him.

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