

James 2:25~ In the same manner was not also Rahab the harlot declared righteous by works, after she had received the messengers hospitably, and sent them out by another way?

1· James now proceeds to show other examples of ones who had works of faith, and who received a blessing for them. First he takes Rahab the harlot. Certainly her way of life offered no cause for intimacy, or closeness, or friendship with Yehowah God, who is righteous and holy. Yet she was declared righteous by God after receiving the spies and sending them out by another way, thus protecting them. Her faith thus worked along with her works, to effect the deliverance of the spies.

[Question] What other fine examples does James now introduce for discussion?

[Question] What can we say of Rahab before the spies came in to her house?

[Question] How then, did she exercise faith in what God was about to do?

[Question] What works of hers worked along with her faith?

2· Then Joshua the son of Nun **sent** two men **out** secretly from Shittim as spies, saying; Go, take a look at the land and Jericho. So they went and came to the house of a prostitute woman whose name was **Rahab**, and they took up lodging there. (**Joshua 2:1**)

[Question] Where did the spies come to take up lodging, to avoid suspicion in a city of foreigners?

3· And the city must become a thing devoted to destruction; it with everything that is in it belongs to Yehowah. Only **Rahab** the prostitute may keep on living, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the **messengers** whom we **sent out**. (**Joshua 6:17**)

[Question] What order did Yehowah God give regarding Rahab the harlot, when the city was destroyed, and why?

4· By faith **Rahab** the **harlot** did not perish with those who acted disobediently, because she **received** the spies in a peaceable **way**. (**Hebrews 11:31**)

[Question] Why then, did Rahab the harlot not die along with the other people of Jericho when it fell?

5. And **Rahab** the prostitute and the household of her father and all who belonged to her, Joshua preserved alive, and she dwells in the midst of Israel down to this day, because she hid the **messengers** whom Joshua **sent out** to spy on Jericho. (**Joshua 6:25**)

[Question] Who also gained salvation along with her, because of her faith?