



**11am Bible Study:** Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

**Topic:** The Battle Plan To Secure God's Promise  
**Chapters:** Joshua 6 **Jan. 4th, 2023**

**Central Text: Joshua 6:20, NKJV, 20** So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that **the wall fell down flat**. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and **they took the city**.

**Intro**

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**The natural question** that comes to mind when we get to **Joshua 6** is “how could a loving God command the wholesale extermination of nations that inhabited the Promised Land?”

**Cherem** (Hebrew Strong's #2764) - It's a complete consecration of things or people to the LORD, (Yahweh/ our Father God), either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering.

**It's also known as The Ban**, or to **“Utterly Destroy,”** which means to put under the Ban those things that are to be set apart to God by destroying them or consecrating them to God as an offering.

**Joshua 6:17-18, NASB, 17** “The city shall be under **the ban**, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. 18 But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things **under the ban**, so that you *do not covet them* and take some of the things **under the ban**, and *make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it*.

**Joshua 6:17-18, AMP, 17** The city and everything that is in it shall be **under the ban** [*that is, designated to be destroyed as a form of tribute*] to the Lord; only Rahab the prostitute and all [the people] who are with her in her house shall [be allowed to] live, because she hid and protected the messengers (scouts) whom we sent. 18 But as for you, keep yourselves [away] from the things **under the ban** [which are to be destroyed], so that you **do not covet them** and take some of the things under the ban [for personal gain], **and put the camp of Israel under the ban (doomed to destruction), and bring disaster upon it.**

**Joshua 6:17-18, NKJV, 17** Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, *it and all who are in it*. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 And you, by all means abstain **from the accursed things**, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

**Notes on God's Biblical Commissioning of War:**

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What's God's battle plan to secure His promise?

**1.Evaluate the Promise (the desire) and Make Sure It's From God - v.2 "See! I have given"**

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**2.Prepare to Engage In Spiritual Warfare - v.3 "Men of war", v.7 "armed men advance before", v.9 "armed men" "rear guard", 2 Cor 10:3-6, NLT, NKJV "weapons aren't carnal"**

**Question for Dialogue -** What promise/desire of your heart, in God's will, have you realized that in order to secure it you're going to have to fight a spiritual battle?

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**3.Follow Specific Instructions - v.3-11**

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**4.Over and Over Again Follow Godly Instructions - v.12-14**

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**Question for Dialogue -** Sometimes, due to the sin-nature within us, it can feel like we know better than God what's best for our lives. **What are some things that can help us to maintain daily dependence and obedience to God?**

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**5.Consecrated Things Belong To God and Must Not Be Violated - v.15-19**

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- our bodies \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question for Dialogue -** Covetousness is a prevalent sin in society especially due to the social media world we live in where everybody can look into the best and the highlights from other people's lives. **When covetousness is found in one's heart, what areas does it reveal a lack in one's life?**

**6.Obedience and Faith Guarantees The Promise Will Be Secured - v.20-27**

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