

CONQUER IN CHRIST

Doers not Hearers

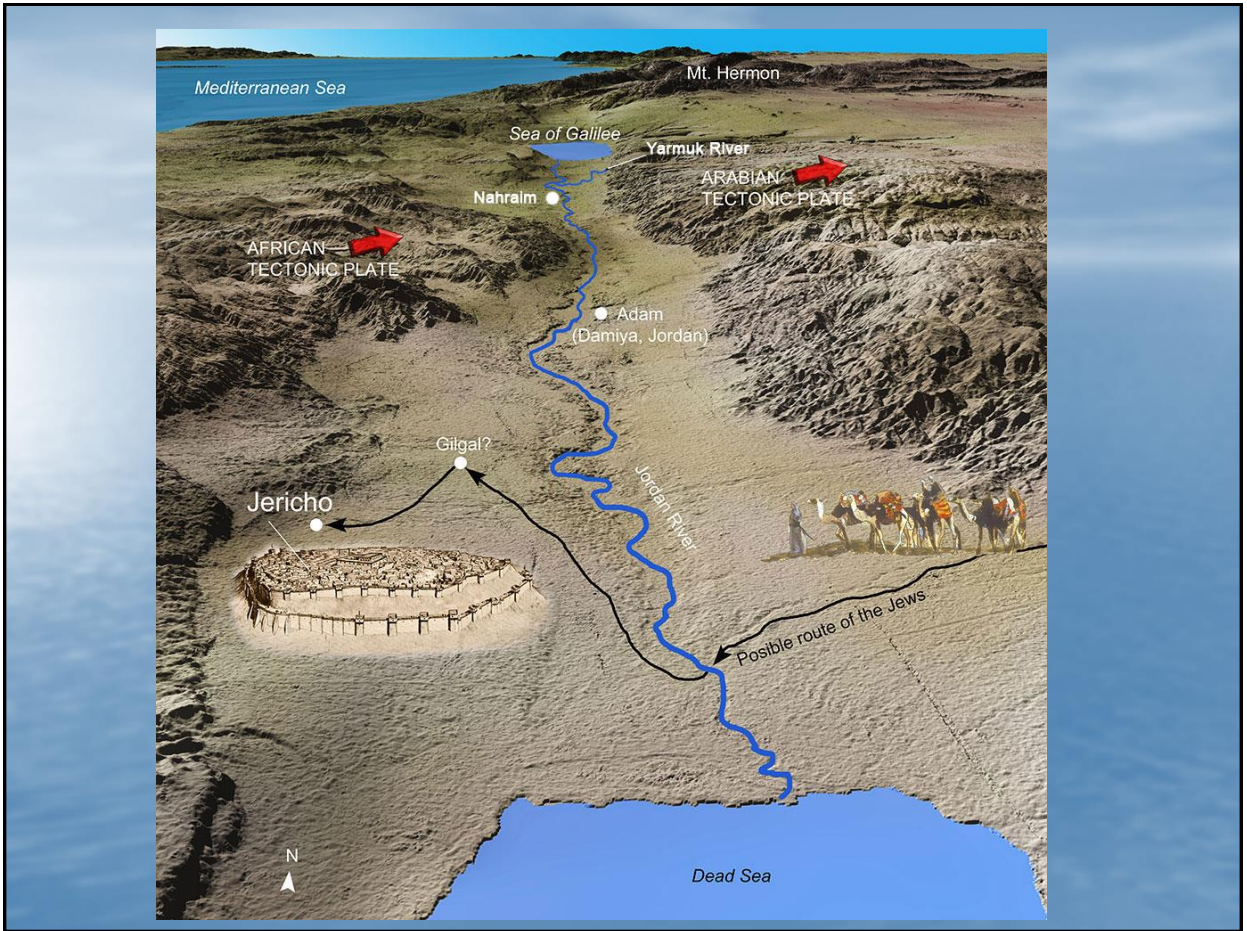








DOERS NOT HEARERS



1. CONFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PROMISE KEPT: PART 1

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 5:13** Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ And he said, "No, rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the captain of the LORD's host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 1:5** "No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you... ⁹ "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

PROMISE KEPT: PART 2

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 6:1** Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. ² And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king *and* the valiant warriors.
- ^{NAS} **Joshua 1:3** "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE INSTRUCTIONS

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 6:3** "And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. ⁴ "Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ "And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead."

THE PURPOSE

1. ^{ESV} **Psalm 46:10** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

2. ^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 5:7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.

➤ *Each time the Lord tests your faith, in reality He is demonstrating His faithfulness.*

A REMINDER

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 55:8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- ^{ESV} **1 Corinthians 1:25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

3. DOING GOD'S WORD

THE OBEDIENCE

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 6:6** So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." ⁷ Then he said to the people, "Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD."



APPLICATION

HEARING AND DOING

- ^{NAS} **James 1:21** Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
 - *Receive* → *welcome; take by the hand*
 - ^{ESV} **Zephaniah 3:19** Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

THE WORD IMPLANTED

1. The Written Word

- ^{NAS} **Jeremiah 31:33** "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

2. The Living Word

- ^{NAS} **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 19:13** And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.

HEAR AND DO

- ^{ESV} **James 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
 - Hear and obey both the written word of God *and* the inner leading of Jesus through the working of the Holy Spirit.
 - Imitating Jesus = genuinely obeying God's word.

HEARERS VS DOERS

- ^{NAS} **James 1:23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.
- ^{NAS} **James 2:18** But someone may *well* say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." ...²⁶ For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

CONCLUSIONS

WE CAN BE HEARERS AND DOERS

- **NAS Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- **NAS Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

HEAR ... DO ... CONQUER

- ^{ESV} **James 1:22** But be doers of the word [written and living], and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- ^{AS} **2 Corinthians 2:14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.