

# A DEEPER DIVE

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Micah 6:8—He has shown you, oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. – NIV.

**Prayer Focus** – Each day this week as you meet with your savior. When you do, lift up in prayer the places in the world where there is war and little hope, also the missionaries that you know of and support. Pray for our nation and our leaders, and also your local church and community. Pray daily for our Pastors and Elders. Finally, follow the instruction in Philippians 4:4-7 make your prayer personal. Remember 1 Peter 5:7.

**Monday: Reading**– Joshua 5:2-8

**Consider this**– Committed

Before we tackle the story of Jericho, I wanted to go back in the chapter a little. The crossing of the Jordan wasn't enough for the Israelites to start their settling of the Promised Land. They didn't just cross the Jordan and lay siege to the cities. The Lord required Joshua to circumcise all the males. This was the sign of the covenant that the Lord made with Abraham, and before the Israelites could advance and take the land, the covenant had to be renewed. I have heard of and seen people who have "recommitted" their lives to the Lord. A lot of times this happens at a revival meeting of some kind where there is an altar call. People come forward to accept the Lord, and others who have fallen away, and feel convicted, come forward to make a public recommitting of their life to the Lord. Is this something you have experienced, or need to experience? If it is something you need to do, make confession to the Lord, and talk to one of the Pastors or elders.

**Tuesday: Reading**– Joshua 5:13-6:14; Exodus 3:5; Acts 7; Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9

**Consider this**– Holy Ground

Joshua has a brief conversation with the "commander of the Lord's army." Many commentators say that this Commander is the pre-incarnate Christ. Read what Joshua's response to this being is, and contrast that with the Angel John sees in Revelation. What does this tell you about the commander?

Whose side is the commander, and the army on? If you are so inclined, do an internet search of the times the Lord's army is referenced in the Bible. Go to Matthew 26 and read what Jesus says about the Angels that are at the Lord's command.

The commander tells Joshua that he is on Holy Ground. What action must Joshua take before he can talk with the commander? Why is this such an important act? Read what the Lord says to Moses when they converse.

Some commentators say that when the Priests entered the Tabernacle or the Temple, they did so barefoot. They call attention to the fact that in the lists of Priestly garments (in Exodus 28 for example) there is no mention of footwear. There is, however, outside the tabernacle, a laver which the Priests are to use to wash their hands and feet.

**Wednesday: Reading**– Joshua 6:1

**Consider this**– A siege.

At the end of chapter 5, how does Joshua show his humility? What lesson can we take from Joshua's actions?

We are told that the city of Jericho has been barred and fortified. How would an army normally lay siege to a blockaded and fortified city? How long would this take? In the Civil War, Grant, after having his forces repulsed twice, decided to lay siege to Vicksburg. This siege lasted 40 days, and only when the supplies ran out did Vicksburg surrender to Grant.

In verse 1 we are told that, “no one went out and no one came in.” Barricading a city is, necessarily, a last-ditch attempt at defense. But it is a short-term answer, because provisions will eventually run out. So before moving to the rest of the section, think about what a general, or Joshua, might be thinking when he sees the city they are attacking fortified and blockaded.

**Thursday: Reading–** Joshua 6:2-5

**Consider this–** The Lord has a plan.

This section tells us that Joshua received word from the Lord. This is no longer the commander of the army that Joshua is speaking with. Two things are evident in this section. First, the Lord apparently doesn’t want Joshua to just lay siege and wait it out. How do we know this? Secondly, the Lord is not telling Joshua to march right in with his army and take the city, even though the Lord says he has “given Jericho” to Joshua. But also, it’s not just a matter of the Lord striking Jericho’s defense down right away. What does the Lord tell Joshua to do, and how long will it take? Why do you think this is the way the Lord planned it?

**Friday: Reading–** Joshua 6:2-5

**Consider this–** Seven

Read verses 2-5 and count how many times the number seven is mentioned. What is significant about the number seven in the Bible? How many other instances in the Bible do you know of that include the number seven?

Davis says that, “If Israel only marches and shouts, there will be no doubt about who batters Jericho to the ground.” The city is fortified because all of the people of the land had heard about what God had done in Egypt, the Red Sea, and the Jordan River. They are afraid. So if Joshua had just laid siege to the city and starved them out, who would have gotten the praise? Since all the army of Israel does is march and shout and the mighty city is overtaken, who gets the praise? What can we do in our daily lives to make sure the praise for everything goes to God?

**Saturday: Reading–** Joshua 6:2-5

**Consider this–** Have given.

The NKJV study notes call attention to the way the commander gives his message to Joshua. In verse 2 of chapter 6, the Lord says, “I have given...” He does not say, “will give,” future tense, or “gave,” past tense, but, “I have given” which is called present perfect tense. An AI search tells us that this tense refers to actions, experiences, or changes that have already been completed but have a connection to the present moment. Explain why this form, present perfect, is vital to understanding the Lord, Joshua’s role, and this passage.

**Sunday:** Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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