

6 Women of Christmas!
(And what they can teach us)
Joshua 2, 6; Matthew 1:5-6
December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday in Advent

III. The third woman of Christmas – _____!

A. Who is Rahab?

"Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, 'Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country.' So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country.'" (Joshua 2:1-24; NKJ)

B. What did Rahab do?

"the woman took the two men and hid them. ... 'And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.' ..." (Joshua 2:4-24; NKJ)

C. What is the Christmas connection?

"Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king." (Matthew 1:2-6; NKJ)

D. What is Rahab's legacy for you this Christmas?

1. Learn and recount the _____ of God! (vv 8-11)

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Hebrews 2:14-15; NKJ)

2. Decisively _____ in Christ!

"Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, He was above them." (Exodus 18:11; NKJ)

"Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; ..." (2 Kings 5:15; NKJ)

"... for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath." (v 11)

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets." (Hebrews 11:30-32; NKJ)

3. _____ for your family and friends.

4. _____ with the people of God!

"You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:24-25; NKJ)

"Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho." (Josh.6:22-25; NKJ)