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Readings : Joshua ch 2 v 1-21
 Joshua ch 6 v 25
 Eccles ch 12 v 1, 6-7
Subject: The Scarlet Cord and the Silver Cord

The message indicates that the Lord Jesus, God's Son, is available and accessible. He has said, "Whosoever will may come"

The readings tell of the scarlet and the silver cord. The scarlet cord speaks of Salvation. It symbolises the blood of the Lord Jesus and represents redemption (1 Peter 1:19). The silver cord speaks of life which is only a vapour (James 4:14).

Why do we need to be redeemed? God's word tells us that, "There is none righteous no not one" (Rom 3:10); "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Rahab realised she was in danger and there was coming judgment. She realised her need. God loves the sinner but hates his sin. In John 3:16, we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". God has come out to us in love in His Son. He looked over the world and loves it. From John 3:16, we learn:

The price of love: Giving of His only Son.
The people of his love: The World/ Whosoever
The promise of his love: None should perish
The purpose of his love: Whosoever believeth
The peace of his love: Have everlasting life
The possession of his love: Have everlasting life

Rahab said to these men, " I know what God has done".

The message of the scarlet cord runs through the Bible. Many situations required blood:

The sacrifice to cloth Adam and Eve when they sinned in the garden (Genesis 3:21)
The sacrifices of the offerings (Leviticus 1-7)

The Bible states of the Lord Jesus that He has made peace by the blood of His cross (Colossians 1:20)

They placed a crown of thorns upon His head then took a reed and hit His head. To enter into the good of redemption, we must ask the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives.

The Lord was approachable. The woman knew, " If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (Mark 5:28). Some might say, I know it is not enough - Rahab needed a sign.

The scarlet cord which she used to save the men was to be the sign in the window that would save her and her house.

Rahab did not put off hanging the cord. She hung it immediately after the men left.

Do not put off your decision.

The Lord promised, "If I go I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:3)

Believers have been brought nigh to God. Before we believe, there is only promise of darkness and spiritual death.

Rahab realised the greatness of this Salvation and she shared it with those nearest to her. It was a message of hope. She was wanting and looking for the promise of these men.

We have a hope today. We should be waiting and watching for the Lord's return. This is the hope for

those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

God measures our tears. He knows what we are going through. A God of love, compassion, hope and salvation.

It would be good to know your name was written in the Lamb's book of life. Without the shedding of blood there would be no remission for sins (Hebrews 9:22).

The Silver Cord reminds us of the brevity of life:- We ought to say if it is the Lord's will before we do anything.

It is time to seek the Lord. Now is a day of opportunity, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). We do not know when the opportunity will pass.