

Lesson Notes:

Being in the House of the Lord

As followers of Christ we cannot provide salvation to friends and loved ones. All we can do is bring them to **the house** of the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to take it from there. Following are several examples of people that loved the Lord and did what they could to bring their loved ones to **the house** of the Lord.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Rahab and her family** – In **Joshua 2** we find that Joshua sent two spies to the city of Jericho so that they could examine the fortification that was in place in Jericho. Rahab, who was a woman engaged in an ungodly lifestyle knew who the spies were and took them into her house and protected them. When the King and soldiers came to her house looking for the men sent by Jacob she told them that the men had left at dusk so the soldiers left looking for the two men. In **Joshua 2:12** she asked the two spies to spare her and **her house** (family) since she had endangered her own life to protect them. She had heard what God had done to the Egyptians and she wanted herself and family to be spared by God. As a result Rahab and all in **her house** were spared by the Israelites when they took Jericho.

- 2) **Queen Ester of the Bible.** – Ester was chosen to be the Queen of Xerxes the Persian King when the Persians ruled the world. Ester was Jewish and she heard through her uncle Mordecai that the Prime Minister had convinced the King that the Jews were rebellious and needed to be eradicated. Ester could have kept silent and remained in a position of comfort but she risked all that she had to expose the lies of the prime minister and protect the Jewish people from total destruction. In essence she had provided safety and a place for the Jewish people in **the house** of the king. Eventually the King allowed the Jewish people to arm themselves and protect themselves as a favor to Ester (**Ester 8:11**).

- 3) **Joshua and his famous statement** – In **Joshua 24:15-16** when the Jewish people began to rebel against the Lord during his leadership after delivering a chewing out to the people that had turned their back on God he made his famous statement, “As for me and **my house** we shall serve the Lord.”.

- 4) **As follower’s of Christ are we doing our part to lead our family and loved ones to the presence of the Lord?** – In **John 14:2** Jesus tells us that in his **father’s house** there are many mansions and he goes to prepare a place for us. Are we taking our family members and loved ones to worship and living in a manner that invites the Holy Spirit to invite our loved ones to **the house** of our Lord?