

Joshua 2
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Three main parts of the story
The land
The spies
The prostitute

“The land” bookends the story
2:1 – Joshua: “Go view the land”
2:24 – Spies: “Surely the LORD has given us the land.”

The earth is the LORD’s and EVERYTHING in it.

Psalm 24:1

The land is God’s gift

The ecological teaching of the Bible is simply inescapable: God made the world because He wanted it made. He thinks the world is good, and He loves it. It is His world; He has never relinquished title to it. And He has never revoked the conditions, bearing on His gift to us of the use of it, that oblige us to take excellent care of it.
Wendell Berry, *What are People For?*

The land is God’s gift
The land is our sphere of living
We must be worthy of the land

...for every abominable thing the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.”
Deuteronomy 12:31

The spies
We can either extinguish or encourage faith in others.

The prostitute
Mercy triumphs over judgment!

Rahab’s speech
What she knows (9-11)
What she wants (12-13)
What she receives (14)

What Rahab knows
God’s will: he has given you the land
God’s power: in his acts for his people
God’s position: over heaven and earth

What Rahab wants **Hesed**

What Rahab receives
The salvation of everyone in her house.

