

land." She may not have had any better means of knowing it than others; she had heard the same reports as they had, but she believed it to be true; for she could say, "The Lord your God, He is God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath." It was this belief, this faith, that saved her. To believe is, you see, a very simple thing. Rahab had heard of the people of Israel, that God had divided for them the waters of the Red Sea; she had heard how He had destroyed their enemies on the other side of Jordan, and she believed it. When the spies came to ask a lodging at her house, they seemed but poor, wearied, way-worn men; but what she had heard had sunk deep into her heart, she had believed that God who thus protected the Israelites was the true God, and therefore she received the spies gladly; she preserved and sheltered them at her own risk. Here was faith and its fruits—faith, so