

it likely that God would select the house of a harlot as the only place of deliverance in the city, and pass by respectable people in it—people who had never thus disgraced themselves? Oh, how earnestly must Rahab, the poor outcast one, have pleaded, and yet with what confidence must she have pointed to her house as the only one to be spared, the only one that had the scarlet line! True, she had been an abandoned profligate; true she had no goodness to rely on; therefore she relied on God. In His mercy, not on her merits; for she had none. The token in the window, the scarlet line, told her all within its shelter were safe; and she knew, if her parents trusted in God, the same token would preserve them also. "Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in." Their was no possibility of escape, but that offered by Rahab, and humbled

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