

So certain is Rahab that destruction is coming on Jericho, that she must have an oath and a token from the spies for her safety before she lets them go. She will take no denial; and they are ready to give all that she desires. Upon their own lives they stake her safety: "Our life for yours." They had no need to go back and ask Joshua, their captain, whether they might spare her life: no, they can pledge themselves, knowing assuredly the mind of their captain; and as surely as they knew they should triumph over the city, so certain were they that Rahab and her house would be spared. Blessed confidence! Two poor spies in the midst of an enemy's city, in peril of their lives, and far from their own army, can pledge their lives to a poor harlot that she and her house shall be safe; fully assured that the land would be theirs on the one hand and that they had power to proclaim deliverance to Rahab on the other.

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