

## Chapter 2

*Two difcouerers fent into Hiericho are hid, and concealed by Rahab: 8. and vpon promife of like fafetie to her whole familie, 21. she helpeth them fecretly away.*

**T**herfore Iofue the fonne of Nun fent from Se-  
tim two men, to fpie in fecrete: and faid to  
them: Goe, and view the Land, and the citie  
of Iericho. Who going entred into the houfe of a woman  
a harlot, named Rahab, and refted with her. <sup>2</sup> And it  
was told the king of Iericho, and faid: Behold there are  
men come in hither by night of the children of Ifrael,  
to fpie the Land. <sup>3</sup> And the king of Iericho fent to Ra-  
hab, faying: Bring forth the men, that came to thee,  
and are entred into thy houfe: for they be fpies, and are  
come to view al the Land. <sup>4</sup> And the woman taking the  
men, hid them, and faid: I confeffe they came to me,  
but <sup>a</sup>I knew not whence they were: <sup>5</sup> and when the gate  
was a shutting in the darke, and they withal went out, I  
know not whither they be gone: purfew quickly, and you  
shal ouertake them. <sup>6</sup> But she made the men to goe vp  
into the roofe of her houfe, and couered them with the  
ftalke of flaxe, which was there. <sup>7</sup> And they that were  
fent, folowed them, the way that leadeth to the ford of  
Jordan: and they being gone out the gate forwith was  
shutte. <sup>8</sup> Neither were they yet a fleepe that lay hidde,  
and behold the woman went vp to them, and faid: <sup>9</sup> I  
know that the Lord hath geuen this Land to you: for  
your terrour is fallen vpon vs, and al the inhabitantes of  
the Land are become fainte. <sup>10</sup> We haue heard that the  
Lord dried vp the water of the Redfea at your entring,  
when you came out of Ægypt: and what thinges you did  
to the two kinges of the Amorrhaites, that were beyond  
Jordan: Sehon and Og, whom you flew. <sup>11</sup> And hearing

---

<sup>a</sup> Notwithftanding this officious lie, (which is a venial finne) S. Paul,  
*Heb. 11.* and S. Iames (*c. 2.*) teftifie, that fhe was iuftified by  
her faith in God, and by good workes towards thefe men. *S. Aug.*  
*cont. Mendac. c. 17.* See *Annot. Iac. 2. v. 25.*

these things we greatly feared, and our hart fainted, neither did there remaine spirite in vs at your entring in: for the Lord your God he is God in heauen aboue, & in the earth beneth. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore fweare to me by the Lord, that as I haue done mercie with you, so you also doe with my fathers house: and you geue me a true signe, <sup>13</sup> that you saue my father and mother, my brethren and sisters, and all things that be theirs, and deliuer our soules from death. <sup>14</sup> Who answered her: Be our liues for you vnto death, only if thou betray vs not. And when our Lord shall haue deliuered vs the land, we will doe in thee mercie and truth. <sup>15</sup> She therefore did let them downe by a corde out of a window: for her house ioyned fast to the wall. <sup>16</sup> And she said to them: Goe vp to the mountaines, lest perhaps they meete you returning: and there lie hid three daies, til they returne, and so you shall goe on your way. <sup>17</sup> Who said to her: We shall be quitte from this oath, wherewith thou hast sworn vs: <sup>18</sup> if we entring the Land, there be this purple corde a signe, and thou tie it in the window, by the which thou hast let vs downe: and gather thy father and mother, and brethren and all thy kindred into thy house. <sup>19</sup> He that shall goe forth of the doore of thy house, his blood shall be vpon his head, and we shall be quitte. But the blood of all, that shall be with thee in the house, shall redound vpon our head, if any man touch them. <sup>20</sup> But if thou wilt betray vs, and vtter this talke abroad, we shall be quitte from this oath, wherewith thou hast adured vs. <sup>21</sup> And she answered: As you haue spoken, so be it done, and dismissing them to goe, she hong the purple corde in the window. <sup>22</sup> But they walking came to the mountaines, and taried there three dayes, til they returned that pursued them: for seeking euery way, they found them not. <sup>23</sup> Who being entred into the citie, the discouersers returned, and came downe from the mountaine: and passing ouer Iordan, they came to Iosue the sonne of Nun, and told him all things that had chanced to them, <sup>24</sup> and said: Our Lord hath deliuered all this land into our handes, and all the inhabitantes therof are ouerthrowen with feare.