Questions & Answers

I. Why Isn't Rahab An Example Of Situation Ethics?

- A. (Joshua 6; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25).
- B. Situation Ethics states that right and wrong are determined by the motives and outcome of an action, and the morality or immorality of an action cannot be determined apart from a context or situation.
- C. (Romans 3:5-8).
- D. Note why she was justified.
 - 1. She received the spies.
 - 2. She sent them out another way.

II. If The New Covenant Is Better Than The Old, Why Didn't We Just Start Out With It In The First Place?

- A. (Hebrews 8:7).
- B. (Hebrews 10:1).
- C. (Galatians 3:19).
- E. (Galatians 4:4-5).

III. If You Can't Repent of Being Unscripturally Married To The Wrong Person Without Leaving The Marriage Bed, How Is It That Unmarried Fornications Can Repent, But Then Marry Each Other And Continue In Their Relationship?

- A. (Matthew 19:9).
- B. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
- C. The difference is the seriousness of the marriage vow and the promises and commitment it entails.
- D. (Numbers 30:2; Ecclesiastes 5:5).

IV. What Is The Significance Of Anointing With Oil In James 5:13-15, And Why Is It Not Done The Same Way Today?

- A. (James 5:13-15).
- B. The Anointing with Oil.
 - 1. The oil was not medicinal.
 - 2. It is explicitly stated that the "prayer of faith" is what makes the person well.
 - 3. The anointing of oil was used in a symbolic way which preceded the bestowal of a blessing (1 Sam. 10:1; Mark 6:13), as well as a cultural way of bestowing honor, refreshment, and grooming.
- C. Should elders do it today.
 - 1. While I think it is a wonderful idea to have the elders or anyone else for that matter, to pray for us, elders today cannot do what this passage speaks of.
 - 2. Some commands involve the miraculous, and thus do not have application to us today.
 - 3. (1 Corinthians 14:1; 29).