

Study Guide: *The Walls Came Tumbling Down*

1. Joshua and his army **obeyed** God, they shouted, and the great walls of Jericho fell down. They obeyed the Lord, did what He said, and the giant walls of Jericho crashed down (Joshua 6:1-20).
2. “Walls of **separation** have been built up between the whites and the blacks. These walls of **prejudice** will tumble down of themselves, as did the walls of Jericho, when Christians **obey** the Word of God, which enjoins on them supreme love to their Maker and impartial **love** to their neighbors” (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, Dec. 17, 1895).
3. Jesus said, "A new **commandment** I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34, 35).
4. “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not **love** his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (1 John 4:20).
5. “Racism is a **sin**. *It's in the Bible*, James 2:8-9, NIV. ‘If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers”” (<http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/racism>).
6. “When the Holy Spirit moves upon human minds, all petty complaints and accusations between man and his fellow man will be put away. The bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will shine into the chambers of the mind and heart. In our **worship** of God there will be no distinction between rich and poor, white and black. All prejudice will be melted away. When we approach God, it will be as one **brotherhood**” (Ellen G. White, *Pastoral Ministry*, pg. 93).
7. The same Jesus who gave the command to love others can also **transform** our lives in such a way as to fill our hearts with love for others—removing any racism or prejudice from our lives. That is the solution. Jesus is the solution. Jesus through the Holy Spirit transforms us—cleansing us of the sins of racism and prejudice.
8. “Seventh-day Adventists want to be faithful to the **reconciling** ministry assigned to the Christian church. As a worldwide community of faith, the Seventh-day Adventist Church wishes to witness to and exhibit in her own ranks the unity and love that transcend racial differences and **overcome** past alienation between races” (<https://www.adventist.org/articles/racism/>).
9. God can help us love, and overcome past hostility between races. A vital part of that is apologizing for when we’ve hurt each other, and extending forgiveness. Christians, especial SDAs, should be involved in the ministry of reconciliation over the racial wrongs and injustices of the past. We should **contribute** to the **healing** of the deep and painful wounds caused by racism and prejudice.
10. When the world looks at our church, may they see a group of people who love others no matter what their skin color or what country they come from. May we be a godly **example** to the world of racial and ethnic unity. And may we point all those struggling with racism and prejudice to our Almighty God who can transform them and knock down those walls in their lives.