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Seriousness of Sin**



# Joshua 7 and 8

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1) Achan's sin.

# Joshua 7:1

<sup>1</sup> But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the Lord burned against the sons of Israel.

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2) Israel's defeat.

# Joshua 7:2-5

<sup>2</sup> Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, “Go up and spy out the land.” So the men went up and spied out Ai.

# Joshua 7:2-5

<sup>3</sup> They returned to Joshua and said to him, “Do not let all the people go up; *only* about two or three thousand men need go up to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few.”

# Joshua 7:2-5

<sup>4</sup> So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled from the men of Ai.



# Joshua 7:2-5

<sup>5</sup> The men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men, and pursued them from the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them down on the descent, so the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

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3) Joshua's panic.

# Joshua 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup> Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, *both* he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.



# Joshua 7:6-9

<sup>7</sup> Joshua said, “Alas, O Lord GOD, why did You ever bring this people over the Jordan, *only* to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing to dwell beyond the Jordan!

# Joshua 7:6-9

<sup>8</sup> O Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned *their* back before their enemies?

<sup>9</sup> For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?"

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4) God's answer.



# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>10</sup> So the LORD said to Joshua, “Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?”

# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>11</sup> Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.

# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>12</sup> Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.



# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>13</sup> Rise up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the LORD, the God of Israel, has said, “There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst.”’

# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>14</sup> In the morning then you shall come near by your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the LORD takes *by lot* shall come near by families, and the family which the LORD takes shall come near by households, and the household which the LORD takes shall come near man by man.

# Joshua 7:10-15

<sup>15</sup> It shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.””

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5) Sin's punishment.

# Joshua 7:16-21

<sup>16</sup> So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel near by tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

<sup>17</sup> He brought the family of Judah near, and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near man by man, and Zabdi was taken.



# Joshua 7:16-21

<sup>18</sup> He brought his household near man by man; and Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken.

# Joshua 7:16-21

<sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

# Joshua 7:16-21

<sup>20</sup> So Achan answered Joshua and said,  
“Truly, I have sinned against the LORD,  
the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

# Joshua 7:16-21

<sup>21</sup> when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it.”

# Joshua 7:26

<sup>26</sup> They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.



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6) Going forward with God.

# Joshua 8:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

# Joshua 8:1-2

<sup>2</sup> You shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it.”

# Joshua 8:30-35

<sup>30</sup> Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal,

# Joshua 8:30-35

<sup>33</sup> All Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them *stood* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel.



# Joshua 8:30-35

<sup>34</sup> Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

# Joshua 8:30-35

<sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them.

# Some Lessons to Notice

1) God sees everything.

# Proverbs 5:21

<sup>21</sup> For the ways of a man are before the  
eyes of the LORD,  
And He watches all his paths.

# Proverbs 15:3

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are  
in every place,  
Watching the evil and the good.



# Numbers 32:23

<sup>23</sup> But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

# Some Lessons to Notice

2) Sin is serious.

# Isaiah 59:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD's hand is not so  
short  
That it cannot save;  
Nor is His ear so dull  
That it cannot hear.

# Isaiah 59:1-2

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,  
And your sins have hidden *His* face  
from you so that He does not hear.

# Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Some Lessons to Notice

3) Sin is a battle God's people fight together.

# Galatians 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

# Galatians 6:1-2

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.



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# Acts 8:22

<sup>22</sup> Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Let us repent,  
and then move forward  
in God's strength.

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