

Chapter 7
Achan's Sin and Punishment

Questions from the class?

In the destruction of Jericho, God had commanded that all of the animals, gold and the wealth of Jericho were to be a sacrifice to the Lord, who gave the victory. They were called the "devoted things" in Joshua 6:18-19. God had pronounced death upon anyone who broke His commands. Joshua had pronounced a "solemn oath" and cursed anyone who rebuilt the city of Jericho. (Joshua 6:26-27)

The story of Achan shows the cost of disobedience. Achan was disobedient to God, and his entire family bore the consequences for his sin. Rahab was a story of God's grace and mercy while Achan was a picture of judgement and punishment for disobedience.

Joshua 7 – Achan

v. 1 What were the "devoted things"?

Why does verse 1 clearly identify Achan, his family, clan and tribe?

Who was punished with God's anger?

How did it show itself?

v. 3 What was the report to Joshua concerning Ai?

v. 4 What happened when they attacked Ai?

v. 5 What was the effect on the soldiers of Israel?

v. 6 What did Joshua do?

v. 7 "God, why did you let this happen?" Joshua asked.

v. 8 What will be the result of this defeat?

v. 11 What was God's answer?

Why? (Deuteronomy 20:16-18) Why were they to destroy these sinful nations?

Where did victory for Israel come from?

What was the sin that caused Israel's defeat?

v. 12 What was the direct and immediate result of this sin?

What did Israel need to do?

v. 14 What was Joshua commanded to do?

a.

b.

c.

v. 19 Who does God identify as the thief?

v. 20 What did Achan steal?

Does Achan confess his sin and repent?

Is Achan forgiven by God?

v. 21 What did Achan steal?

a.

b.

c.

Where was it hidden?

v. 23 Why were all the things he stole placed before Joshua and “all Israel?”

v. 25 Who was punished/stoned to death and buried?

Why was his entire family punished?

If Achan dug up his tent floor to hide the “stolen wealth,” did his family know?

Was their’s a shared guilt?

v. 26 What does “Achor” mean?

Why was this called the Valley of Achor?

Why heap up a pile of rocks?

Why was/is “capital punishment” public?

Which commandments did Achan break?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
God	God’s Name	God’s Authority	Authorities	Kill	Sex	Steal	Lie	Covet Things	Covet People