

Achan's Sin - Joshua 7:1-26

Topics: Abundance, Accountability, Accusation, Atonement, Compromise, Correction, Deceit, Devotion, Discipline, Dishonesty, Disobedience, Failure, Forgiveness, Greed, Grief, Lying, Materialism, Possessions, Punishment, Reconciliation, Repentance, Reputation, Selfishness, Shame, Sorrow, War

Open It

1. What do you think of when you hear the word materialism?
- * 2. How would you describe our culture's attitude toward money?

Explore It

3. How did the Israelites act unfaithfully? (7:1)
4. How did the Lord respond to the Israelites' unfaithfulness? (7:1)
5. For what reason did Joshua send men from Jericho to Ai? (7:2)
6. What report did the spies give to Joshua regarding their mission? (7:3)
7. Why were the spies confident of their ability to overcome the city of Ai? (7:3)
8. What was the outcome of the Israelites' battle with the men of Ai? (7:4-5)
9. How did the nation of Israel react to their loss? (7:5)
10. How did the leaders of Israel demonstrate their shock and remorse over losing the war with Ai? (7:6)
- * 11. What most concerned Joshua about the ramifications of Israel's loss? (7:9)
- * 12. Why had the Lord allowed Israel to lose the battle with Ai? (7:10-12)
13. How did the Lord reveal to the Israelites who had taken the devoted things from Jericho? (7:14-15)
14. According to Joshua, for what reason was Achan asked to confess his sin? (7:19)
15. Why did Achan take the devoted things from Jericho? (7:21)
- * 16. How did the Israelites repent of their sin before the Lord? (7:22-26)
17. What was the Lord's response to the Israelites' repentance? (7:26)

Get It

18. What does this story tell us about the power of greed?
- * 19. How would you describe a good attitude toward wealth?
20. What can we learn from Israel's response to their sin?
21. Why do you think it was necessary for Israel to kill Achan and his family and destroy everything that belonged to them?
22. How does God's response to Israel's repentance encourage you?
23. For what reasons do you think it is important to remind ourselves of God's forgiveness, as the Israelites did in this instance?
24. How does our turning away from sin give glory to God?
25. In what specific ways do you think people allow greed to creep into their lives?
- * 26. How can you guard yourself against the sin of greed?

Apply It

27. What is one step you can take to restore or renew your commitment to obey the Lord?
- * 28. How can you protect yourself from being greedy?
29. What is one practical way you could remind yourself of God's forgiveness?