The Story Of Achan

Bad Decisions Of A Foolish Man Ioshua 6 -7

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Setting The Stage

The fall of Jericho. Joshua 6-7;

- cf. Hebrews 11:30
- -Joshua was the leader, having succeeded Moses. Joshua 1:1ff
- The city of Jericho was a gift to the children of Israel. "See, I have given
- -The silver and gold of Jericho to belong to God. Joshua 6:17-19



The Sin

- But the "children of Israel" committed a trespass in the devoted thing.
- Joshua 7:1 "But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing; for Achan ... took of the devoted thing: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel." Note: Joshua 7:10-13

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Achan Was The Man

Joshua 7:16-18 "So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the <u>tribe of Judah</u> was taken: and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the <u>family of the</u> <u>Zerahites</u>: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites <u>man by man</u>; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken."

Achan Confesses

Joshua 7:20-21 "And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: when I <u>saw</u> among the spoil a goodly Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then <u>I coveted</u> them, and <u>took</u> them; and, behold, they are <u>hid</u> in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

"I Saw"

This is how temptation originated!

- Eve. Genesis 3:6; 2 Corinthians 11:3
- David. 2 Samuel 11:2

Warnings ...

- Proverbs 6:25 "Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids."
- Matthew 5:28 "but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

"I Coveted"

- "A verb meaning to take pleasure in, to desire, to lust, to covet, to be desirable, to desire passionately." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- Power in advertizing!
- David. 2 Samuel 11:3-4
 Exodus 20:17 "Thou shalt not covet ... thy neighbor's wife ..."
 - 2 Samuel 12:8 Lacked contentment.

"I Coveted"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

Hebrews 13:5 "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee." cf. 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11

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<u>Covetousness is idolatry</u>. Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5

"I Coveted"

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Covetousness has its roots in selfishness!

- Luke 12:13-21 "Keep yourselves from all covetousness"
 - "... a man's life does not consist in the

abundance of the things he possesses." (verse 15)

"... So is he who lays up treasure <u>for himself</u>, and is not rich toward God." (verse 21)

"I Took"

After desire was created by looking, it became his master.

James 1:14-15 "but each man is tempted,

- 1. When he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.
- 2. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin:
- 3. and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death."

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I Hid"

There's no pleasure in ill-gotten pleasures or spoils. Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:10; David. 2 Samuel 11

- Mark 4:22 "For there is <u>nothing hid</u>, save that it should be manifested; neither was (anything) made secret, but that it should come to light."
- Hebrews 4:13 "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but <u>all things are naked and</u> <u>laid</u> open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do."
- Romans 2:16 "in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ."

Consequences Always consequences. Galatians 6:7

- Achan's sin caused Israel to suffer humiliating defeat. Joshua 7:9; cf. 2:8-12
- Sin is never isolated. Numerous times in the history of Israel's kings, it is stated,
 "Wherewith he made Israel to sin."
- Achan's sin caused his family to suffer. Joshua 7:25-26
- David's sin. 2 Samuel 12:10ff

Wages Of Sin Have Always Been Death (Romans 6:23)

• Achan's sin:

I saw I coveted I took I hid

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