



Setting The Stage

- The setting is the fall of Jericho. (Josh. 6,7)
- Joshua was the leader, having succeeded Moses. (Josh. 1:1ff)
- The city of Jericho was a gift to the children of Israel. "And Jehovah said unto Joshua, 'See, I have given into thy hand Jericho, and the king thereof and the mighty men of valor.'" (Josh. 6:17-18)

The Sin

• But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing.

• "For Achan ... took the devoted thing: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel." (Joshua 7:1)

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 tribe of Judah was taken: and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; 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

• "Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus have I done: when I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them, and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it." (Joshua 7:20-21)

"I SAW"

This is how temptation originated!

- Eve. (Gen. 3:6; 2 Cor. 11:3)
- David. (2 Sam. 11:2)

Wisdom's warning tells the same truth.

- ✻ "Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids." (Prov. 6:25)
- ✻ Job declared, "I made a covenant with mine eyes; How then should I look upon a virgin?" (Job 31:1)
- ✻ Jesus said, "every one that looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Mt. 5:28)

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"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." (Hebrews 13:5)*

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10, NKJV).*

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." (Philippians 4:11)*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness is idolatry.

• *"Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" Colossians 3:5*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness is idolatry.

• *"For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, or covetous person, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." (Ephesians 5:5)*

• *"Thou shalt not covet." (Exodus 20:17)*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness has its roots selfishness!

Luke 12:13-21

"...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (vs. 15)
*"...So is he who lays up treasure **for himself**, and is not rich toward God." (vs. 21)*

"I TOOK"

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

*"But each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death."
(James 1:14, 15)*

"I HID"

There's no pleasure in ill-gotten pleasures or spoils.

Mark 4:22 "For there is nothing hid, 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 all things are naked and laid 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 Of Achan's Action

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

• **Achan's sin caused his family to suffer.** Joshua took the *spoils* "and his sons, and his daughters" and his possessions and stoned them and burned them with fire and "raised over them a great heap of stones." (Joshua 7:25, 26)

• **Achan's sin caused Israel to suffer.** "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will compass us around, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?" (Joshua 7:9)

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

•Achan's Sin:

- I Saw
- I Coveted
- I Took
- I Hid