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Joshua 7:1-26
Israel In The Hands Of An Angry God
Sunday, 2/20/22 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: God removed His hand of deliverance from Israel because Achan violated His covenant, leading to the death of many soldiers and Israel's defeat.

II. Israel In The Hands Of An Angry God (Josh 7:1-26).

A. Sin's Defeat (vv. 1-5).

1. As Israel continued to advance into Canaan, they were defeated by the people of Ai because God had removed their protection from them for Achan's sin.

B. Sin's Despair (vv. 6-9).

1. Joshua brought his doubts to the Lord and asked why Israel had failed because he had begun to question if God could give Israel the land that He promised them.

C. Sin's Demand (vv. 10-15).

1. God revealed to Joshua why Israel was defeated and demanded that he remove the offender so that His people could be restored.

D. Sin's Discovery (vv. 16-24).

1. Through the casting of lots, God revealed that Achan was the culprit, proving that God sees everything and will punish every secret sin.

E. Sin's Downfall (vv. 25-26).

1. God's wrath was satisfied by the death of Achan since it is only through the shedding of blood that His anger is turned away from sinners.

III. Conclusion: God allowed Israel to be defeated because they had rebelled against His covenant, but He restored them when they purged the sinner from their camp.

Study Questions: Israel In The Hands Of An Angry God

1. How seriously does God treat sin? How should we deal with our sin? When you sin, are you broken-hearted or indifferent? Do you attempt to hide sin? Do you deal with it openly?
2. What happened to Israel because of Achan's sin? (**Josh 7:1-5**) Why did God forbid Israel from taking loot from Jericho? (**Josh 6:17-19**) How did God react to Israel's sin? (**v. 1**)
3. How did Israel act overconfidently toward Ai? (**Josh 7:3-4**) How did it affect the morale of the Israelites? (**v. 5**) How is sin defeating for Christians? Why does it always lead to ruin?
4. What did Joshua do in response to Israel's failure? (**Josh 7:6-9**) Why did Joshua doubt God? (**v. 7**) Do you go to God when you feel defeated? Have you ever felt abandoned by Him?
5. What did God reveal to Joshua about Israel's defeat? (**Josh 7:10-15**) What did God demand that they do? (**vv. 13-15**) How do you respond to your sin? Are you penitent? Humble?
6. How did God reveal that Achan was the culprit? (**Josh 7:16-26**) How did sin seduce him? (**v. 21**) How were Adam and Eve tempted? (**Gen 3:1-6**) How has Jesus won the victory over sin?
7. What did Joshua do with Achan and his family? (**Josh 7:25-26**) Why was it necessary to kill them? (**Heb 9:22**) How did it appease God's wrath? (**v. 26**) What did they name the place?
8. What does this story tell you about the seriousness of sin? Does sin offend you? How has God provided a way to escape the judgement of sin? (**Prov 28:13; Rom 6:23**)

Prayer

1. Pray that God might search you and reveal to you any hidden sins in your heart.
2. Ask God to help deliver you from your sin through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ