

COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – Sin In The Camp
Joshua 7

(v,1-6)

Achan - (trouble/troublesome).

“The anger of the Lord burned (hot, furious, incensed) against the children of Israel.”

Achan exposed.

Ai – means “the ruin.”

Ai – represents the 3 effects of Compromise, *spiritually speaking*. Death, Retreat, Fear,

Shebarim – Hebrew: broken places. It was literally a “stone quarry.”

Joshua understood, apart from God they could do nothing!

(John 15:5) "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

(v.7-13) In the Lord’s response to Joshua’s prayer. “Get up!”

With God, obedience is better than a “prayer meeting,” any day!

The “error of all mankind is believing, God is “blind!”

(Hebrews 4:13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

“Grieving” the Holy Spirit renders us “defenseless” against the “enemy” of our soul!

The presence of Christ is our strength, and “victory!”

(v.13-14) The second time, “Get up!” Go “sanctify” the people.

In (v.16-17) Achan pointed out by God.

It's always best to confess to God!

(Proverbs 28:13) He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

(v.21) Achan's confession reveals the universal "strategy" of sin.

Step 1 - "I saw." (Lust of eyes)

Step 2 - "I coveted." (*Lust of flesh*)

Step 3 - "I hid." (Pride of life)

(1 John 2:15-17) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

(v.22-24) Achor – means: "trouble." Here is a man who troubled his "family," by disobeying God!

(1 Corinthians 6:20) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

(v.25-26)

I do not believe Achan's family was stoned with him. (Deuteronomy 24:16)"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Lesson – the very thing Achan sold his soul for, ruined his life!

(Mark 8:36-37) For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 32:5) I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.