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What is Faith?

Faith helps us "see" spiritual reality
Covenant is sacred, inviolate promises
Faith calls on specific promises in the covenant
Faith believes in the heart & the mouth speaks
Faith starts small and then grows to be large

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Promises enable us to live a supernatural life
Faith is the only way to please God
Faith Feeds on the Word
Faith speaks the Word
God Honors Our Covenants with Others
Faith in God's Instructions

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What is Faith? Faith Built by Remembering Faith in God's Sovereignty Faith in God's Plan

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Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.

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1 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

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Devoted Thing

Whatever is devoted to God (Hebrew Cherem), whether devoted for the purpose of destruction or of entire surrender to him

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Leviticus 27:28

"But no devoted thing that a man devotes to the LORD, of anything that he has, whether man or beast, or of his inherited field, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD.

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1. Devoted to the Treasury Lord: Joshua 6:19 But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."

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Devoted Things to the Lord

2. Devoted to Destruction: Every possession that wasn't devoted to treasury of the Lord was to be destroyed by fire including the physical city. There was to be no personal plunder by the soldiers. It was a devoted thing.

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Why Not Take Things Devoted For Destruction?

Joshua 6:18 But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it.

Battles	Spoil
Battle with Sihon (Amorite)	Cities
Numbers 21: 21-31	Occupied
	Spoil taken
Battle with Og (Amorite)	60 Cities
Numbers 21:32-35	Occupied
	Spoil Taken

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Examples of Taking Devoted Things King Saul Lost His Kingdom - kept Agag King of Amalek as a prize of war and saving the best of the livestock. Ananias and Saphira lost their lives -

kept a portion of the proceeds of a sale of land devoted to the Lord

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Leviticus 19:12	
12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.	
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Sins Against God, Sins Against Man

Not all sins are equal in the eyes of the law. The penalty for murder is handled differently than the penalty for theft. In general, sins against the Lord (commandments 1- 4) are treated with the greatest severity (death penalty).

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Joshua 7

2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai.

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3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few."

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Joshua 7

4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, 5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

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Joshua 7

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads.

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7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies!

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Joshua 7

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?" 10 The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face?

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Joshua 7

11 Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings.

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12 Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they [Israel] have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

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Joshua 7

13 Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."

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Joshua 7

14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the Lord takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the Lord takes shall come near by households. And the household that the Lord takes shall come near man by man.

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15 And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel."

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I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

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Glory (Hebrew Kabod) 3519 kabowd (kaw-bode'); weight, figuratively in a good sense it also can mean splendor, glorious.

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Matter	(English)

-the substance of which a physical object is composed.

-As opposed to the immaterial.
Something solid. Something substantial

-Figuratively it can also mean Importance

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Matter (English)

When the Bible says God is glorious, It means He should matter and does matter more than anything else or anyone else. If anything matters to us more than God, we are not acknowledging His glory, We are giving glory to something else.

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