

Sin in the Camp

Joshua 7

I. Your sin hurts other people and angers God (vs. 1)

“The Israelites were unfaithful” **1 Corinthians 12:26-27**

You have never committed a private sin because there is no such thing.

“Lord’s anger burned”

II. Great victory often leads to great temptation (vs. 2-3)

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Overconfidence can be a temptation

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

III. The results of sin are devastating (vs. 4-9)

A. Defeat (vs. 4-5a)

B. Dread (v. 5b) – “the hearts of the people melted in fear”

C. Dismay (vs. 6-9)

Joshua’s words are filled with grief, perplexity,
accusation **Exodus 17:3**

IV. Sin must be dealt with (vs. 10-13)

A. The sin (vs. 10-12a)

“violated my covenant” – Hebrew word means
“cross over”

B. The solution (vs. 12b-13)

1. Destroy and remove

2. Consecrate yourselves

1 John 1:5-7

V. God knows how to bring our sin to light (vs. 14-18)

Psalms 32:3-4

God loves us too much to let us get away with sin

VI. Honest confession brings glory to God (vs. 19-21)

How did Achan’s confession bring glory to God?

When we sin, we only have ourselves to blame

James 1:13-14

I saw, I coveted, I took – same as Eve **Genesis 3:6**
What the eye beholds, the heart covets, and the hand takes

VII. Sin brings consequences that must be faced (vs. 22-26)

Confession of sin removes the guilt of my sin but it does not remove every consequence

VIII. There is a solution to sin (vs. 27)

“the Lord turned from His fierce anger”

Achan suffered for his own sin. His death released the
community from culpability.

Jesus Christ suffered for no sin of His own, His death paid
the price to release all communal and individual sin
Proverbs 28:13

The valley of Achor, a Door of hope – **Hosea 2:14-15**

God’s mercy looks beyond our disobedience and sin to a
place of renewal by turning symbols of trouble and
failure into symbols of peace and life.