

Message Notes



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In order to ensure consistency in our use of the Biblical text we are now using only the English Standard Version (ESV) in worship and sermons. The NIV 1984 version that was previously in the pews have been replaced with the English Standard Version.

ACHAN: THE FALLACY OF SECRET SIN: JOSHUA 7

“What happens in _____...”

CONTEXT: Joshua 6-11, the occupation of the promise land and the central military campaign of Israel: The “Annihilation” passages.

- *So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Thus the land had rest from war. (11:23)*
- *The Ban: “The city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the Lord...” (6:17-19)*
- *But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban... Achan... therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel. (7:1-5)*

TIME-TESTED PRINCIPLES... STILL TRUE TODAY

1. What you sow others will reap (v.1,5).
2. Covenants require corporate vigilance (v.1,11).
Rhetorical masterpiece: Romans 1:26-2:2; 3:10-23
3. God is understood through the actions of His people (v.6-10).

“You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men.”
(2 Corinthians 3:2)

4. The consecration of God’s people is of greater concern than the destruction of His enemies (v.12-15).

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:16-18)

5. The glory of confession is our escape from self-assertion, self-deception, and the wrath of God (v.16-26).

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:9-10)

THE PRINCIPLE TO APPLY: YOUR PRIVATE LIFE MATTERS!