

**Sermon Series: *Joshua: Power of God* Sermon Title: *The Enemy Within (Part 1)* Scripture: Joshua 7** Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, March 29, 2020

**INTRODUCTION**

1) The Disobedience of Achan 2) The Disaster at Ai 3) The Despair of Joshua

4) The Declaration by God 5) The Devastation of Sin 6) The Deliverance from Wrath

7) The Discernment for Us

**I. THE DISOBEDIENCE OF ACHAN (verses 1, 20-21)**

 Note: The name “Achan” means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

 *1 Corinthians 12:26-27 -*

 Note: The Devil can never CONQUER the Church from the outside, so he must try to

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it from the inside.

 *2 Corinthians 7:1 -*

 1) Achan \_\_\_\_\_\_ - (Joshua 7:21; Hebrews 12:2)

 2) Achan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reality (at least he tried to!) - (Joshua 7:21)

 3) Achan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - (Joshua 7:21)

 4) Achan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - (Joshua 7:21)

 5) Achan \_\_\_\_\_\_ - (Joshua 7:21; John 3:20)

 Note: Sin always pushes us in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ direction!

 *Matthew 5:3-4 -*

**II. THE DISASTER AT AI (verses 2-5)**

1) This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loss Israel would experience under the leadership of Joshua!

2) Israel seemed to have an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, self-reliant, self-confident attitude. (2 Cor. 3:5)

 3) Israel lost “only” 36 men in battle and it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discouraged the entire nation.

**III. THE DESPAIR OF JOSHUA (verses 6-9)**

 *“In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me.” (Psalm 120:1)*

“We cannot urge a better plea than this, Lord, ‘what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?’ Let God

 in all be glorified, and then welcome His whole will.” (Matthew Henry)

 *1 Peter 2:9 -*

**IV. THE DECLARATION BY GOD (verses 10-15)**

 1) In verses 10-11, God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel’s sin to Joshua.

 2) In verse 12, God explains the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel’s sin.

 3) In verses 13-15, God explains the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of exposing and judging this sin.

 *1 Peter 3:18 -*

**Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

1. What does the name “Achan” mean? How did Achan live up to his name?
2. How does the Devil try to corrupt the people of God from the inside?
3. What happened in Achan’s heart and mind when he saw the treasures of Jericho? How did he respond? How did his “sin of the heart” manifest itself?
4. Why did Achan hide and try to cover up his sin? Why does sin push us to run away from God? Why is it insane to try and run and hide from God? Where should we run instead? Why?
5. What was missing from Israel’s attempt to attack and destroy Ai? What can we learn from this?
6. Where did Joshua go when he was confused and in despair? How is this a good example for us?
7. How does this chapter point us to the cross and remind us of the grace and love of Jesus?