



Sermon Series: Joshua: Power of God
Sermon Title: The Enemy Within (Part 2)
Scripture: Joshua 7
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I. THE DISOBEDIENCE OF ACHAN

II. THE DISASTER AT AI

III. THE DESPAIR OF JOSHUA

IV. THE DECLARATION OF GOD

V. THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs 16:25)

Note: Even in the midst of this tragic situation, we see the mercy and patience of God.

Isaiah 55:6-7; 1 John 1:9-10 -

Note: The greatest gift you can give your family and friends is a godly, holy, and Christ-like life!

“Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.” (Deuteronomy 24:16)

“The wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23a)

VI. THE DELIVERANCE FROM WRATH

Note: This is now the third pile of memorial stones that Israel has set up in the Promised Land.

Note: Because of God, the “Valley of Achor” is never the end of the story for God’s people.

Hosea 2:14-20; John 10:9 -

VII. THE DISCERNMENT FOR US

A. BE WATCHFUL: The sin that tempted Achan, tempts YOU!

1) Achan was arrogant. (*Proverbs 15:25a; Psalm 101:5b*)

2) Achan was enslaved to his appetite. (*Psalm 84:1-2, 10*)

3) Achan was apathetic. (*Proverbs 29:1*)

4) Achan trusted in his anonymity. (*Proverbs 15:3*)

B. BE DECISIVE: Go on the offensive to expose and repent of sin!

1) When you become aware of temptation, be prayerful and consider your Savior.

Hebrews 12:1-3 -

Remember His Perfection... His Passion... His Promise...

2) When you are confronted with temptation, review the consequences of sin.

Galatians 6:7-8 -

3) When battling sin, draw your sword!

Psalm 119:9-11 -

4) In every new season and stage of life, renew your efforts to cultivate love and discipline.

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How does God demonstrate His patience towards those who deserve His wrath?
2. What is confession of sin? What are we doing when we confess our sin to God?
3. How does God respond to those who confess their sin and their need of Him?
4. In what ways did Achan demonstrate his arrogance and his apathy toward God and others?
5. How can you (on a daily basis) plan to memorize and meditate on God's Word?
6. What does it mean to "consider", to "fix your eyes" on, Jesus? How do you do that?

7. What struggles and temptations are you facing in this new season of life? Have you shared that with anyone who can help and pray for/with you?