

# Achan's Sin

## Joshua 6:26-7:26

### Introduction:

- A. Story of Achan teaches power of sin.
  - 1. Sin deceives and hardens. (Heb. 3:13).
  - 2. Sin now vs. then (Heb. 2:1-4; 10:26-29).
- B. Story of Achan refutes three **myths** about sin.

### Discussion:

#### **I. Myth # 1: One Sin Won't Hurt**

- A. One sin does hurt. (Jas. 2:10)
  - 1. Achan's one sin. (Josh. 7:13)
  - 2. Adam and Eve's one sin. (Gen. 3)
  - 3. Moses' one sin. (Num. 20:7-13)
  - 4. Nadab and Abihu's one sin. (Lev. 10).
  - 5. Uzzah's one sin. (2 Sam. 6:1-8).
  - 6. Rich Young Ruler's one thing. (Luke 18:22-23)
  - 7. Ananias and Sapharia's one sin. (Acts 5).
  - 8. Simon's one sin. (Acts 8:18-23)
- B. One sin often lead to others.
  - 1. Joseph's brothers. (Gen. 37)
  - 2. David's sin. (2 Sam. 11; Psa. 51:3)
  - 3. Apostasy (2 Tim. 4:3)
- C. One sin weakens resistance to others.

#### **II. Myth # 2: One's Sin Is Nobody's Business But His.**

- A. Achan's sin affects his nation. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:6)
  - 1. All Israel rebuked. (Josh. 7:1)
  - 2. All Israel suffered defeat. (Josh. 7:2-5)
- B. Achan's sin affects His family. (Josh. 7:24)
- C. Others often have to suffer consequences of your sin.
  - 1. Family (Ex. 20:5)
  - 2. Church

#### **III. Myth #3: One Can Keep Sin Hidden. (cf. Num. 32:23)**

- A. Never hidden from God. (Heb. 4:11-13).
  - 1. Our secret sins known to Lord.
  - 2. Our hypocrisy known to Lord.
- B. Often not hidden from others. (Exodus 2:11-15)
  - 1. Often more transparent than we think.
  - 2. Often tarnish our image some sin.

### Conclusion:

- A. One sin, not repented of, can make a big difference.
- B. One's sin often does damage to self, family and church.