

JOSHUA: HIDDEN SIN

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Joshua 7

I. THE _____ OF HIDDEN SIN

(Joshua 7:1) But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan ... took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel. (Joshua 7:11) "Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them ...they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings." (Joshua 7:20-21) And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold...then I coveted them and took them."

II. THE _____ OF HIDDEN SIN

(Joshua 7:5-6) ...And the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate.... And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening... (Joshua 11:a,12b) "Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them... I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you." (Joshua 7:25) And Joshua said, "Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today." And all Israel stoned him with stones.

III. THE _____ FROM HIDDEN SIN

(Joshua 7:13) "Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow'; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, 'You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.'" (Joshua 7:19) Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel... And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." (Joshua 7:20-21a) And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold... then I coveted them and took them" (Joshua 7:26) And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.