



# **JOSHUA:**

## **PURSuing THE PROMISE**

**Joshua 7: The Consequences of Sin**

# **The Price of Sin**

## **4 Lies Satan Wants You To Believe**

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# Joshua 7:1-12

*But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel. 2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the people will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary all the people, for only a few men are there." 4 So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, 5 who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water. 6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, "Ah, Sovereign LORD, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!"*

***8 O Lord, what can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies? 9 The Canaanites and the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. What then will you do for your own great name?" 10 The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? 11 Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. 12 That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.***

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# **The Process of Sin**

**“Stop it Before it Starts!”**

**Joshua 7:1-12**

- ***Achan knew the truth***
- ***Didn't guard his eyes***
- ***Didn't protect his heart***
- ***Didn't control his hands/actions***
- ***Didn't stop when he could***
- ***Hid it! Lived with it...until he couldn't!***

# **The Plan To Deal With Sin**

## **Once It Has Taken Hold**

- ***Consecrate yourself to God*** ***Vs 12-13***
- ***Present yourself to God*** ***Vs 12-13***
- ***Remove the sin (repent)*** ***Vs 19***
- ***Confess the sin*** ***Vs 20***
- ***Pay the price for sin*** ***Vs 24***
  - ~ ***Pay for it yourself***
  - ~ ***Bring it to the cross***

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## **Before It Takes Hold**

- ***Listen to the Word of God*** **6:17-19**
- ***Control your eyes*** **Job 31:7**
- ***Protect your heart*** **1Chron 22:19**
- ***Control your actions*** **Tit 1:16**
- ***Stop before it is too late*** **1Pet 3:11**
- ***Don't hide it...confess it*** **1Jn 1:9**



# **Avoid The Consequences of Sin!**

*Deal with it...Don't hide it*

*Don't buy the lie*

*Bring it to the altar*

*Confess...Repent...Come to the Cross*