



February Sermon Series

Lessons From the Book of Joshua

Lesson Seven:

Some Things Can't Be Hidden

(Part II)

**Playing Hide 'N' Seek
with God Is So Unfair!**

1. Israel Endured A Terrible Slaughter.

2. Israel Encounter A Terrible Summons.

Nothing Escapes The Omniscience Of God.

Psalm 139:1-6, O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

Proverbs 28:13, He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy. Hiding or covering your sins creates trouble for others.

Numbers 32:23 reminds us, “Be sure your sin will find you out.”

“Not until we take God seriously, will we ever take sin seriously.”

I. Israel Endured a Terrible SLAUGHTER.

II. Israel Encounter a Terrible SUMMONS.

**III. Israel Experienced A Terrible
SENTENCE.**

Joshua 7:16-21 ¹⁶Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. ¹⁷The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. ¹⁸Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen. ¹⁹Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him.

Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." ²⁰Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

A. The Sinner Is Confronted.

**God already knows your sins
and His finger is getting closer
and closer to your life.**

Ecclesiastes 12:14, For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Jeremiah 16:17, For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.

Hebrews 4:13, And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

“God is not blind.”

There Is Compassion.

Joshua 7:19, “My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

While God hates sin with His entire being, He still loves the sinner.

**“Compassion will cure more
sins than condemnation.”**

Without God Our Week Would Be:

Sinday

Mournday

Tearsday

Wasteday

Thirstday

Fightday

Shatterday

“Seven days without God makes one weak.”

There Is Confession.

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**Learn to keep short
accounts with the Lord.**

God's desires is for His people to throw the covers off their sins and tell Him the truth that He already knows.

Proverbs 28:13, He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and turns away from his sins will find compassion and mercy.

**Confession and Repentance Does
Five Things in The Life of a
Christian:**

Confession and Repentance Teaches Us:

- 1. To Act Responsible For Our Sin.**
- 2. Humility.**
- 3. To Rely On God's Strength.**
- 4. To Accept Continually Healing.**
- 5. A Loving Relationship With God is Important**

“I saw...I coveted...I took.” (v.21)

James 1:14-15, But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Genesis 39:12, that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside.

“When sin creeps in and goes unaddressed, we become more and more comfortable wearing it.”

**“Sin would not be so attractive
if the wages were paid
immediately.”**

Four Clever Ways People Steal:

- 1. Standard Stealing**
- 2. Sleek Stealing**
- 3. Smart Stealing**
- 4. Spiritual Stealing**

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if the wages were paid
immediately.”**

**Achan sinned and
died for nothing!**

**Proverbs 15:27, A greedy man
brings trouble to his family.**

“Greed makes man blind and foolish and makes him an easy prey for death.”

**“The devil has a plot,
but God has a plan.”**

Sin is man seeking to fulfill a legitimate need in an illegitimate manner.

The Sinner Is Condemned.

Joshua 7:24-25, Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. And Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” So, all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

None of us sin in a vacuum.

Joshua 7:26, Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So, the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore, the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

God Knows:

- **Your Habits**
- **Your Thoughts**
- **Your Location**
- **Your Past, Present and Future**
- **Your DNA**
- **The Number of Your Days**

Psalm 139:7-10, David declared, where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

God's Grace Will Find You!