



ENTERING  
the promised LAND

# REVIEW : CROSSING THE RIVER JORDAN

- I. KNOW what is the Promised Land.
- II. Making the DECISION – COMMITMENT.
- III. Focus your eyes on GOD.
- IV. CONSECRATE yourself.
- V. CROSS OVER your River Jordan.

# REVIEW : CUTTING THE FLESH

1. Know what is the **FLESH** in our lives.
2. Know and acknowledge the **HOLY SPIRIT** to live the Spiritual Life.
3. Daily, we are to intentionally **DIE** to the flesh and **LIVE** by the Spirit of God.
4. As we do so, no more **CONDEMNATION** but **CONFIDENCE** to live our lives and reign and rule with Christ.

# REVIEW : TEARING DOWN JERICHO

## Keys to Victory

1. Victory comes when we are under the Lordship of Christ.
2. Victory comes as we obey the instructions of the Lord.
3. Victory comes from our voice of faith.
4. Take captive every thought in obedience to Christ.
5. War not like the world, but by the Spirit of Christ.





# ACHAN'S SIN



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>1</sup>But the children of Israel committed **a trespass regarding the accursed things**, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, **took of the accursed things**; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>2</sup>Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, “Go up and spy out the country.” So the men went up and spied out Ai.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>3</sup>And they returned to Joshua and said to him, “Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai.  
Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few.”



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>4</sup>So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>5</sup>And the men of **Ai struck down about thirty-six men**, for they **chased them** from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>6</sup>Then Joshua tore his clothes,  
and fell to the earth on his face  
before the ark of the LORD until evening,  
he and the elders of Israel;  
and they put dust on their heads.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>7</sup>And Joshua said, “Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

# Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>8</sup>O Lord, what shall I say  
when Israel turns  
its back before its enemies?



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>9</sup>For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth.

Then what will You do for Your great Name?”

<sup>10</sup>So the LORD said to Joshua:

**“Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?”**



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>11</sup>Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore** the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, **because they have become doomed to destruction.** Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>13</sup>Get up, sanctify the people, and say,

‘Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow,

because thus says the LORD God of Israel:

**“There is an accursed thing in your midst,**

O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies

until you take away the accursed thing

from among you.”



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>14</sup>In the morning therefore you shall be brought **according to your tribes**. And it shall be that the tribe which the LORD takes shall come **according to families**; and the family which the LORD takes shall come **by households**; and the household which the LORD takes shall come **man by man**.

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>15</sup>Then it shall be that he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has,

**because he has transgressed the covenant**  
of the LORD, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.”



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>16</sup>So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

**17** He brought the clan of Judah,  
and he took the family of the Zarhites;  
and he brought the family of the Zarhites  
man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

**18** Then he brought his household man by man,  
and Achan the son of Carmi,  
the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah,  
of the tribe of Judah, was taken.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>19</sup>Now Joshua said to Achan,  
“My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD  
God of Israel, and make confession to Him,  
and tell me now what you have done;  
do not hide it from me.”



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>20</sup>And Achan answered Joshua and said,  
“Indeed I have sinned against  
the LORD God of Israel,  
and this is what I have done:

## Joshua 7:1 - 23

<sup>21</sup>When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them.

And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

**22** So Joshua sent messengers,  
and they ran to the tent;  
and there it was, hidden in his tent,  
with the silver under it.



## Joshua 7:1 - 23

**23** And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.





# ACHAN'S SIN



# Summary of 3 Facts About Our Sins

#1 - Sins Will HURT

#2 - Our Sins Affect OTHERS

#3 - We Cannot HIDE Our Sins



# Fact #1 : **Sins Will HURT**

Achan probably thought his sin was so small and insignificant.

# Fact #1 : **Sins Will HURT**

That one time sin can destroy :-

Our Relationships

Our Family

Our Lives

Our Jobs

Our Marriage

Our Ministry



## Fact #2 : **Our Sins Affect OTHERS**

- Achan's sin affected the whole nation.
- All Israel suffered rebuke from God.
- All Israel suffered defeat.
- There are consequences that affect everybody connected to you down the line.

# Fact #2 : **Our Sins Affect OTHERS**

**Marriage Breakdown**

**affect each other and our children**

**The leader who falls affect the people under him**

**Corrupt Governments**

**destroy the fabric of the country**



# Fact #3 : **We Cannot HIDE Our Sins**

Achan really thought that the darkness of his tent can hide his transgression

## **Numbers 32:23**

But if you do not do so, then take note,  
you have sinned against the LORD;  
and be **sure your sin will find you out.**

# Fact #3 : **We Cannot HIDE Our Sins**

Sin is never hidden from **God**

## **Hebrews 4:13**

<sup>13</sup>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.



# Fact #3 : **We Cannot HIDE Our Sins**

Sin is never hidden from **Others**

Others will know :

- ✓ If you are a gossiper
- ✓ If you are a mean person
- ✓ If you cannot keep your word
- ✓ If you are a cheating on your spouse

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**Understanding  
God's Command to Israel  
regarding things devoted  
to destruction**

# Things devoted to Destruction

Cities and Nations

God has not given as  
an inheritance

But wars against Israel

Only kill the men of war.  
Spare women, children,  
livestock and city.

Cities and Nations

God has given as  
an inheritance

God has already judged  
them and they are  
doomed to destruction  
because of their  
abominations



# Why “Devoted for Destruction”.

## Deuteronomy 20:10 - 18

<sup>10</sup>“When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it.

<sup>11</sup>And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you.

# Why “Devoted for Destruction”.

## Deuteronomy 20:10 - 18

<sup>12</sup>Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it.

<sup>13</sup>And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword.



# Why “Devoted for Destruction”.

## Deuteronomy 20:10 - 18

<sup>14</sup>But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you.

# Why “Devoted for Destruction”.

## Deuteronomy 20:10 - 18

<sup>15</sup>Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. <sup>6</sup>“But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your **God** gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,



# Why “Devoted for Destruction”.

## Deuteronomy 20:10 - 18

<sup>17</sup>but you shall utterly destroy them:

the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite  
and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite,  
just as the LORD your God has commanded you,

<sup>18</sup>lest they teach you to do according to

all their abominations which they have done for  
their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

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**The Issues  
about  
Achan's Sin**

## Leviticus 10:10 - 11

<sup>10</sup>that you may distinguish  
between holy and unholy, and  
between unclean and clean,  
<sup>11</sup>and that you may teach the children of Israel  
all the statutes which the LORD has spoken  
to them by the hand of Moses.”



## Ezekiel 44:23

“And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.”

## Joshua 6:17 - 19

<sup>17</sup>Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it.

Only Rahab the harlot shall live,  
she and all who are with her in the house,  
because she hid the messengers that we sent.



## Joshua 6:17 - 19

<sup>18</sup>And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

<sup>19</sup>But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”

## Joshua 7:20 - 21

<sup>20</sup>And Achan answered Joshua and said, “Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: <sup>21</sup>When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”



# The Issues of Achan's Sins

## UNCLEAN THING

- Common
- Devoted for Destruction

### Joshua 6:17

<sup>17</sup> Now **the city shall be doomed** by the LORD **to destruction**, it and **all who are in it**.

## CLEAN THING

- Holy
- Devoted to the Lord

### Joshua 6:19

But **all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD;** they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”

# Issues About Achan's Sin

- I. When Achan took the Babylonian garment, he touched an **UNCLEAN THING**.

## **Joshua 7:21**

**<sup>21</sup>When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment...  
I coveted them and took them.**



## Isaiah 52:11

Depart! Depart! Go out from there,

touch no unclean thing;

go out from the midst of her,

be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

## 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

<sup>14</sup>Do not be

**unequally yoked together with unbelievers.**

what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with darkness?

<sup>15</sup>And what accord has Christ with Belial?

Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

<sup>16</sup>what agreement has the temple of God with idols?



## 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

<sup>17</sup>Therefore “**Come out** from among them and **be separate**, says the Lord. **Do not touch what is unclean**, and I will receive you.”

<sup>18</sup>“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.”

## 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.



# DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN

Three Broad Areas :

1. All OCCULT Involvement.
2. Ungodly SOUL-TIES.
3. TRANSFERENCES of unclean spirits.

# 1. All OCCULT Involvement

- Adopted by gods
- Ancestral worship
- Idol worship
- Temple visits
- Temple healing
- Temple-chopped clothing
- Food offered to idols / in temple
- “Hu” paper / water
- Hungry ghost festival
- Funeral rites
- Charms



# 1. All OCCULT Involvement

Consult medium /  
bomoh

Fortune-telling

Palm-reading

Astrology

Horoscope

Feng-shui /  
Geomancy

Name changed

Fantasy role-play  
games

Séance

Satanic worship

Witchcraft

Chanting

## Leviticus 20:6

I will set my face against the person who turns to **mediums and spiritists** to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people.

## Leviticus 19:31 (MSG)

Don't dabble in the occult or traffic with mediums;  
you'll pollute your souls ...



## Isaiah 47:13 - 14

You are wearied in the multitude  
of your counsels

... the astrologers, the stargazers,  
and the monthly prognosticators ...

# 1. All OCCULT Involvement

Transcendental  
Meditation

Astral travel

E.S.P. / Mind control

Yoga

Religious objects  
(bhat-kwa; books)

Satanic music, hard  
rock, heavy metal,  
new age music, etc

Vows

Certain books

Certain toys-games

Certain TV-movies



## Deuteronomy 7:25 - 26

<sup>25</sup>You shall **burn** the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall **not covet the silver or gold that is on them**, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be **snared** by it; for it is an **abomination** to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup>**Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house,** lest you be **doomed to destruction like it.** You shall **utterly detest it and utterly abhor it,** **for it is an accursed thing.**

## 2. Ungodly SOUL-TIES

a. From SEXUAL sins

### 1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

**Fornication**

**Adultery**

**SEX** - a physical and spiritual matter



## 2. Ungodly SOUL-TIES

b. From UNEQUALLY-YOKED relationships

**2 Corinthians 6:14 - 16**

... with unbelievers ... wickedness ...

Darkness ... Belial ... idols ...

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

evil company corrupts good habits

**Psalm 1:1**

ungodly, sinners, mockers ...

### 3. TRANSFERNCES of unclean spirits

#### 1 Corinthians 2:11 - 12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him.

In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.



The spirit of the world comes via

Example 1 : **Psychic – horror movies**

Example 2 : **Sexual spirits via pornography,  
books and TV / movies**

Example 3 : **Greed and Covetousness**

Example 4 : **Corrupt Influences from evil  
company**



**TRANSFERENCE** via laying on of hands

New Age Practices

EG 1: Holding Hands – Channeling

EG 2 : Massages that uses reiki-ed energy



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# Issues About Achan's Sin

- I. When Achan took the silver coins and the wedge of gold, he touched what is **HOLY – consecrated to the Lord**

## **Joshua 7:21**

When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, **two hundred shekels of silver**, and a **wedge of gold** weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them...



## Joshua 6:19

But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”

In fact, Achan stole and robbed what belonged to the Lord.

# APPLICATION

i. We rob the Lord of TITHES that belong to Him.

## Malachi 3:8 – 11

<sup>8</sup>“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’

In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.



# APPLICATION

ii. Do not touch the LORD'S ANOINTED

**Psalm 105:15**

Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones,  
And do My prophets no harm.”

# Who are the Anointed Ones?

## **2 Corinthians 1:22**

who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit  
in our hearts as a guarantee.

**EVERY BELIEVER**

## **1 John 2:20**

But you have an anointing from the Holy One,  
and you know all things.



# Who are the Anointed Ones?

**But, there are measures of faith**

- Romans 12:3 -

There are levels of anointing amongst  
**believers** and **Servants of God.**

b. Do not touch the Lord's Anointed. **HOW?**

e.g. when David CUT the hem of Saul's robe.

### **The Robe – Clothes**

represent the person's looks, appearance,  
disposition, reputation, honor ...

### **To Cut The Hem Of The Robe**

means to slander, dishonor, murmur  
and criticize negatively



## 1 Samuel 26:9 & 11

<sup>9</sup>But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD’s anointed, and be guiltless?”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD’s anointed...

## 1 Samuel 24:4c – 6

... And David arose and **secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe**. <sup>5</sup>Now it happened afterward that **David's heart troubled him** because he had cut Saul's robe. <sup>6</sup>And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, **the LORD's anointed**, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing **he is the anointed of the LORD**."



## 1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time,  
until the Lord comes, who will both bring  
to light the hidden things of darkness and  
reveal the counsels of the hearts...

## Romans 14:10

Why do you judge your brother?

Why do you show contempt for your brother?

We shall all stand at the judgment seat of Christ.

# Discern the Servants of God – the Anointed Ones who have fallen but are repentant (G McD, Jim B, Ted H)

from those who are not born again – liberals and  
those who openly violate the Word of God  
e.g. **practicing gay and homosexual**  
**pastors and priests** and **those who deny** :  
- the virgin birth,  
- the full gospel,  
- the Miracles of God in scriptures



# APPLICATION

iii. Our BODIES belong to the Lord.

We are bought with the

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

## 1 Corinthians 6:19 - 20

<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

<sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

# HOW?



# Glorify God in your spirit

a. John 4:23

Worship God in Spirit and in Truth

b. Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20

Pray in the Spirit

c. Galatians 5:25

Keep in step with the Spirit

# Glorify God in your body

## Romans 6:13b

... but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

## Romans 6:19c

... so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.



# SUMMARY CONCLUSION

## 3 Facts About Our Sins

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# SUMMARY CONCLUSION

- Know the distinction between unclean things and clean things.
- Do not touch the unclean thing.
- Do not mishandle the consecrated thing.



# CONCLUSION

**Repent**

**Build your altar to the Lord**

**Resolve to do the right thing and**

**DO IT!**