

“DEALING WITH DEFEAT DUE TO SIN IN THE CAMP” (Joshua 7)

I. ENTERING THE LAND BY FAITH (Joshua 1-5)

II. CONQUERING THE LAND BY FAITH (Joshua 6-12)

A. Defeating Jericho by Faith (6)

B. The Defeat at Ai through Disobedience (7)

1. The Problem of Sin Identified (7:1)

a) In our walk with the Lord, we must be mindful that spiritual _____ can be followed by _____.

b) The sin in the camp involved a _____ (*ma'al*) regarding the _____ (*cherem*) things of Jericho (6:17, 18, 21).

c) The Lord held _____ accountable for the act of _____ member and withheld His blessing until the matter was corrected.

** Do people bear collective responsibility before God in other areas today?*

** What attribute of God does all of this illustrate?*

2. The Defeat Due to Sin (7:2-5)

a) Israel's response toward Ai reflects the problem of _____. (vv2-3)

b) The result was _____ and _____ for Israel and its people were _____. (vv4-5)

3. The Prayer of the Leadership (7:6-9)

a) Joshua and the elders of Israel responded _____ by bringing the matter to the Lord in _____. (v6)

b) Joshua's prayer evidences some _____ of _____. (vv.7-9)

4. The Answer from the Lord (7:10-15)

- a) God's answer to Joshua in verse 10 shows the _____ of dealing with _____.
- b) As a people under covenant relationship to God, no foe could _____ before Israel when it was _____ the Lord, but when it _____ the Lord it could not _____ a single foe. (vv11-12)
- c) The Lord instructed the _____ to _____ themselves. (vv13-15)

** What principle does this illustrate about the Christian life?*

5. The Judgment of Achan (7:16-25)

- a) Achan, whose name means _____, did not _____ his sin voluntarily. (vv16-18)
- b) Achan's sin can be summarized: I _____, I _____, I _____, and I _____.

** What does this passage illustrate about sin and confession?*

6. A Lasting Memorial (7:26)

** How does this memorial of stones compare to that of Gilgal?*

** What can you learn from all of this?*