



Setting The Stage

- The setting is the fall of Jericho. (Josh. 6,7)
- Joshua was the leader, having succeeded Moses. (Josh. 1:1ff)
- The city of Jericho was a gift to the children of Israel. "And Jehovah said unto Joshua, 'See, I have given into thy hand Jericho, and the king thereof and the mighty men of valor.'" (Josh. 6:17-18)

The Sin

• But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing.

• "For Achan ... took the devoted thing: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel." (Joshua 7:1)

Achan Was The Man

• Joshua 7:16-18 "So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought near 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.**"

Achan Confesses

• "Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus have I done: when I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them, and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it." (Joshua 7:20-21)

"I SAW"

This is how temptation originated!

- Eve. (Gen. 3:6; 2 Cor. 11:3)
- David. (2 Sam. 11:2)

Wisdom's warning tells the same truth.

- ✻ "Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids." (Prov. 6:25)
- ✻ Job declared, "I made a covenant with mine eyes; How then should I look upon a virgin?" (Job 31:1)
- ✻ Jesus said, "every one that looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Mt. 5:28)

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)*

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10, NKJV).*

"I COVETED"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.

➤ *"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." (Philippians 4:11)*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness is idolatry.

• *"Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" Colossians 3:5*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness is idolatry.

• *"For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, or covetous person, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." (Ephesians 5:5)*

• *"Thou shalt not covet." (Exodus 20:17)*

"I COVETED"

Covetousness has its roots selfishness!

Luke 12:13-21

"...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (vs. 15)
"...So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (vs. 21)

"I TOOK"

After desire was created by looking, it became his master.

*"But each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death."
(James 1:14, 15)*

"I HID"

There's no pleasure in ill-gotten pleasures or spoils.

Mark 4:22 "For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was (anything) made secret, but that it should come to light."

Hebrews 4:13 "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Romans 2:16 "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ."

Consequences Of Achan's Action

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

• **Achan's sin caused his family to suffer.** Joshua took the *spoils* "and his sons, and his daughters" and his possessions and stoned them and burned them with fire and "raised over them a great heap of stones." (Joshua 7:25, 26)

• **Achan's sin caused Israel to suffer.** "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will compass us around, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?" (Joshua 7:9)

The Wages Of Sin Have Always Been Death. (Romans 6:23)

•Achan's Sin:

- I Saw
- I Coveted
- I Took
- I Hid