

My “Achan” Heart

(Joshua 7:1-26)

- Introduction:
1. Are you really the person you want us to believe you are?
 2. Are you deep down in your heart, the person everyone sees?
 3. Not everyone has had a true heart.
 - a. Caleb followed the Lord wholly (Numbers 33:12)
 - b. Solomon did not follow the Lord with his whole heart (1 Kings 11:4).
 4. In this lesson, I want us to examine our hearts to make sure we don't have an “Achan” heart.

I. The Background to the Text

- A. (Joshua 6).
- B. The children of Israel had just been given a great victory over Jericho.
- C. It was apparent to all that God was with them.
- D. However, they were defeated at Ai, and this defeat left them confused until the Lord revealed there was sin in the camp.
- E. Achan and his complicit family were guilty of stealing and disobeying God.

II. What We Learn from the Text

- A. My Sin is Known.
 1. (Joshua 7:11).
 2. We may partially hide our sins, but we cannot hide them from God.
- B. My Sin Hurts Others.
 1. (Joshua 7:1-9).
 2. Think of how our sins can hurt others.
- C. My Sin Must Be Addressed.
 1. (Joshua 7:12-26).
 2. Any organization must have discipline to succeed.
- D. My Sin, Once Addressed, Leads to Victory.
 1. (Joshua 8:1-35).
 2. Though repentance is painful, embarrassing, and humbling, it leads to our victory over sin.

- Conclusion:
1. Are you who you who you want others to believe you are?
 2. Of what value is it to fool those around you if you cannot fool God.
 3. Stop pretending, get rid of your “Achan” heart, and give your heart wholly to God.