



Sermon Series Notes



THE BOOK OF

JOSHUA

“Achan’s Issues” (Joshua 7-8)

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Themes: Faith; Christian Living, Sanctification

Topics- repentance, confession, thanksgiving,

Deuteronomy 26:1-10- Firstfruits Jewish feast held in the early spring at the beginning of the grain harvest. It was observed on Nissan 16, which was the third day after Passover and the second day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

1 Cor. 15:20 -Jesus has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Word of Faith errors:

Paul Crouch-TBN- “let me come back to one of the glorious truths that can **HOLD YET ANOTHER KEY** to your need!”

Paul Crouch goes on to say – “Now, as always, we have to first understand: *Who are the children of Israel today?* Oh, I know, there is controversy on this subject! But I believe most Bible scholars agree that **WE ARE!**”

1. Replacement theology teaches that the church has replaced Israel in God's plan for the world.
2. First fruits as a manipulated me-ology.

Is it wrong to for NT believers to offer first fruits?

1. It symbolizes the harvest of souls to faith.
2. Giving to God with a grateful heart and the pattern of giving God the first and the best however, we must remember that the only giving requirement is to give cheerfully, purposefully, and generously (2 Cor. 9:6-8) and that giving should be regular and proportional 1 Cor. 16:1-2

Josh. 6:15-19 Jericho is a first fruits of their new life.

Josh 7:2-5- 4000ft climb from Jericho. Ai was on the east side of Beth Aven. House of Vanity -Didn't inquire of the Lord,. 2 Chron. 20 Jehoshaphat; 2 Chron 14 Asa against Ethiopians; David

Consequences to our actions: (people died)

Josh. 7:6-9 He should have known that the fault was with Israel not in God's unfaithfulness.

v.10-12 –There is sin in the camp! Time for action. God doesn't need Joshua to try to change his heart toward Israel, he needs Joshua to change Israel's heart toward God (Guzik) C (1 Corinthians 12:18,26)

"But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you.... Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? " (1 Corinthians 5:1).

V. 13-18- Be sure your sin will find you out. Hidden sin is really openly known by God. Prov. 28:13-

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses **and** renounces them finds mercy*

v.19 – Joshua the warrior, but tender.

V.20-28 Confession and consequences. Confessed it all.

Josh 8- defeated Ai – they did it God’s way, instead of their own clever way.

Achan’s issues:

1. Lack of faith in God’s provision/goodness
 - a. Short sighted.
 - b. Greedy- Idolatry-
2. **Didn’t lead** his family by his example.
 - a. His actions impacted others -his family bore the consequences too. There are no victimless sins
3. Slippery Slope of Sin. -must understand that covetousness leads to death. **Read James 1:14-16** (I saw, I coveted, I took, I hid- GR-**enticed**--literally, "taken with a bait," as fish are). Solution: (P. Danny- Fortify, Fight, Flee)
4. Refused to confess quickly (hardened his heart).
5. Didn’t have a thankful heart. (First fruits- acknowledging God as the source of our blessing). Deut. 8