

Timeline of Truth – God Deals with Disobedience (Joshua 7)

<p>Joshua 7:1 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.</p>	<p>1. Achan's _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The children of Israel committed a trespass Committed a trespass - מַעַל – <i>maal</i> - act unfaithfully, treacherously b. Achan took of the accursed things c. The anger of the Lord burned against Israel God held the sin of one man against the whole nation
<p>² Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which <i>is</i> 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. ³ 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 <i>the people of Ai are few.</i>"</p>	<p>2. Joshua Sends _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua wants to find out what they are against. b. The spies return <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They recommend not to send everyone ii. They suggested to send 2000-3000 men iii. Their reasoning was that the men of Ai are few.
<p>⁴ So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. ⁵ And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them <i>from</i> 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.</p>	<p>3. Israel _____ the Battle</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua sends 3000 men. b. The men fled before the men of Ai <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 36 Israelites died. ii. They chased them all the way to Shebarim (stone quarries) iii. They struck them down on the descent. c. The people became discouraged <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Their hearts melted ii. Their hearts became like water. iii. Had God stopped helping them?
<p>⁶ 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. ⁷ 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! ⁸ "O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? ⁹ "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear <i>it</i>, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"</p>	<p>4. Joshua _____ the Lord</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua and the elders morn until evening b. Joshua asks three questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Why did you bring us here to destroy us? ii. What can I say now that we have been defeated? iii. What will you do to protect Your great name? c. Joshua is dismayed at what he sees God has done.
<p>¹⁰ So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? ¹¹ "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 <i>it</i> among their own stuff. ¹² "Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, <i>but</i> turned <i>their</i> 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.</p>	<p>5. God _____ Joshua</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. God gives a command: Get up! b. God asks one question: Why do you lie on your face? c. God explains what has happened <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally - Israel has sinned ii. Specifically – They have taken of the accursed things. iii. Morally – They have stolen and deceived - Stolen – they have taken what belongs to God - Deceived - they hid it from God and others. d. God explains the consequences <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Israel cannot stand before their enemies ii. They turned their back – because they were doomed iii. God will not be with them – unless they make it right.

<p>¹³ "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." ¹⁴ 'In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be <i>that</i> 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. ¹⁵ 'Then it shall be <i>that</i> 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.' "</p>	<p>6. God _____ what Israel Must Do</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sanctify the people קָדַשׁ – <i>qadash</i> - be set apart, consecrated b. The Lord will reveal who has taken the items c. The one who is chosen: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. He will be burned ii. All that he has will be burned iii. Because he has transgressed the covenant Transgressed - עָבַר – <i>avar</i> - pass over, through, by, pass on iv. Because he has done a disgraceful thing Disgraceful - נְבִלָה – <i>nevalah</i> - senselessness
<p>¹⁶ So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken. 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. 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. ¹⁹ 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 <i>it</i> from me."</p>	<p>7. Achan is _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua follows God's instruction b. Joshua beg Achan to tell the truth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Give glory to God - קָבוֹד – <i>kavot</i> - abundance, honor, glory ii. Make confession iii. Tell what you have done iv. Do not hide it
<p>²⁰ And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: 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. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it." ²² So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it.</p>	<p>8. Achan _____ His Sin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achan admits to what he had done <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. He saw the spoils ii. He took the spoils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A garment - 200 shekels of silver - A wedge of gold iii. He hid the spoils b. Joshua confirmed what he had done
<p>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. ²⁴ Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones. ²⁶ Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.</p>	<p>9. Achan Faces the _____ of His Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They brought the articles out b. They took Achan to the Valley of Achor <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They took his whole family and all he had ii. They stoned him and burned him iii. They raised a heap of stones over him iv. Because he had troubled Israel c. The Lord turned away from His anger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because they dealt with the sin d. The place is called the Valley of Achor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Valley of Trouble"

Takeaways:

1. God Takes Sin Very _____

1 Peter 3:10-12 ¹⁰ For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their prayers; But the face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil."

2. Sin Always Has _____

Romans 6:17-23 ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Our Sins _____ the People Around Us

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles -- that a man has his father's wife! ² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³ For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Your glorying *is* not good. **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** ⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.