

Achan's Sin

Where is the true story of how an Israelite named Achan sinned and the consequences of his sin recorded?

1. Context

What had just happened with Israel in Jericho?

What were the Israelites told before they went into the city?

What were the Israelites told concerning the silver, gold, bronze, and iron?

2. Story

What was Israel guilty of (7:1)?

What happened to the Israelites when they went to Ai (7:2-5)?

How did Joshua respond to these events (7:6-9)?

How did Jehovah answer (7:10-15)?

How was the offender identified (7:16-18)?

How did Achan respond (7:19-23)?

What was Achan's punishment (7:24-26)?

What happened when Israel went back to Ai (8:1-29)?

What did Israel do after the victory (8:30-35)?

3. Lessons

How can you learn that God gives clear instructions?

How can you learn that great victories do not exempt us from temptation?

How can you learn that God cannot remain with sinners?

How can you learn that God knows, even when no one else does?

How can you learn that covetousness is idolatry?

How can you learn that sin always has consequences?

How can you learn that our decisions impact others?

How can you learn that no victory should be expected if God is not with us?