**ACHAN’S SIN**

Joshua 7:1-26

Key Verse 7:1 “But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord’s anger burned against Israel.”

1. Recall the battle of Jericho and God’s commands concerning the devoted things. (6:18-19; See the footnote on verse 1.) What did Achan do and why was God angry at all Israel even though only one person was unfaithful? (1 Corinthians 12:26,27)

2. Why did Joshua decide to attack Ai with only 3,000? (2-4) How did the surprising defeat affect the people? (5)

3. In the moment of crisis, what did Joshua do? (6-9) What was his fear and prayer topic?

4. How did the Lord answer Joshua? (10-12) Why had the Israelites failed at Ai? What did God tell Joshua to do? (13-15)

5. When Achan was caught, what was his confession? (16-21) Why was his sin so terrible?

6. What was done to consecrate the people and turn away the fierce anger of the Lord? (22-26) How was God setting an example to the nation of Israel? In what sense was Achan’s sin similar to the sin of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:3-4?