

## **"Take Back What Belongs to God"** **Joshua 7:6-11**

### Introduction

Joshua had already told the people to sanctify themselves 3:5, tomorrow the Lord would work among them.

God is concerned about you! Are we concerned about Him?

He knows where you're at in your spiritual walk.

Joshua and the Israelites had defeated the city of Jericho with the Lord's help.

Jericho was a picture of the world, God's judgement of them as pagan Canaanites.

Chapter 6:26 ends with saying" the Lord was with Joshua and his fame was noised throughout all the country."

This didn't last long. Sin entered the camp.

Achan took of the things that belonged to God and kept them for himself. Israel had committed a sin.

### Pain this caused

- Joshua and the people
- Fled from the enemy, hearts melted v.5, defeated
- Sin hurts, Satan master of deception, destroyed God's perfect plan in the Garden
- Pain hurts when we don't exercise our muscles of faith. Now we are stretching those muscles of faith over fear. Facing disease and uncertainty
- Joshua was afraid of what might happen. V. 8-9 Take back what belongs to God, testimony!

### Penalty faced

- Defeated because they fought this battle without God- hearts melted as they fled
- We try to fight battles without God. Examples: Sin, fear, pain, life
- If there's sin in our lives = pain, penalty
- Romans 3:23, 6:23
- Lay it out before God, sin in our lives, confess it, get things right with Him 1 John 1:9
- Testimony- Joshua 7:9 God's honor in the eyes of the world was at stake
- Eyes were on the people instead of God- Get our eyes off circumstances and others and turn our eyes to God!! Amen!!
- What is your testimony?

### Price to be paid

I have a nest of baby rabbits in my yard right now. Before they were ever born a place was prepared for them. The Mother had already dug the hole and pulled out her hair to make a safe place and paid that price for her young.

### **Before we ever needed grace, before we had ever sinned, God made a place of grace. Jesus paid that price on Calvary for the whole world!!**

- Achan had sinned cost his life. He did confess it v.20-21
- God is not mocked, whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap Galatians 6:7-8
- God told Joshua to get back what belonged to Him v.13
- Church it's time we take back what the world has taken from us!!!
- Families, fear, homes, churches
- Lay it out before God v.23, lay hold on salvation, fall on your knees/faces & cry out to God!!!
- Put on the Armor of God, square our shoulders back and fight the good fight of faith
- Get back treasures of God, lay them out
- Jesus did! He came to redeem us! to purchase us! Romans 5:8
- Justified by His blood, He paid that price took back what sin had taken from God!!!
- Victorious over Corona virus, over the world, over sin, over death, hell and the grave!!!
- Trust Him today! Claim victory! the world CANNOT have what belongs to GOD!!!