

WCBC SERMON NOTES - APRIL 28, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 5: *A Prayer On Secret Sin!*

TEXT: Joshua 7:1-10

INTRO: Background of Chapter 7!

I. WHO IS ACHAN?

1. His name means, *"troubler."*
2. He was mentioned twice in the Bible.
3. He comes from the tribe of Judah, clan of Zerah, family of Zimri, son of Carmi - vv.16-18

II. THE SECRET SIN OF ACHAN: 7:1, 20-21 cf. 6:17-19

Note: STEALING! = Result of his plain disobedience to God's clear command. He broke "herem!"

III. SIX PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS ON ACHAN'S SECRET SIN AND ITS EFFECTS IN OUR LIVES:

1. God sees and knows one's secret sin(s) - vv.10-11
2. God hates one's secret sin(s) - vv.1b, 12b
3. Secret sin(s) affects both the doer and those around him/her - vv.11-12, 24-26
4. Secret sin(s) always leads to defeat - vv.3-5, 12b cf. 8:25
5. Secret sin(s) must be dealt with accordingly and immediately - vv.12b - 14
6. God will surely punish one's secret sin(s) - vv.15, 22-26

Note: Be warned and beware! Secret sin(s) will be discovered and exposed sooner or later. It's just a matter of time!

CONCLUSION: *"The Valley of Achor"* vs. Hosea 2:15

When A Smuggler Suffocated!

A passenger on board a plane bound from Zurich to Beirut cried out that he was suffocating. The plane landed in Athens, and Joseph Pasatour was taken to a hospital where he died! Undressing him, hospital attendants discovered that he was a smuggler, and had on a corset 1,500 valuable Swiss watches. Closer examination revealed that the contraband merchandise had restricted his breathing, and caused his death!

"Be sure that your sin will find you out!" (Numbers 32:23) is true indeed! - Paul L. Tan

The Eight Individuals In The Bible Who Said "I Have Sinned!"

1. Pharaoh - Exodus 9:27
2. Ballam - Numbers 22:34
3. **Achan** - Joshua 7:20
4. Saul - I Samuel 26:21
5. David - II Samuel 12:13
6. Job - Job 7:20
7. Prodigal Son - Luke 15:18
8. Judas - Matthew 27:4

Verse For Today

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy!" - Proverbs 28:13

Food For Thought

"There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known!" - JESUS

