

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - AUG 4, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 13: *A Prayer For Confession!*

TEXT: Joshua 7:6-12

INTRO: Background of Chapter 7

Twelve OT Prayers That Connect

Abraham - *A Prayer For A Wicked City!* (Gen.18:23-33)

Moses - *A Prayer Of Excuses!* (Exodus 3:7-14)

Achan - *A Prayer For Confession!* (Joshua 7:6-12)

Gideon - *A Prayer For Guidance!* (Judges 6:12-18)

Samson - *A Prayer For Strength!* (Judges 16:23-31)

Solomon - *A Prayer For Wisdom!* (I Kings 3:5-14)

Elijah - *A Prayer For Life!* (I Kings 17:17-24)

David - *A Prayer For Forgiveness!* (Psalm 51:1-12)

Daniel - *A Prayer For Deliverance!* (Daniel 6:3-11)

Hezekiah - *A Prayer For Healing!* (Isaiah 38:1-8)

Jonah - *A Prayer Of Distress!* (Jonah 2:1-10)

Habakkuk - *A Prayer Of Complaint!* (Hab. 1:1-4, 12-13)

FOUR PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS RE UNCONFESSED SIN:

I. GOD KNOWS ONE'S UNCONFESSED SIN: w. 1, 11

1. It cannot be hidden before God's all-seeing eyes - Psalm 69:5
2. It will be discovered eventually-Num.32:23;Matt10:26
Note: Not a matter of if, but when!

II. GOD WANTS UNCONFESSED SIN DESTROYED AND REMOVED: w. 12b, 13b

1. Destroyed = the PERSON who commits it, Achan - v.12b cf. Lev. 27:29
2. Removed = the ACT of unconfessed sin, stealing - v.13b cf. 1

III. GOD DEALS SERIOUSLY WITH UNCONFESSED SIN: w. 15, 24-25

1. Because it is a shameful thing - v.15b
 2. Because it affects both the person who does it and his/her loved ones - vv.24-25
- A Pastor's Guilt & Shame!

IV. GOD BLESSES WHEN ONE'S UNCONFESSED SIN IS ACKNOWLEDGED AND REPENTED OF: v.26b, 8:1

1. It appeases God's wrath - v.26b
2. It brings victory to one's life - 8:1
Note: From the agony of defeat to the thrill of victory!

CONCLUSION: "The Valley of Achor!"

Give God Your Sins!

A hermit, once having renounced the world and lost all things, yet found no peace. It seemed to him, in his lonely cell, that the Lord was asking something more. "But I have given you everything!" cried the hermit. "All but one thing," answered the Lord. "What is it, Lord?" "Your SINS!"-P. Tan

Verse For Today

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

Food For Thought

"If we put off repentance another day, we have a day more to repent of, and a day less to repent in!" - Mason

