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One sinned, and the family was cursed

The Book of Joshua (Chapter 7)

7:11 And the Israelites have sinned, and have broken the covenant which I commanded them, and have taken things that should be destroyed. and they stealed, and they practiced deceit, and they put in their household utensils that deserved to be destroyed.

7:12 Therefore the Israelites could not stand before their enemies.

It is an eternal truth in the long course of history that those who do evil will be rewarded. No matter when and where, evil deeds will eventually be exposed by time, and justice will eventually be revealed. Sometimes, retribution may not come immediately, but it is destined to come.

Evil deeds are not only harmful to others, but also poisonous to one's own heart. The depths of the psyche of the evil doer are often eroded by guilt and insecurity, like the deep ocean with an undercurrent, and it is difficult to hide its immoral nature. This inner torment is heavier than the outward punishment, because it is a constant reminder to the perpetrators of the true cost of their wrongdoing.

Retribution can take various forms, sometimes as a legal ruling, sometimes as a moral condemnation, and sometimes as an inner torment. Many powerful or villains in history have triumphed in a brief period of power, but in the end they have ended tragically. The suffering and hurt they inflict will eventually return to themselves and become a mirror image of their fate.

Eventually, the evildoers will eventually face the truth in their hearts, and their evil deeds will be reciprocated in some way. And in the process, the forces of justice and morality will continue to lead the world in a better direction.

Passages in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament point to God's punishment for the bloodshed. This punishment is not confined to the individual, but extends to three or four generations, meaning that the crime may have an impact on future generations.

This doctrine conveys God's concern for human behavior and the importance of justice. The destruction and suffering caused by bloodshed and criminal acts are not limited to the present, they can have a profound negative impact on entire families and future generations. This consequence is not only material, but more likely to be spiritual and morally inherited.

However, such teachings also provide warnings and revelations that teach people to be careful about their actions, which may affect not only ourselves but also our descendants and those around us. It underscores the notion of responsibility and justice, reminding each of us that we should act prudently and ethically.

In the Bible, there are many chapters and verses about self-sanctification and moral norms in conduct. These verses emphasize how a person should behave and relate to others, and emphasize the importance of integrity, kindness, and charity.

Here are some Bible verses related to behavior and ethics:

Matthew 7:12: Jesus said, "Therefore do unto others as you would have them do unto you in all things, for this is the law and the doctrine of the prophets." "

Ephesians 4:22–24: This section emphasizes the need to shed off the ways of the old man, to renew the heart, and to put on the character of the new man, who is made in the image of God and has the qualities of integrity and holiness.

Romans 12:17–21: This passage admonishes people not to return evil for evil, to pursue peace, and to do good. It emphasizes the power of forgiveness and love.

James 1:27: This passage speaks of true godliness as caring for orphans and widows and keeping oneself untainted by the world.

These verses emphasize the importance of integrity, kindness, kindness, forgiveness, and care for others. They encourage justice and morality in their daily lives, demonstrating integrity and godliness in their relationships with God and man.

Christian doctrine emphasizes repentance and God's forgiveness. The fear of God and the observance of the commandments are at the heart of the Christian faith. In dealing with sin, some Christians follow the Bible's teachings and strive for holiness and a life that is in harmony with God's heart, which also includes avoiding the smallest sins.

Avoiding the smallest sins can mean not just obeying the Ten Commandments, but also the thoughts, words, actions, and attitudes along the way. For example, in Matthew 5, Jesus

emphasized not only not to kill, but also not to hate others in your heart, not only not to commit adultery, but also not to harbor unchastity.

To do this, Christians can enhance their faith life by praying, reading the Bible, participating in church activities, and sharing experiences and beliefs with other believers. In addition, it is important to recognize your weaknesses and seek God's help and forgiveness.

Everyone's faith life and perception of sin may vary, but in Christianity, God's forgiveness and repentance are important values.

We pray

God the Father

May every Christian be able to turn away from petty sins through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God in our daily lives. May our hearts be sharp, discerning right from wrong, and choosing the path of walking with God. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength to choose righteousness and truth steadfast in the face of temptation.

May God give us pure hearts to be godly and holy in our daily lives. Pray that the Lord will help us recognize our weaknesses and find strength in God's grace and not let sin hinder our path to draw closer to God. May God's love and grace give us strong support in our journey of faith, and let us be the salt and light of our Christians and the glory of God. In Jesus' name I pray amen.

Joshua chapter 7

Jo. 7:1 But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, 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.

Jo. 7:2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

Jo. 7:3 When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the people will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary all the people, for only a few men are there."

Jo. 7:4 So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai,

Jo. 7:5 who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

Jo. 7:6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell face down to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The 518 elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads.

Jo. 7:7 And Joshua said, "Ah, Sovereign LORD, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!

Jo. 7:8 Lord, what can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies?

Jo. 7:9 The Canaanites and the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. What then will you do for your own great name?"

Jo. 7:10 The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?

Jo. 7:11 Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.

Jo. 7:12 That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you any more unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. Jo. 7:13 "Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: That which is devoted is among you, O Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove it.

Jo. 7:14 "In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe that the LORD takes shall come forward clan by clan; the clan that the LORD takes shall come forward family by family; and the family that the LORD takes shall come forward man by man.

Jo. 7:15 He who is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the LORD and has done a disgraceful thing in Israel!"

Jo. 7:16 Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was taken.

Jo. 7:17 The clans of Judah came forward, and he took the Zerahites. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was taken.

Jo. 7:18 Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Jo. 7:19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

Jo. 7:20 Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done:

Jo. 7:21 When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath." Jo. 7:22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. Jo. 7:23 They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

Jo. 7:24 Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor.

Jo. 7:25 Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them.

Jo. 7:26 Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

Chapter 7 tells the story of the Israelites' defeat at Ai, a smaller city that they had planned to conquer after their victory at Jericho. The Israelites send a small force to take Ai, but they are defeated by the people of the city, who kill thirty-six Israelite soldiers. Joshua is devastated by the defeat and wonders why God has abandoned them. God reveals to Joshua that one of the Israelites, Achan, has stolen forbidden items from Jericho and hidden them in his tent. This act of disobedience has caused God to withdraw His protection from the Israelites.

Achan confesses his sin, and he, along with his family and possessions, is stoned to death. After this, the Israelites are able to defeat the people of Ai and conquer the city. Chapter 7 emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's laws and the consequences of disobedience. The story also highlights the idea that the actions of one person can affect the entire community, and that God holds the entire community accountable for the sins of its members.

Joshua chapter 7 contains several important verses in the Christian Bible. Here are a few examples:

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." (Joshua 7:1)
2. "Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the Lord, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads." (Joshua 7:6)
3. "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.'" (Joshua 7:10-11)
4. "Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen." (Joshua 7:16-18)
5. "Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. Joshua said, 'Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today.' Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them." (Joshua 7:24-25)

These verses demonstrate the importance of obedience and faithfulness to God's commands, and the consequences of disobedience. The sin of Achan and the resulting defeat at Ai emphasize the importance of holiness and consecration in God's people, and the need for confession and repentance when sin is committed. The punishment of Achan

and his family highlights the severity of sin and the importance of individual responsibility in the community of faith.

In Joshua chapter 7, we encounter a sobering account of the Israelites' defeat at the city of Ai due to the sin of Achan. This chapter provides us with insights into the consequences of disobedience, the importance of corporate accountability, and the necessity of confession and repentance.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the principle of corporate accountability and its impact on the entire community. After the miraculous victory at Jericho, the Israelites faced the smaller city of Ai. However, due to the sin of Achan, who had taken forbidden plunder from Jericho, the Israelites were defeated and experienced significant loss. This event demonstrates that the actions of one individual within the community can have far-reaching consequences for the entire group. It underscores the need for accountability and purity within the community of believers.

The chapter also emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's commands. God had explicitly instructed the Israelites not to take any spoils from Jericho. However, Achan disregarded this command and took items for himself. His disobedience brought about the defeat and loss experienced by the Israelites. It serves as a reminder that obedience to God's commands is crucial and that even a single act of disobedience can have severe repercussions.

Furthermore, the chapter highlights the necessity of confession and repentance. When Joshua seeks God's guidance after the defeat, God reveals the sin of Achan. Achan, confronted with his wrongdoing, confesses his sin, acknowledging his disobedience and the harm it has caused. This act of confession and repentance is crucial for the restoration of the community and the reestablishment of God's favor.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 7 teaches us several important lessons. It emphasizes the need for corporate accountability and the impact of individual actions on the community. It reminds us of the significance of obedience to God's commands and the potential consequences of disobedience. The chapter also underscores the importance of confession and repentance, as they pave the way for healing, restoration, and the reestablishment of a right relationship with God and others.

Additionally, the chapter encourages us to examine our hearts and lives, identifying any areas of disobedience or hidden sin that may hinder our relationship with God. It calls us to take responsibility for our actions, confess our sins before God and seek His forgiveness and restoration.

Overall, Joshua chapter 7 serves as a sobering reminder of the importance of obedience, corporate accountability, and the necessity of confession and repentance. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a greater awareness of our actions, seek to live in obedience to God's commands, and pursue a lifestyle of confession and repentance when we fall short.

