

# A DEEPER DIVE

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Joshua 7: 10-15

**Micah 6:8** – He has shown you, oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. – NIV.

**Prayer Focus** – Each day this week as you meet with your savior, lift up in prayer the places in the world where there is war, destruction, and little hope. Also pray for the missionaries that you know of and support. Pray for our nation and our leaders, and also your local church and community. Pray daily for our Pastors and Elders. Finally, follow the instruction in Philippians 4:4-7 make your prayer personal. Remember 1 Peter 5:7.

**Monday: Reading**– Joshua 7: 10

**Consider this**– What are you doing?

The Lord asks Joshua a peculiar question. What does he ask? I mean, the Lord obviously knows what happened with Achan and why Joshua is on his face before the Lord, so why the question? He doesn't even give Joshua a chance to answer. What do you think is going on here?

**Tuesday: Reading**– Joshua 7: 11

**Consider this**– The crime

The Lord gives Joshua the inside scoop on what happened and why the battle against Ai went so wrong. In our society we hold the culprit responsible for the crime committed. What pronoun does the Lord use in verse 11? Why does he use that pronoun? It seems that it is fair to prosecute anyone who had knowledge of a crime or abetted a crime. What are the chances that "Israel" took things and put these things "among their own belongings"? Verse 1 tells us the story—it's Achan who committed the act. Is it possible that the entire nation covered up for Achan? How do we come to grips with this collective form of guilt?

**Wednesday: Reading**– Joshua 7:12; Joshua 1:1-9

**Consider this**– The people are devoted for destruction

That seems pretty harsh. In Joshua 6:18 we heard the term "devoted to destruction." What was that in reference to? What is the future like for the nation when they go up against an enemy? In the first 9 verses of the book of Joshua, the Lord makes some pretty great promises to Joshua. Particularly in verses 5 and 9. Verse 12 of chapter 7 seems in contradiction to what the Lord tells Joshua in chapter 1. Verse 5 or chapter 1, in particular, does not seem to include any qualifiers at all. How do you balance what is said in verse 12 and what is said in 1:1-9?

**Thursday: Reading**– Joshua 7:13

**Consider this**– Do this

The good thing about reading these verses, is realizing that the Lord does not leave Joshua to figure things out on his own. The Lord gives Joshua clear instructions in this verse. Davis says that "God does not allow Joshua and Israel to grope in the dark, but reveals to them the cause of his displeasure... This is the same God who, later, will send Nathan to murdering, adulterous King David. Why? Because [the Lord] refuses to allow his servant to remain comfortable in his sin. He will make it plain to him so that restoration may take place." Describe, or think, about a time (or times) when this occurred in your life.

In chapter 7 of Joshua, the Lord tells Joshua to “consecrate the people.” Look up these words and explain the difference between establishing a covenant and consecrating the people. Why does the Lord want a renewed covenant in chapter 5, and consecration in chapter 7?

**Friday: Reading**– Joshua 7: 14-15

**Consider this**– Judgement time

Describe the events that happen in these two verses. The Lord obviously knows who’s who and what’s what–so why the procession and all of the staging? How long would this take? If you were Achan and you realized what was about to happen how would you feel about what you did? Sometimes in a classroom the class participates in oral reading where each student in turn reads a section of the material. It is not uncommon for people to say that they would count how many students were ahead of them and then count the paragraphs or sections, so that they could see what they would have to read. Of course, when they are focused on that they are not focused on the lesson. Maybe Achan, with heart in throat, was doing that.

**Saturday: Reading**– Joshua 7: 10-15

**Consider this**– That’s history.

Or is it? In his study, Joshua–No Falling Words Dale Davis asks the following questions. Read and meditate on them.

1. What was the cause of God’s wrath with Israel? Could this happen to you?
2. Have you ever prayed to God pleading your danger and His honor? What drove you to that kind of praying?
3. No one sins in isolation. How might your sins affect others?
4. How does the church tolerate sin rather than demand the honor of God?
5. Why do believers think that it is not that big a deal to break God’s covenant?

**Sunday:** Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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