

JOSHUA 7 – THE AGONY OF DEFEAT

I. HOW TO MOVE FROM VICTORY TO DEFEAT - v. 1-5

Ordinarily soldiers shared the spoils of war (Deut. 20:14), but here, everything was God's – they weren't "spoils", they were "_____".

A. DISOBEY GOD'S _____ – Josh. 6:18; Prov. 3:9

B. DISREGARD GOD'S _____ – v. 2ff

1. They didn't have clear direction from God. Numbers 27:21
2. There is no mention of the priests or the Ark of the Covenant (symbolizing God's presence) or the ram's horns as there was at Jericho.
3. They were mistaken about _____ won the victory at Jericho.

II. THERE ARE TIMES NOT TO _____ – v. 6-15

A. Joshua's prayer

B. God's response

v. 10 - _____ up!

v. 11 – Consecrate (cleanse) the people

III. WHAT ACHAN TEACHES US

A. Sometimes confession is too late to stop the discipline.

B. The progression of sin

I _____; I coveted; I _____; I hid

Now there's a 2nd pile of stones. This one reminds them of the price of _____.

Hosea 2:15a – "There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope..."

