

Wrath and Restoration

Joshua 7

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The problem of evil is not merely a philosophical conundrum, it is intensely personal.

How do we deal with our obvious sin?

The Wrath Sandwich. V 1, v 26.

This chapter is about the wrath of God and the poisonous nature of sin and evil.

Harbinger of Hidden Sin: Disaster and Defeat, v 2-5

What was the sin that led to the disaster?

Achan stole the devoted things and has brought guilt upon the nation.

God was not with Israel and they did not notice.

Prayer of Confusion, v 6-9

Joshua prays in his confusion. He prays boldly, desperately, passionately.

What will you do for your great name?

He is bringing his questions to God, not questioning God.

Sin Must be Confronted and Defeated, v 10-12a

Get up! (Stop praying, and do something.)

Israel has sinned. Israel has taken the devoted things, and they are now placed under the ban.

Did Israel sin or only Achan?

Sherlock Holmes story

Your sin has a negative impact on others around you.

The Cross of the Text, v 12b

I will not be with you, for blessing, until sin is dealt with.

God's Directions for Resolution, v 13-15

Consecration. Rededication. Cleansing.

All Israel is Judged, v 16-23

Federalism: We are in Adam, or in Christ.

There is a corporate dimension to our walk with God.

Sin Dies, Evil is Cured, v 24-26a

What was the sin?

The Puritans would say, “You will be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.”

Jesus is our Achan?

Wrath Quenched, Blessing Restored. v 26b

“The Lord turned from his burning anger.”