**1 - “I Have Sinned” … And?**

 Joshua 7:20, Learning from the sin of Achan.

**2 - The Context**

Time to **take possession** of the land. (Joshua 1:2-9)

First battle is at **Jericho**. (Joshua Chapter 6)

Lesssons learned from conquering Jericho:

\*Salvation by grace through faith.

3 - **Lessons Learned in Jericho**

* **Salvation by grace through faith**. (Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 6:2; Romans 5:1-2; 10:17)
* **The need for obedience by faith.** (Hebrews 5:9; 6:11-12)
* **The battle belongs to the Lord but we must fight!** (Ephesians 6:10ff; 1 Timothy 6:12)

4 - God’s Command

* All things ***“under the ban”***except Rahab were to be destroyed.(Joshua 6:17, cf., vs. 24)
* Warned by God to *“****keep yourselves from*** *(guard against)* ***the things under the ban****”* (vs. 18)
* **How do we?** (Romans 13:11-14; Psalms 101:1-3)

5 - The Sin

***“The sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan…”*** (Joshua 7:1)

* What is true faithfulness?

6 - The Battle At Ai

After spying the land, *“****do not make all the people toil up there****, for they are few.”* (Joshua 7:3)

* Did they consult the Lord? (Joshua 9:14)

**They went to battle but *“they fled from the men of Ai”* who *“struck down”* 36 of their men.** (Joshua 7:5)

Their hearts ***“melted”***. (cf., Joshua 2:11)

7 - Joshua’s Reaction

He tore his clothes and said, *“Alas, O Lord God,* ***why did You ever bring this people over the Jordan****, only to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us?”* (Joshua 7:7)

* What are we to do *“****in the day of adversity****”*? (Ecclesiastes 7:14; we ought to ***“consider”*!)**

8 - God’s Direction

*“****Rise up!*** *Why is it that you have fallen on your face?”* (vs. 10; Proverbs 24:16; 1 Kings 19)

***“Israel has sinned…”*** (vs. 11) and *“(they)* ***cannot stand before their enemies****…****I will not be with you*** *anymore unless…”* (vs. 12; cf., Exodus 33:1-3)

9 - There’s Sin In The Camp

*“****Rise up!*** *Why is it that you have fallen on your face?”* (vs. 10) (Remember why God asks man!)

***“Israel has sinned…”*** (vs. 11)

*“(They)* ***cannot stand*** *before their enemies…* ***I will not be with you anymore unless****…”* (vs. 12; Exodus 33:1-3)

10 - There’s Sin In The Camp

**Time to address the sin in the camp**. Once again, God says, *“****Rise up****”* and *“****consecrate the people****”*.

* We must deal with our sin! (2 Timothy 2:21)
* Need to **purge the old leaven**. (1 Cor. 5:6-7)
* **Personally**… (Ephesians 4:22ff)

11 - Purging Sin

* **Sin is to be specifically addressed.**
(Joshua 7:14-15; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Acts 8:21)
* **There’s urgency**! (Joshua 7:16)
* **God identifies** the tribe, family, household and individual. (Joshua 7:14, 16-18)
* **Must rid our lives** of that which is sinful or even just unproductive. (Acts 19:19)

12 - “I have sinned…”

* **“*Give glory to God”* and *“tell now what you have done”*.** (7:19; Genesis 3:13)
* **When do we acknowledge?** After judgment has been pronounced?
* There will be a day when **it’s too late!** (Hebrews 12:16-17; Genesis 27:38; Luke 16:25)
* **Our sin will find us out**! (Numbers 32:23)

13 - “I have sinned…”

* Where did it begin*? “I* ***saw****… I* ***coveted****… I* ***took*** *and I* ***concealed****”* (Joshua 7:21)
* What are we looking at? (Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
* It’s time to **wake up and be sober**! (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:3-10)
* Time to ***“stop sinning”*** (1 Cor. 15:34)

14 - False Notions About Sin

1. **Just this once won’t hurt**. (Leviticus 10:1-3; 2 Samuel 6:1-8; Psalms 51; Luke 18:22-23)
2. **Just as long as it doesn’t affect anyone else.** (1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 2:11-13)
3. **I can always repent later/soon**. (Acts 5:6)

15 - God’s Promise Of Forgiveness

1. **Having believed, we must be convicted and acknowledge our sin.** (Acts 2:37)
2. **We must be willing to confess not only our sin but that Jesus is the Messiah who gave Himself for our sins.** (Romans 10:10)
3. **The one who is convicted and confesses must truly repent and be baptized.** (Acts 2:38)