

Achan Confesses

Joshua 7:20-21 “And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: when I **saw** among the spoil a goodly Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I **coveted** them, and **took** them; and, behold, they are **hid** in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.”

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“I Saw”

This is how temptation originated!

- Eve. Genesis 3:6; 2 Corinthians 11:3
- David. 2 Samuel 11:2

Warnings ...

- Proverbs 6:25 “Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.”
- Matthew 5:28 “but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

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“I Coveted”

- “A verb meaning to take pleasure in, to desire, to lust, to covet, to be desirable, to desire passionately.” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- Power in advertizing!
- David. 2 Samuel 11:3-4
 - Exodus 20:17 “Thou shalt not covet ... thy neighbor’s wife ...”
 - 2 Samuel 12:8 Lacked contentment.

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“I Coveted”

Contentment is the attribute of God’s child.

Hebrews 13:5 “Be ye free from the love of money; **content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.**”
cf. 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11

Covetousness is idolatry. Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5

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“I Coveted”

Covetousness has its roots in selfishness!

- Luke 12:13-21 “Keep yourselves from all covetousness”
“... a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” (verse 15)
“... So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” (verse 21)

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“I Took”

After desire was created by looking, it became his master.

- James 1:14-15 “but each man is tempted,
1. When he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.
 2. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin:
 3. and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death.”

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I Hid

There's no pleasure in ill-gotten pleasures or spoils.

Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:10; David. 2 Samuel 11

- **Mark 4:22** "For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was (anything) made secret, but that it should come to light."
- **Hebrews 4:13** "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do."
- **Romans 2:16** "in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ."

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Consequences

Always consequences. Galatians 6:7

- Achan's sin caused Israel to suffer humiliating defeat. Joshua 7:9; cf. 2:8-12
 - Sin is never isolated. Numerous times in the history of Israel's kings, it is stated, "**Wherewith he made Israel to sin.**"
- Achan's sin caused his family to suffer. Joshua 7:25-26
- David's sin. 2 Samuel 12:10ff

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Wages Of Sin Have Always Been Death (Romans 6:23)

- Achan's sin:

I saw → I coveted → I took → I hid

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