

HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD II

Joshua 7

From Chapter 6

God gave the Promised Land to His people, but the _____ always belongs to _____
Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. 10 Then your barns will be full, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

(vv.1-2) **Achan: Trouble**

ban- cherem; devoted thing, devotion, ban:-accursed

(v.2) **Achan means Trouble**

Ai: Heap

Beth- Aven: House of Iniquity

Beth-el: House of God

Somewhere between the House of God and the House of Iniquity there will be a heap of trouble

(vv.14-21) **Achan's Problems:**

1. Achan doesn't _____ until he's _____
2. Achan _____ his sin
Achan called it _____ v.21 God called it _____
3. Achan took what _____

LATER GOD WILL SAY ...you will destroy them as you destroyed Jericho and its king. But this time you may keep the plunder and the livestock for yourselves. Joshua 8:2

Question: How seriously does God take this?

(God) *You plant much but harvest little. You have scarcely enough to eat or drink and not enough clothes to keep you warm. Your income disappears, as though you were putting it into pockets filled with holes! 7 "Think it over," says the Lord Almighty. "Consider how you have acted and what has happened as a result! 8 Then go up into the mountains, bring down timber, and rebuild my Temple, and I will be pleased with it and appear there in my glory," says the Lord. 9 "You hope for much but get so little. And when you bring it home, I blow it away-it doesn't last at all. Why? Because my Temple lies in ruins, and you don't care. Your only concern is your own fine homes. 10 That is why I am holding back the rains from heaven and giving you such scant crops. 11 In fact, I have called for a drought upon the land, yes, and in the highlands too-a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olives and all your other crops, a drought to starve both you and all your cattle and ruin everything you have worked so hard to get." Haggai 1:6-11 (TLB)*

Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, "How have we robbed You?" In tithes and offerings. 9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Malachi 3:8-10

**1. Tithing is how we put God _____ in our lives
If God isn't _____ then He's not _____**
The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

2. Tithing increases my spiritual _____
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34

3. Tithing separates me from my _____
"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

(Jesus) *Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the more important things undone. Matthew 23:23 (TLB)*