Achan's Sin
Joshua 6:26-7:26

Introduction:

A. Story of Achan teaches power of sin.
   1. Sin deceives and hardens. (Heb. 3:13).
   2. Sin now vs. then (Heb. 2:1-4; 10:26-29).

B. Story of Achan refutes three myths about sin.

Discussion:

I. Myth # 1: One Sin Won't Hurt
   A. One sin does hurt. (Jas. 2:10)
      1. Achan's one sin. (Josh. 7:13)
      2. Adam and Eve's one sin. (Gen. 3)
      3. Moses' one sin. (Num. 20:7-13)
      4. Nadab and Abihu's one sin. (Lev. 10).
      5. Uzzah's one sin. (2 Sam. 6:1-8).
      8. Simon's one sin. (Acts 8:18-23)
   B. One sin often lead to others.
      1. Joseph's brothers. (Gen. 37)
      2. David's sin. (2 Sam. 11; Psa. 51:3)
      3. Apostacy (2 Tim. 4:3)
   C. One sin weakens resistance to others.

II. Myth # 2: One's Sin Is Nobody's Business But His.
   A. Achan's sin affects his nation. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:6)
      1. All Israel rebuked. (Josh. 7:1)
      2. All Israel suffered defeat. (Josh. 7:2-5)
   B. Achan's sin affects His family. (Josh. 7:24)
   C. Others often have to suffer consequences of your sin.
      1. Family (Ex. 20:5)
      2. Church

III. Myth #3: One Can Keep Sin Hidden. (cf. Num. 32:23)
   A. Never hidden from God. (Heb. 4:11-13).
      1. Our secret sins known to Lord.
      2. Our hypocrisy known to Lord.
   B. Often not hidden from others. (Exodus 2:11-15)
      1. Often more transparent than we think.
      2. Often tarnish our image some sin.

Conclusion:

A. One sin, not repented of, can make a big difference.
B. One's sin often does damage to self, family and church.