

After the fall of Jericho, God told the Israelites to destroy the entire city except for things that were made of silver, gold, bronze, or iron.

Those items were to be set aside and given to God.

Joshua warned the people that if they kept anything for themselves from the city of Jericho they would be destroyed. God's instructions were very clear to the Israelites.



Achan took a beautiful cloak, some gold, and silver from Jericho and buried it under his tent.

One of the Israelites, a man named Achan, had taken some of the forbidden treasures and hid them. Joshua did not know about this. Joshua was thinking about the Israelite's next battle so he sent spies out to check out the land and the people of the city Ai. When the spies returned, they told Joshua that he would not need to send all of the Israelite men to fight, because there were not very many people in Ai. But because of Achan's sin, God was not with the Israelites and the few men of Ai defeated the Israelites, killing 36 men. Joshua cried out to God who told him that He would no longer be with the Israelites until they destroyed the sin in their camp.

Joshua didn't know who sinned against God but God knew and He helped Joshua find the one who sinned in all of the nation of Israel. He named the tribe, the clan, and named Achan's family as the ones who sinned against Him. Achan and his family were punished for his sin and killed.

WHY DO YOU THINK ACHAN TOOK THOSE THINGS EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW GOD'S COMMAND?

HOW MUCH DID ACHAN STEAL BEFORE GOD NOTICED?

BESIDES ACHAN AND HIS FAMILY, WHO ELSE DID ACHAN'S SIN HURT?

WHAT DOES THIS STORY TEACH YOU ABOUT HOW SERIOUS SIN IS TO GOD?

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