

Message: Except ye destroy the accursed from among you

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Hymn: My hope is built on nothing less

Memory verse: Joshua 1:5 KJV There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Bible reading: Joshua 7:1-12 KJV

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel. [2] And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. [3] And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few. [4] So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. [5] And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. [6] And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. [7] And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! [8] O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! [9] For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name? [10] And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? [11] Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. [12] Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

The accursed things to destroy

- Hypocrisy
- Lying
- Covetousness
- Deceitfulness of the heart
- Hatred towards your neighbour
- Hatred towards the things of God
- Faithfulness
- Gossip and backbiting
- Jealousy
- Envy, malice
- Idolatry
- Sexual immorality
- Theft
- Evil competition
- Evil thoughts and imaginations
- Bitterness of the heart towards those progressing
- Evil desires
- Ungratefulness

- Murmuring

The accursed things when not removed from a life will

- Make God's promises not to come to pass
- Prayers will not be answered
- Spiritual defeat
- Shame, disgrace and humiliation
- Death

Achan's action brought defeat upon the camp, beloved the action of one man can destroy the entire nation, can destroy the family even businesses and many more...

Prayer

1. Anything I'm doing in the secret that will destroy me openly your time is up come out of my life and die in the name of Jesus.
2. Whatever I'm doing that will bring disgrace, calamities and destruction upon my family I reject you today in the name of Jesus.
3. Achan in me the Lord destroy you in the name of Jesus.
4. My father from this day on fill me afresh with Holy spirit in the name of Jesus
5. I receive the Grace and the anointing to live a life pleasing to God in the name of Jesus.