

Sermon Notes *by Pastor Jamie Tonge*



The devil is in the detail.

Reading: Joshua 7:1-5; 8-13; 19-23.

The world's philosophy: - "It does not matter what you do, as long as you don't hurt others in the process".

Sin always hurts others especially God.

Achan's rationalisation:

- The people who owned it were dead.
- Everywhere was in flames; it was only going to waste.
- No one will know or be bothered.
- If I don't take it, someone else will.
- How can it hurt anyone?

1. The heart of Achan.

- God's word was not in his heart. **Deut: 30:14**
- He did not see consecration as important. **Joshua: 3:5**

For whatever reason he chose not to guard his heart.

2. The actions of Achan.

- He saw, he coveted, he took, he hid. **Joshua: 7:20-21**

3. The consequence of his actions.

- The army was routed.
- Some were killed.
- The people were dismayed.
- Their hearts were filled with fear.

What can we learn from this?

We started by asking the question: - "How can one man's sin have such an impact upon the rest of the community"?

- A. Small things matter.** **S of S: 2:15** **Zec: 4:10** **1 Tim: 4:16**
B. Guard your heart. **Prov: 4:23** **Jer: 17:9** **Luke: 6:45** **Rom: 10:8-9**

Achan's unguarded heart led to his downfall.

C. Watch your actions. **Matt: 12:34** **Prov: 23:6-7**

My actions have consequences.

- (i) For me. (ii) For others. (iii) For God. (iv) For His kingdom.

Small things matter, Guard your heart, Watch your actions.