

FOUNDATION, *Temptation*

Read 1 Corinthians 10.1-11

Joshua 7: Joshua has led the Israelite army to one victory after another. The blessing of the Lord is on him and his people. They had just won the battle of Jericho and then they go to Ai (a small city of 12,000 people) and they face defeat. Joshua and the people are shocked. Joshua goes before the Lord and finds out that this has happened because someone in the camp/army has sinned against the Lord. Achan had disobeyed a command of the Lord, to not take the *devoted things*, things that were to be destroyed. As a result, the Lord said He would not be with the Israelites anymore until that which was made for destruction was gone. He wanted the sin out of the camp. When it was found out that Achan was at fault, him and his family was stoned and burned. Shortly after that the Israelites wiped out the whole city of Ai.

7.1-5: Sin and the effect

7.6-9: Joshua's Prayers

7.10-15: Go!

7.16-21: Sin revealed (James 1.12-15 – cycle of sin)

7.22-26: Sin punished

1 Corinthians 1.12-13: *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.*

Temptation: *Enticed to sin, either arising from desire within or outward circumstances*

How to keep temptation from turning to sin:

Matthew 6.9, 13 – Prayer

Psalms 119.9, 11 – The Word of God

1 John 5.4, 5 – Faith

James 4.7: Submit to God, Resist the Devil

2 Timothy 2.22; 1 Corinthians 6.18 – Flee don't fight