

Sin In The Camp

TEXT: Joshua 7

INTRODUCTION:

- A. NOT A PLEASANT SUBJECT - DON'T USE THIS OUTLINE MUCH.
- B. NEEDED TODAY - SOME OBSERVATIONS.

I. THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

- A. WHAT IS IT?(**1 John 3:4**).
- B. WHAT EFFECT DOES IT HAVE?
 - 1. On the sinner?(**vs. 25**).
 - a. Eternally (**Mat. 10:28**).
 - b. What about his family?(**vs. 24-25; Eph. 6:4**). Influence.
 - 2. On the church?
 - a. **vs. 2-5**. Defeat by Satan & enemies. Progress stopped.
 - b. **vs. 6-9**. Confusion - "Where do we go from here?"
 - c. Infection(**1 Cor. 5:6**). What if Joshua just let it go?
 - d. **vs. 9**. Shame!

II. GOD'S SOLUTION.

- A. IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM.
 - 1. Orderly(**vs. 14; 1 Cor. 5:3-5**).
 - 2. Dispassionately(**1 Tim. 5:20-22**).
 - a. A place for anger(**Eph. 4:26-27**).
 - b. Take it easy!(**James 1:19-20**).
- B. ELIMINATE THE SIN - **DO SOMETHING!**
 - 1. Do what God says(**vs. 13-15; 24-26**).
 - 2. What does God tell us?(**2 Thes. 3:6, 14**).

III. OUR ATTITUDE.

- A. TOWARD SIN(**Rom. 12:9; Jude 22-23**).
- B. TOWARD GOD.
 - 1. Reverence(**Heb. 12:28-29; 10:31; Job 1:21**).
 - 2. Submission(**vs. 16**). "rose up early."
- C. TOWARD THE SINNER(**vs. 19**).
 - 1. Sadness springing from great love(**Jude 22-23; Phil. 3:18**).
 - 2. Desire for their salvation demands gentleness
(**2 Tim. 2:24; Gal. 6:1; 2 Thes. 3:15**).
 - 3. But a firmness & willingness to do as God commands!

IV. THE RESULT.

- A. OT - NO MERCY(**Heb. 10:28**).
- B. HOPEFULLY -
 - 1. The sinner will be ashamed(**2 Thes. 3:14**).
 - 2. He will feel Godly sorrow(**2 Cor. 7:10**).
 - 3. If he does, we may receive him back(**2 Cor. 2:5-11**).
- C. FOR THE CHURCH:
 - 1. Respect for God(**Acts 5:11**).
 - 2. Purity(**1 Cor. 5:6-7**).
 - 3. Back on the track(**vs. 13; 2 Cor. 7:11-12**).

**CONCLUSION: MAY OUR HEARTS ALWAYS BE FILLED WITH
DESIRE FOR GOD'S WILL.**