

Joshua 7

The Agony of Defeat

VIII. God will not grant victory at the expense of purity



1. What was Israel doing dealing with defeat in a land that God said there should be one victory after another?

2. "But" the Israelites acted unfaithfully

a. Israel was not defeated because God was no longer sure, but _____

b. Likewise the Christian- in following Jesus, we are not meant to know the agony of defeat

A. Notice that there is no prayer inquiring of the Lord

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Principle- You don't need to overestimate the strength of your enemy if God is with you, but you need to be very careful underestimating the enemy if God is not with you!

B. The defeat at Ai was not due to the strength of Ai but due to the weakness of Israel

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C. Our defeats

...there's a time to pray, but there's also a time to stand up and deal with sin...

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