

罪的工價

The Wages of Sin

約書亞記 Joshua 7:19-26

¹⁹ 約書亞對亞干說：“我兒，我勸你把榮耀歸給耶和華以色列的神，向他認罪，告訴我你作了甚麼事，不可向我隱瞞。”

²⁰ 亞干回答約書亞，說：“**我實在得罪了耶和華以色列的神；我作過的事是這樣的。** ²¹ 我在戰利品中，看見了一件美麗的示拿衣服、二千二百八十克銀子，和一條重五百七十克的金條；我因貪愛這些物件，就把它們拿去了；現在埋藏在我帳棚的地裡，銀子在底下。

²² 約書亞就派人跑到亞干的帳棚裡，果然見到東西埋藏在那裡，銀子在底下。

23 他們就把東西從帳棚中拿出來，帶到約書亞和以色列人那裡，擺在耶和華面前。 24 約書亞和全體以色列人一起把謝拉的曾孫亞干和那銀子、那件衣服、那金條，以及亞干的兒女、牛、驢、羊、帳棚和他所有的一切，都帶上亞割谷去。 25 約書亞說：“你為甚麼給我們招惹災禍呢？今天耶和華必使你遭受災禍。”於是全體以色列人用石頭把他打死。他們用石頭打死他們以後，就把一切用火燒了。 26 眾人又在亞干身上堆起了一大堆石頭，這堆石頭一直存到今日；於是耶和華就回心轉意，不發烈怒。因此那地方名叫亞割谷，直到今日。

¹⁹ Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

²⁰ Achan replied, **“It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹ When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”** ²² So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath.

²³ They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.²⁴ Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ Joshua said, **“Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today.”** Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. ²⁶ Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

The Christian and Sin

Free from sin's penalty of death

But NOT

Free from sin's power

1. 亞干犯罪 (devoted things' 當滅的物')

Achan had sinned against God

1.1 神揭發 God uncovered (v16-18)

through Joshua's "choose/chosen"
(取, 抽籤 = 追根究底)

1.2 承認罪行 Achan Confessed (v 20-21a)

1.3 承認貪念 Achan Admitted (v 21b)

1.4 亞割谷亡 Achor Valley stones (v 25-26)

Achor means "trouble (連累)."

5 things happen when a Christian sins:

1. Grieves the Holy Spirit

2. Shames the cause of Christ

3. Impairs usefulness

4. Mars joy in Christ

5. Suffers temporal consequences

2. 悔改動機

Powerful motives to repentance

2.1 憂傷又熔化的心成為聖潔合乎主用

Sorrow & melting heart fits us for holy duty

2.2 神悅納悔改

Highly acceptable to God

2.3 能將一切事奉都獻給神

Commends all our services to God

2.4 不悔改就與我無益

Without repentance, nothing will avail us

2. 悔改動機

Powerful motives to repentance

2.5 悔改的淚水是甜的

Repenting tears are delicious

2.6 必蒙憐恤

Shall find mercy

2.7 悔改是祝福的入口

Repentance is the inlet to spiritual blessing

2.8 領進今生的福氣

Ushers in secular good things

2. 悔改動機

Powerful motives to repentance

2.9 使邦國免受審判

Staves off judgments from the land

2.10 獲得屬天的歡樂

Makes joy in heaven

2.11 想到主買贖罪人所付出的代價

Consider how dear our sins cost Christ

2.12 停止災禍

End afflictions from God

2. 悔改動機

Powerful motives to repentance

2.13 哀傷很快結束

Mourning day will be ended

2.14 喜樂和榮耀的獎賞隨之而來

Joy & glorious secured follow

2.15 不悔改的下場

Consider the evil of impenitence

2.16 審判快將降臨

Judgment Day is coming

3. 趁早悔改

Exhortation to Speedy Repentance

3.1 現在悔改

Now is the season of repentance

3.2 越早悔改, 罪的責備越少

Sooner the fewer sins we'll have to suffer for

3.3 越快悔改, 神早得榮耀

Sooner the repent, more glory to God

3.4 越拖延, 將招損

Dangerous consequences to put off