



## Scripture of the Quarter

*“Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.”*

Joshua 7:11 NKJV

## Sin In The Camp

The above scripture is taken from the story found in Joshua chapters six and seven, where the Lord tells Joshua, I'm giving you the city of Jericho and you will utterly defeat all your enemies who are behind this great walled city. We know this is where the people and the seven priests marched around Jericho and at a specified time, given by **God** on the seventh day, and on the seventh time around the city, the priests would blow the trumpets of rams horns and the people would shout a mighty shout, and the city wall would fall down flat.

Now another part of **God's specific instruction** in the capture of Jericho is found in **Joshua 6:18-19** *“And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take one of accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse and trouble it.”* <sup>VI</sup>*19* *“But all of the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.”*

We need to examine **the word accursed** in Hebrew for the exact meaning of the word. **Accursed** in Hebrew is **herem** which **means set apart for destruction**. Now we know the **sin of Achan** as it is recorded in **Joshua 7:1** *“But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of*

*Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel.”* Have you ever noticed how someone else's **sin** can affect a relationship between friends (church members), a marriage, or an entire family? Sin is unacceptable in the body of Christ, as the Apostle Paul wrote in **Galatians 5:9** *“A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”* We all know when the Apostle Paul used the word leaven he was referring to “SIN.” Sin, in the CAMP, the congregation, or any other Christian organization including our FAMILY left unchecked, can destroy our testimony of the cross and the precious blood of Jesus! An example of what the Bible declares sin is **found in Romans 14:23** *“But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; WHATEVER IS NOT FROM FAITH IS SIN.”* So we must never doubt our God and His unlimited power and unlimited resources! One definition of SIN is **anything** that is not in line with, or does not follow the WILL OF GOD! Again, **hidden sin and unconfessed sin** is without a doubt very dangerous in our day to day walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**We OPEN the DOOR for Evil into our lives, our family, our home, our camp.** When we have sinned and failed to ask forgiveness and repent of it, by **renouncing it, confessing it, and turning from it**



(STOP doing it!) When we open the door, just like Israel did to a curse (destruction) by participating in and/or having what God considers accursed, living in sin.

Remember what happened to Achan's family? It was not just Achan who suffered the wrath of God it was **everything and everyone** that belonged to him. Continue to read in **Joshua 7:24-26** *“Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.”* <sup>25</sup>*Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.* <sup>26</sup>*They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.*

**Malachi 3:6** *“For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”*

Have you brought something **GOD considers ACCURSED** into your home? People say signs and symbols don't mean what they used to! Perhaps not to us but they do to GOD!

Praise God that we have an advocate with the FATHER! Our LORD JESUS! We are BLESSED that **if** we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins! We understand that a sugar coated gospel is being preached today and that you only hear that God is a God of LOVE. That was then and we don't live under the "LAW".

Our God is a God of Love and Justice! What He does for one He will do for another!

You remember in the book of Jonah, the sea calmed when he was thrown overboard. You remember the story of Balaam whose donkey God opened his mouth to speak in words that Balaam understood? King Balak hired Balaam to curse the camp of Israelites. **Numbers 22:12 (NASB)** <sup>12</sup>*God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."* Balaam could not curse the people of God because they were blessed but he taught the King of Moab **to entice the people of God to sin**, then the door was opened for a curse to come upon them.

**Numbers 25:1-3, 9 (NASB)** <sup>1</sup>*While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.* <sup>2</sup>*For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.* <sup>3</sup>*So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel.* <sup>9</sup>*Those who died by the plague were 24,000.*

**1 Corinthians 10:11** *"Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."*

**Un-holy soul-ties:** When the two become one, you have entered into a union. Known as a covenant with death when you participate in sin. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). You have opened the door for a curse to affect you, your family, and your whole camp. **God wants you to repent, turn from your wickedness** if you do not repent and renounce then **His wall of protection comes down! Therefore when the wall is down it allows a curse to come in, because you made a choice to go against His Word.** When you have physical or when you fantasize sexual relations, a bond is formed: Adultery, fornication, men burned with lust for each other, women with women, Porn, Sexual Fantasies are but

Semantics. It's my body and I can do what I want! I'm not hurting anyone but me!

If you are walking in the works of the flesh, you are NOT Walking in the Spirit! And you WILL NOT inherit the kingdom of God! Read **Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 1:18-32.** You take a chance of being turned over to a reprobate mind: They exchanged the truth! That means they once knew the truth!

**What did Jesus say?** Did He say after I die and raise from the dead that you can live any way you want? Of course not! It is written in **Matthew 5:27-28 (NASB)** <sup>27</sup>*"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';* <sup>28</sup>*but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

We see that by choosing to walk in the flesh and by continuing in sin we open doors to spirits of Rejection, Bitterness, Unforgiveness, Unloving, Abandonment, Abuse, Fear, Anger, Hate, Murder, Divorce, Pride, Rebellion, Stubbornness, Control, Witchcraft, Perversion, Infidelity, Fantasy, Insecurity-Inferiority, Torment, and even Suicide. Just to name a few fruits of the seed that has been sown!

Are you battling a **spiritual battle that has physical manifestations.** **Have you opened a door** to a curse? A curse that affects You, your family, and your whole CAMP suffers! There are consequences to our choices and this door can only be closed thru repentance to God thru Jesus! Yes, Jesus did become the curse for us but when a "Christian" starts living again in sin, we have to **REPENT** by **Renouncing** your sin (works of the flesh), **Confessing** to Jesus, **Washing in the blood** of Christ and **asking Him for forgiveness** and **to close the Door** that we opened.

**Proverbs 26:2 (NASB)** <sup>2</sup>*Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, So a curse without cause does not alight.*

**Generational Curses: Exodus 20:5 (NASB)** <sup>5</sup>*You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

**Deuteronomy 23:2-3 (NASB)** <sup>2</sup>*No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly*

*of the LORD; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.* <sup>3</sup>*No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the Lord,*

God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon their children. You know the kind you tell your doctor about, the physical history of your family! Consider this, what sin root has been growing in your family tree? 3rd and 4th generations is 120 to 160 years ago and 10 generations would be at least 400 years ago of sins against God's Word! We don't know what our families have participated in! Perhaps you will begin to understand when you look closer at the fruit that is manifesting in you, your children, your family. Do you remember that both Daniel & Nehemiah and many others confessed the sins of their ancestors? Confessing the sins of the sons of Israel? Do you need to confess sins of your family known and unknown? As repairers of the wall - do we need to confess the Sins of our Nation?

In closing we all should take a spiritual inventory of our walk with Jesus! God's Word makes it very clear if you are living in sin:

**Isaiah 59:2** *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."*

If we have **unconfessed sin** in our lives **we need to confess them (name them: unbelief, unforgiveness, lust, hate, coveting etc.) and repent of it and to apply Jesus sacrifice in order to be set free!**

**1st John 1:9** *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

