

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 99 – April 9

Today's Readings:

Joshua 7 & 8

Psalm 43.1-5

Proverbs 13.22-23

Luke 9.37-62

1. What transgression does Achan commit in Joshua 7.1, and what are the consequences of his actions for the Israelite army? How does Achan's sin affect the entire community and their relationship with God?
2. How does Joshua respond to the defeat at Ai in verses 6-9? How does he express his distress and confusion before God? What can we learn from Joshua's humility and dependence on God's guidance in times of crisis?
3. What revelation does God give to Joshua regarding the sin in the camp, as described in verses 10-15? How does God's response to Achan's sin demonstrate his holiness and justice? How can we apply the principle of accountability and confession in our own lives when confronted with sin?
4. Discuss the process of identifying and purging the sin from among the Israelites, as described in verses 16-26. How does the community's response to Achan's sin demonstrate the seriousness of disobedience and the need for repentance?
5. Reflect on the aftermath of Achan's sin and its impact on the Israelites' relationship with God, as described in verse 26. How does the purification of the camp pave the way for God's renewed favor and blessing on the Israelites? How can we learn from this episode about the importance of obedience and faithfulness in our own walk with God?

6. How does Joshua devise a strategy to capture Ai in Joshua 8.1-8? What role does divine guidance play in the planning and execution of the Israelites' attack on the city?
7. Discuss the importance of obedience and faithfulness in carrying out God's commands, as demonstrated by the Israelites' adherence to Joshua's instructions in verses 9-23. How does their obedience contribute to the success of their mission?
8. Consider the consequences of the Israelites' victory over Ai for the inhabitants of the city, as described in verses 24-29. How does the destruction of Ai serve as a demonstration of God's justice and judgment against sin?
9. Reflect on the altar built by Joshua on Mount Ebal, as described in verses 30-35. How does the construction of the altar serve as a symbol of the Israelites' covenant commitment to God?
10. What plea does the psalmist make to God in Psalm 43.1-2, and what emotions does he express? How does the psalmist's cry for vindication and deliverance reflect his trust in God's righteousness and faithfulness?
11. Consider the imagery of light and truth in verses 3-4. How does the psalmist's desire to be led by God's light and truth contrast with his current state of distress and oppression? How can we seek God's guidance and illumination in times of darkness and uncertainty?
12. Reflect on the psalmist's resolve to praise God in verse 5. Despite his circumstances, how does the psalmist find hope and strength in God's salvation and steadfast love? How can we cultivate a similar spirit of trust and gratitude in our own lives, even amidst trials and tribulations?

13. What does Proverbs 13.22 teach us about the importance of financial stewardship and inheritance? How does the righteous leave an inheritance for their children's children, and what blessings does this bring?

14. Consider the contrast between the wealth of the sinner and the righteous in verse 22. How does the accumulation of wealth through unjust means ultimately lead to loss and destruction? How can we seek to acquire wealth through righteousness and integrity?

15. Discuss the theme of diligence and hard work in verse 23. How does the desire for much gain without labor lead to poverty, while diligent effort brings prosperity? How can we cultivate a strong work ethic and strive for success through perseverance and dedication?

16. How does Jesus demonstrate his authority over demonic forces in Luke 9.37-43? What does this miraculous healing reveal about Jesus' power and compassion as the Son of God?

17. Consider the disciples' reaction to Jesus' prediction of his death and resurrection in verse 44. Why do you think they did not understand Jesus' words, and what prevented them from asking him about it?

18. Reflect on the disciples' dispute about greatness in verses 46-48. What does Jesus teach them about humility and servanthood, and how does he redefine greatness in the kingdom of God?

19. Discuss the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan village in verses 51-56. What can we learn from Jesus' response to rejection and hostility, and how does he model forgiveness and grace?

