

THE Story

Lesson 15 Chapter 7 The Battle Continues... p.94-102

1. The note at the top of page 94 summarizes the story of the sin of Achan and what it cost him, his family and his nation.

How did Achan sin against God?

How do these words from Isaiah 59:1-2 add meaning to this story.

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

What steps were necessary to rectify the situation?

Why was punishment so drastic?

2. Pages 94 and 95 record for us the story of the total destruction of Ai. After the victory Joshua built an altar to the Lord on Mount Ebal and read the words of the law...the blessings and the curses to the whole assembly. Included in his reading would have been these words from Deuteronomy 18:9-12

*9 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. 10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. 12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; **because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.***

Based on God's word to them, was their war against the inhabitants of Canaan justified?

3. The note at the bottom of page 95 makes reference to the fact that Joshua made a treaty "without consulting the wisdom of the Lord." What's the lesson for us?

4. On the top of page 97, we read about Joshua's amazing prayer based on his faith in a BIG God. What is significant about the fact that Joshua prayed for the sun to stand still "in the presence of Israel"?

To think about....what practical steps can you take to gain a deeper faith in God?

5. What impresses you about Joshua's final message to his people? (p.100-101)

In what other ways did he seek to make this as impressive and memorable an event as possible?

6. On page 102 we read about the death of Joshua. What words might have been written on his tombstone?

5. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace