

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: He is Our God

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Only a Holy God

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy

READING: Acts 5:1-11 (pg. 913)

SERMON: Joshua 7:1-26 (pg. 182)

PRAYERS

Q&A: Text 07520 632 065

SONG: Behold Our God

BLESSING

NOTICES

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or wanting to be more involved,
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Grace Groups

Join us for our small groups, 7:45pm – 9:15pm
in the King William Building, Greenwich
(Tuesday or Wednesday) or the Chantry,
Mottingham (Wednesday). Speak to Michaela,
michaela.may@greenwich.church

This week we'll be reviewing Mark chapters 8-10.

Sunday Morning Venue

We have just learned that the third floor of the
King William building will be closed for
refurbishment for several months, beginning
16th April. Please pray for God's provision of
an alternative venue and stay tuned for updates.

Jesus: a Sceptic's Guide: 14-21 May

Please think and pray about events that you
could organise for sceptical friends and
neighbours during our annual mission week.

Summer Weekend Away: 7-9 July

Bookings now open for a fabulous weekend of
fun, football, fire (i.e. a campfire) and fabulous
teaching in the Sussex countryside. Speaker:
Nick Tucker, author of *12 Things God Can't Do*.
See www.greenwich.church/weekend-away

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Welcome!

Sunday 12th March 2023

*“The Lord your God
is a consuming fire,
a jealous God.”*

Deuteronomy 4:24 (ESV)

Next Sunday, 19th March, Genesis 23

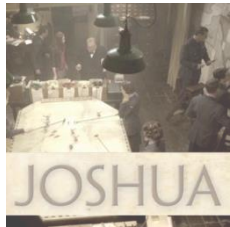
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Joshua 7:1-26 (ESV)



¹But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

²Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, “Go up and spy out the land.” And the men went up and spied out Ai. ³And they returned to Joshua and said to him, “Do not make all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few.” ⁴So about 3,000 men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, ⁵and the men of Ai killed

about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

⁶Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. ⁷And Joshua said, “Alas, O Lord God, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! ⁸O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! ⁹For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?”

¹⁰The Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? ¹¹Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. ¹²Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs to their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. ¹³Get up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, “There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you.”’ ¹⁴In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the Lord takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the Lord takes shall come near by households. And the household that the Lord takes shall come near man by man. ¹⁵And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.”

¹⁶So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. ¹⁷And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. ¹⁸And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. ¹⁹Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.” ²⁰And Achan answered Joshua, “Truly I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I did: ²¹when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

²²So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. ²³And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the Lord. ²⁴And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The Lord brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. ²⁶And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

Does God hate sin?

How much does God hate sin?

A technical phrase: *devoted to destruction*

- God destroys his enemies
Genesis 15:16
- God protects his people
Deuteronomy 20:16-18

A Israel / devoted things

B before the Lord: what will you do?

C the Lord speaks | the problem: sin

D I will be with you no more

C the Lord speaks | the solution: fire

B before the Lord: what have you done?

A Israel / devoted things

anger

anger

2-5

6-9

10-12

12b

13-15

16-23

24-26

So...

- take sin seriously
- take God's anger seriously
- 'give glory to God'
- 'trouble' & 'hope'

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

What strategies do I use to persuade myself that sin is not that serious?

Why is God's judgement such a very good thing?