

"Sin In Our Camps"

By Way of Review...

1. God's Mighty deliverance of His people.

- ➢ He sent Moses to lead them out of captivity.
- God is still in the business of setting captives free.

2. God is to be above all others in our lives.

- He wants to be "married" to us.
- > He wants to be first in all of our relationships.
- When we put Him first He can take care of all our needs.

Joshua 7:2_{NKJV} "Go up and spy out the country."



'shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD'

Joshua 7:25 NKJV

And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

Crodus 20:4 NKJV

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;"

Exodus 20:5 NKJV

"you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God,"

≻ Yes

- What are the principles in the 2^{nd} Commandment?
- 1. To not make any type of image or object to which we actively and directly offer worship.
- 2. We are not to give anyone or anything the place of first affection in our hearts.
- 3. Because God is jealous for our love, devotion, and worship.
- 4. Because He alone is worthy of our worship.

What does it mean to "worship"? 1. Princeton's WordNet Online Dictionary

- > A feeling of profound love and admiration
- To show devotion to a deity
- Attend religious services

2. Wikipedia

- …an act of religious devotion usually directed to one or more deities.
- The word is derived from the Old English worthscipe, meaning worthiness or worth-shipto give, at its simplest, worth to something.

How does the Bible define "worship"?

1. In Hebrew the word for worship is:

- The word shachah (שחה)
- It means "to bow down". What does bowing down show?
- It shows that we are submitting ourselves to the authority of the one to whom we bow down to.
- It shows that we are willing to be subservient to the one to whom we bow down to.
- As it relates to God, it means that we recognize He is our Creator and Sustainer of our lives.
- It shows that we place Him first in our lives before all others.

How does the Bible define "worship"? 1. In Greek the word for worship is:

- The word *proskuneo* (προσκυνέω)
- It means "to do reverence to".
- Reverence belongs to God alone. That is why SDA pastors are not called "Reverend" whomever.
- The Greek word comes from two roots:
 - pros (movement toward) and kuneo (to kiss)
 - When these two come together we could say they mean to "draw near to God and kiss Him with special, reserved holy kisses".
 - This shows that He holds the place of first affection in our heart.

Looking back at Achan... 1. Did he place God first?

- > No. God had told the nation exactly what to do.
- > There were items that were placed under a ban.
- When a city or nation was conquered those items were not to be taken.
- Some items were designated as belonging only to the Lord and His work, and others were to be left behind altogether.

2. When Achan took the mantle (cloak), gold, and silver

from the spoils of Jericho he violated the ban.

Joshua 6:17 NASB

"The city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD;..."