





"We must learn that God takes sin seriously, even if we do not, and that sin is the real cause of defeat for God's people." JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE





"Never underestimate the amount of damage one person can do outside the will of God." WARREN WIERSBE







"But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the Lord; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out." NUMBERS 32:23







Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

HEBREWS 4:13









The Problem Revealed (7:1)





"Corporate guilt and individual responsibility go hand-in-hand in this story." MARTIN WOUDSTRA













"The loss reversed the effect of the previous victories. Instead of Canaan fearing Israel, Israel feared Canaan." NIV ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE





The Dismayed **Response** (7:6–9)





All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in **Egypt! Or in this wilderness!** NUMBERS 14:2





"Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

NUMBERS 14:3





And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." NUMBERS 14:4







"God sometimes permits us to experience humiliating defeats in order to test our faith and reveal to us what's really going on in our hearts...







"What life does to us depends on what life finds in us, and we don't always know the condition of our own hearts." WARREN WIERSBE







Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? **PSALM 139:7**





If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. PSALM 139:8







If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, **PSALM 139:9**







even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. PSALM 139:10







If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," PSALM 139:11







even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. PSALM 139:12







For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. ECCLESIASTES 12:14







Divine Demands & Their Consequences (7:10-26)



The Divine Rebuke

(7:10-12)



"The danger here was that hidden and unresolved sin would, like leaven, spread to all Israel." MICHAEL RYDELNIK







The Prescribed Investigation (7:13–18)





"If we do not repent of hidden sin, it will inevitably break out into the open." JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE







The Transparent **Confession** (7:19–23)





"By his very confession, he was glorifying God." DAVID HOWARD







"Confession cannot avert the consequences of this sin, but it can begin to repair the broken relationships that dishonored God." NIV ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE







He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

ROMANS 3:26







The Punishment Inflicted (7:24–26)





"In Joshua 2, Rahab, a believing Canaanite, acted faithfully and, as a result, was promised deliverance from destruction. In effect, she became an Israelite...







"In Joshua 7, Achan, a disbelieving Israelite, acted faithlessly and, as a result, was not delivered but destroyed. In effect, he became a Canaanite."

DAVID HOWARD





Warning & Hope for God's People

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For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 6:23







"We tend to fear the process and the surgery more than we look forward to the outcome." ZAC HESS







Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. **PSALM 51:1**







Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. **PSALM 51:2**







For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. **PSALM 51:3**







Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. **PSALM 51:4**







Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. **PSALM 51:5**







Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place. **PSALM 51:6**







Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. **PSALM 51:7**







Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. **PSALM 51:8**







Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. **PSALM 51:9**







Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. PSALM 51:10







Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. **PSALM 51:11**







Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. PSALM 51:12







"For the believer, you're missing out on the benefits of victorious living. For the unbeliever, the stones are coming." **DUSTIN SPEAKS**







Disobedience to God's commands invites divine judgment.

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His holiness is not to be trifled with, and His grace not to be overlooked.

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