



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***“OUR SENSE OF SIN IS IN PROPORTION TO OUR NEARNESS TO GOD.”***

### Sermon Series: Possessing the Promises of God!

(A Study through the Book of Joshua)

Knowing the Cause of Your Defeats!

### **“What Are You Hiding?”**

Sermon Text: 7:1-26 [NLT](#)

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**SCRIPTURE** - Joshua 7:1-26 [NLT](#)

## INTRODUCTION

† Psalm 19:12-13 [NKJV](#)

Presumption - large part of the sin in our lives!

“secret faults and deliberate sin” (NLT)

Presumption or Presumptuous means

*a person, or their behavior failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate.*

Presumption

- Large part of the sin in our lives!
- “Secret faults and **deliberate sin**” (NLT)

People presume:

- What they do is not as bad as what God says,
- They should not receive as bad of consequence as God declares.

Achan’s Presumption:

- Thought what he took was a small thing compared to all that was destroyed.
- Who notice what he took?
- God would somehow understand his need.
- God would not give him the consequences that He had declared.

Nine times out of ten, the cause of our defeats is due to the sin in our lives!

Sin that we either choose to ignore or refuse to admit!

In other, words we try to hide!

† James 4:17 [KJV](#)

Problem:

- † Some of us are still playing this game with God!
- † Some of us are not taking into consideration what David says...
- † Psalm 139:7-12 [NLT](#)

## WHAT YOU ARE HIDING

and what you are thinking you are getting away with Causes at least Four Things:

### 1) IT'S A VIOLATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

† **Joshua 6:18-19 NLT**

God is Specific in His Commands (Ten Commandments)

- † You shall have no other gods before Me.
  - † You shall make no idols.
  - † You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
  - † Keep the Sabbath day holy.
  - † Honor your father and your mother.
  - † You shall not murder.
  - † You shall not commit adultery.
  - † You shall not steal.
  - † You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
  - † You shall not covet.
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### 2) IT'S A RATIONALIZATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

† **Joshua 7:21 NLT**

- He Understood that He was Disobeying God! — *Because He Hide it!*
- Nature response in Disobedience is to Hide — *Adam & Eve did it!*

† **Genesis 3:8-9 NLT**

- Hiding starts with rationalizing why you need to and why it is necessary...
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### 3) IT'S A REFUSAL TO BELIEVE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_

† **Joshua 7:15 NLT**

- God is very clear about the Consequences...  
6:18 says Consequences not just exclusive to you!

† **Joshua 6:18-19 NLT**

- Disobedience brings consequences and God is clear about that.

† **Deuteronomy 28:15-19 NKJV**

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#### 4) IT'S A FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

† Joshua 7:19 **NLT**

† Galatians 6:7-8 **NLT**

† Joshua 7:7 **NLT**, Joshua calls out to the Sovereign Lord

**NLT** – “Sovereign Lord”

**NKJV** - “Lord God”

**Hebrew** - “Adonai Yahweh”

“Yahweh” being the “tetragrammaton” which occurs only in the sacred text.

#### **God is Sovereign!**

Sovereign means *Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; superior to all others.*

**God's sovereignty** is defined as *the right of God to exercise his ruling power over his creation.*

#### **How do we recognize God Sovereignty?**

God is in control.

He governs over all things and is over all.

With God's Sovereignty, there is no such thing as luck or chance.

Knowing God is sovereign means we can trust Him with our circumstance (whether good or bad).

† Romans 8:28 **NKJV**

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#### **CONCLUSION**



**What Are You Hiding?  
Be NOT like Achan!**