JOSHUA

Secret Sin

JOSHUA 7:1-26

Joshua 7:1 ESV

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Progression of Sin

Joshua 7:20-21 ESV

And Achan answered Joshua, “Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: [21] when **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.”

Genesis 3:6-8 ESV

So when the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, and that **it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired** to make one wise, **she took** of its fruit and ate, and **she also gave some to her husband** who was with her, and he ate. [7] Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. [8] And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD** God among the trees of the garden.

Progression of Sin

The Look: *"I saw"*

The Lust: *"I coveted"*

The Leap: *"I took"*

The Lie: *"I hid"*

Consequences of Sin

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Consequences of Sin

Romans 6:23a ESV

For the wages of sin is death.

James 1:14-15 ESV

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15] Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, **and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.**

Consequences of Sin

- For Yourself
- For Those Closest to You
- For Your Community

Remedy for Sin

Repentance

Acts 3:19 ESV

"Repent therefore, and turn back,
that your sins may be blotted out,"

Remedy for Sin

Repentance

- Confession of Sin
- Rejection of Sin

Remedy for Sin

Grace

Romans 6:23 ESV

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confession

Psalm 51:1-4 ESV

Have mercy on me, O God,
    according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy
    blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
    and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
    and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
    and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you may be justified in your words
    and blameless in your judgment.

READ TOGETHER:

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart and mind and strength. I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In Your mercy forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

READ TOGETHER:

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:1-2, 5 ESV