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<u>The Danger of Keeping Devoted Things - Joshua 7:13</u> Review

• God blessed the people to do some things they could not have done without heavenly help

• The Red Sea had been parted (Duet 6:23)

• The Jordan River had been crossed (Joshua 3:14-17)

• The Jericho walls have fallen (Heb. 11:30)

- The people acknowledged their indebtedness to God
 - A memorial of the past (Joshua 4:1-7)

• An obligation for the future (Joshua 4:19-24)

Defeated in the Land of Victory

• One for all and all for one

• *Achan's* unfaithfulness = *Israel's* unfaithfulness (Joshua 7:1)

- Joshua 6:17-19
- o A defeated and depressed people because of one person
 - Joshua 7:2-6

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• **A stewardship problem = a spiritual problem** (Joshua 7:10-13)

o God is the source and supply of ALL blessings

- Psalm 24:1
- Psalm 50:10-12

• We are to fear the Lord and obey His commandments (v. 11)

• Disobedience carries consequences (v. 12)

• God gives us another chance (v. 13)

- No one saw what Achan did... except God
- Once the sin was dealt with, victory was granted (8:1-2)

Practical Application

• Christian stewardship is demonstrated through tithing

- Malachi 3:8-12
- 1 Cor. 16:12
- There are three aspects to tithing
 - Time (Matt 6:33)
 - Talent (1 Pet. 4:10)
 - Treasure (Deut. 12:11)

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