

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Joshua - Israel's journey of faith into the Promised Land.
- * We have seen the expression of Rahab's faith and of that of the Priests and the nation.
- * Years ago, ABC's Wide World of Sports used to begin with the line "... from the thrill of victory ... to the agony of defeat ..."
- * Last week, we considered Israel's "thrill of victory!" ... Sadly, today, we will continue that statement by considering "the agony of defeat."
- * Clearly, this is a lesson for us all to learn and apply to our lives.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE DEFEAT WAS CAUSED BY _____ ... *The Sin of* _____****A. The C_____e of Sin (7:21; Genesis 3:1-6)**

1. THE G_____ ... I S_____
2. THE G_____ ... I C_____
3. THE G_____ ... I T_____

B. The C_____e of Sin ... *Unbelief*

1. NOT TRULY BELIEVING IN THE O_____ OF GOD (cf. Hebrews 4:13)
2. NOT TRULY BELIEVING IN THE J_____ OF GOD

C. The C_____e of Sin

1. IT'S EFFECT ON HIS F_____ (7:24-25)
2. IT'S EFFECT ON HIS N_____ (7:11-12)

II. THE DEFEAT WAS CAUSED BY _____ ... *The Sin of* _____**A. Joshua Failed To S_____ God's G_____****B. Joshua Failed To C_____ God's P_____ (v. 13)****INTROSPECTION**

- * WHAT IS YOUR "BABYLONIAN GARMENT?"
- * HOW LIGHTLY DO WE TREAT SIN?
- * BEFORE THEY CROSSED THE JORDAN ... ISRAEL CONSECRATED THEMSELVES.
BEFORE THEY CONQUERED JERICHO ... ISRAEL CONSECRATED THEMSELVES.
HOWEVER, BEFORE THEY WERE DEFEATED AT AI ... ISRAEL FAILED TO CONSECRATE THEMSELVES!
- NOTICE A PATTERN? WHAT IS YOUR PATTERN?
- * ARE WE FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF OUR NATION ... OR THAT OF OUR LORD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND ACT?