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Israel is entering the land, what type of people will God allow in?

Everyone is held responsible for one person's sin

Israel can't defeat a tiny little country town - Ai

Israel can't win while there is unchecked sin in their midst, v1, v11-12

The sin of Achan and the sin of Eve - *I saw, I coveted, I took, I hid* - Genesis 3.

Achan	Rahab
Did an outrageous thing in Israel, v15	Still celebrated 3000 years later
Broke faith with God v1, was judged along with family, buried to this day , v26	Had faith in God, was saved along with family, lived in Israel to this day , 6:25
Tried to fool God and steal from Him	Feared God because he always wins
Tried to hide things FROM God (treasure)	Hid things FOR God (spies in roof)
From the tribe of Judah, but now is out	Pagan who marries into Judah (Matt 1)
Switched from Israel to Babylon (world)	Switched from world to Israel and God

Application

Be Rahab - no matter the mess you've made, ask God for mercy and get it.

Don't be Achan - tolerating sin.

Sin spreads - a little leaven, leavens the whole lump (Gal 5, 1 Cor 5)

Buy into the idea that sin is toxic and that it's all our responsibility

Tolerance of sin → Acceptance of sin → Promotion of sin

Two examples to finish