

JOSHUA: *presence. courage. action.*

Make Much of God! - Joshua 7:1-26
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Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." - **Joshua 7:19**

I. Making Much of Self or God?

- We desire and attempt to make much of self (Genesis 3:1-13; Romans 3:23).
- Joshua and the people of God make much of God (Joshua chapters 1-6).
- Achan does not make much of God in his sin. He makes much of himself and the "devoted things" (Joshua 7:1; 6:18-19).
- Achan's sin brings trouble and guilt upon all of Israel (Joshua 7:1; 6:18).
- God takes our sin, our making much of self, seriously (Joshua 6:18; 7:1, 15, 19-26; Matthew 6:21).
- Achan's sin follows the same pattern as Adam and Eve's sin in the garden (Genesis 3:6-7; Joshua 7:21).

II. We Make Much of God When:

- We behold God's glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).
- We are concerned for God's great name (Joshua 7:9, 19; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Galatians 6:1).
- We are quick to repent, confess our sins to God and those we sin against, ask for forgiveness and humbly accept the consequences (Joshua 7:19-21; Proverbs 28:13; Luke 15:17-21).
- We fear God (Psalm 33:18; 1 John 4:18).
- We trust in the gospel (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- We take communion in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Matthew 5:23-24).

KNOW: We are to make much of God. We are not to make much of ourselves and things.

DO: We make much of God when we behold his glory, are concerned for his great name, are quick to repent, confess our sin and ask forgiveness, fear him, trust in the gospel, and take communion in a worthy manner.

Suggested Reading:

Knowing God, by J.I. Packer

Trusting God, by Jerry Bridges

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Joshua 7:1-26.

1. What do you find most interesting, convicting, comforting, helpful or hard to understand about Joshua chapter 7?
2. Achan made much of himself and things. In what specific ways are you tempted to make much of yourself and/or things? (Read Genesis 3:6; Joshua 7:21)
3. What will help us to make much of God? (Read 2 Corinthians 3:18) Why does this help? How would this have helped Achan to not sin?
4. Explain how concerned you are with how your sin affects the church and the lost. Is this a deterrent when you are tempted? (Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-33; 11:1; Hebrews 13:17)
5. Are you quick to repent, confess your sin to God and those you sin against, ask for forgiveness, and humbly accept the consequences? Why or why not? (James 4:6-10)
6. How can trusting the gospel as believers motivate and help us to quickly obey all of #5 for God's glory rather than trying to hide and cover our sin and blame shift? (Hint: What two things does 2 Corinthians 5:21 say about us?)
7. What are some ways that your life specifically shows that you are concerned for God's great name and that he be made much of rather than you being made much of? How have you seen this concern in the lives of others?
8. How do you prepare/examine yourself for communion? (1 Corinthians 11:23-29; Matthew 5:23-24)