

THE DRAWING POWER OF SIN

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Text: Joshua 7:19-21

Unless we neutralize the drawing power of sin through allowing the Holy Spirit to sanctify our heart, mind, and actions we will no doubt fall under the drawing power of sin. To sanctify one's self is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and empower us in the act of separating ourselves from participating in the sinful desires of the flesh. But notice how Achan's failure to listen to God, purify his heart, and devote himself to the Lord resulted in his downfall.

Listen to his confession. **"I saw... I coveted...(I) took..."** NIV His failure listen to the Word of God affected his eyes, his heart, and his hands. With this in mind, several obvious *conclusions* can be drawn from this story.

- I. UNSANCTIFIED EYES SEEK OUT UNSANCTIFIED OBJECTS.**
 - A. God's word had no place in Achan's life.**
 - B. God's word had no effect on Achan's actions.**

- II. UNSANCTIFIED HEARTS DESIRE TO DWELL UPON THE UNSANCTIFIED.**
 - A. Achan's heart found pleasure in the forbidden.**
 - B. Achan's heart found pleasure in what he could never truly enjoy.**

- III. UNSANCTIFIED HANDS REACH OUT TO HOLD UNSANCTIFIED OBJECTS.**
 - A. What Achan held onto keep him from receiving his future blessings.**

(He would have received a portion of the land of Canaan—the *promised* land.)
 - B. Achan's temporal gains cost him eternal gains.**
 - C. Achan's worldly heart kept him from repenting when he had the chance (vv. 16-18).**

CONCLUSION

When an unsanctified heart sets itself on that for which unsanctified eyes have searched, it is unlikely that unsanctified hands will let it go.