

# All for One and One for All

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# I. Introduction

Herem – a ban, a curse or something  
devoted to complete destruction

Leviticus 27:28-29 - *Nevertheless no devoted offering that a man may devote to the Lord of all that he has, both man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted offering is most holy to the Lord. No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, but shall surely be put to death.*

Joshua 6:17 - *And the city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the Lord; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live . . .*

*Deuteronomy 7:2-4 - And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.*

Genesis 15:13 - *And He said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.*

Genesis 15:16 - *But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.*

# I. Disobedience defined

*Joshua 7:1 - But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the Lord burned against the sons of Israel.*

James 1:13-15 - *When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Achan had failed:

- The eye exam
- The logic test
- The hearing test
- The patience test

Joshua 8:2 - *You shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king, except that you may carry off their plunder and livestock for yourselves.*

Joshua 22:7-9 - . . . *When Joshua sent them home, he blessed them, saying, "Return to your homes with your great riches — with large herds of livestock, with silver, gold, bronze and iron, and a great quantity of clothing — and divide with your brothers the plunder from your enemies."*

*Joshua 7:11-12 - Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put them among their own things. Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.*

Malachi 3:6 - *For I am the Lord, I change not;  
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

*I Corinthians 5:11-13 - But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."*

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2. It causes trouble for everyone. Verse 5
3. It is very unprofitable in the end. Verse 25

*Deuteronomy 24:16 – Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin.*

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*Isaiah 55:6-7 – Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake  
his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him  
return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and  
to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

## II. Defeat described

## A. Prayerlessness

## **Lessons from Moses back in Deuteronomy 8.**

Prosperity causes forgetfulness.

Forgetfulness allows pride to build up.

Pride results in idolatry.

Greed is idolatry. Colossians 3:5

**Q:** Where does prayerlessness come in?

**A:** Prayerlessness comes in at the beginning with prosperity and the flush of victory.

You will face defeat after victory time and time again, unless you figure out a way to maintain constant contact with the Lord.

## B. Presumption

**Moral presumption comes from underestimating the power of the enemy.**

1. Confidence in self
2. Comparison with others

Joshua 7:5 – *And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men, and pursued them from the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent, so the hearts of the people melted and became as water.*

C. Passion (resulting in disobedience)

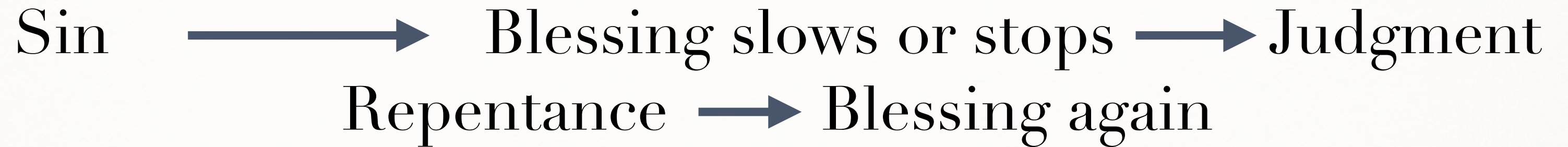
“What is the origin and object of those feelings,  
and what are we going to do about them?”

“Is God really good and is He good to me?  
Can I trust Him?”

Joshua 7:6-9 - *Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, both he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why didst Thou ever bring this people over the Jordan, only to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing to dwell beyond the Jordan!" "O Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned their back before their enemies?" "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?"*

### III. Direction delivered from God

## The progression of God's judgment



## **Conclusion:**

1. Be careful what you look at.
2. Be careful what you think about.
3. Listen very closely to what God has said.
4. Don't get impatient. Wait on the Lord.

Proverbs 28:13 - *He who conceals his transgressions  
will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes  
them will find compassion.*

*And remember, in the Body of Christ,  
it's All for One and One for All*