2Thess #106

Recognize the signs you are becoming hard toward our LORD.

Please keep Tim and Christina in prayer they are still facing a tremendous legal battle, for standing strong against the tyranny of the big pharma shot that the medical field tried to impose on them a few years ago.

Keep in mind the Bible Conference is coming up in the first weekend in August in Denver, Colorado.

All information is found on my website.

Coffee and Danish will be served both days between 9am and 10am as the conference begins.

Lunch will be served at 1pm and refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

/Fellowship Friday dinner will take place on August 2nd. It will be at the conference resort (Hilton Inverness) at the hotel restaurant – the Fireside Grill. Dinner seating will be at 6pm – 25 seats available. Dinner and drinks will be your own responsibility as far as costs and gratuities.\

If there are more people that want to come, the restaurant can probably accommodate. But just a fair warning it may be at a separate table – this is a casual get together before the Conference begins.

I wanted to close this study out today, yet there are too many rich principles and God the HS let me know it may take one more lesson – open in Acts chapter five.

/Scar tissue accumulates within the soul that rejects the things of GOD, especially the WORD. Scar tissue can completely cover the soul: For an Unbeliever the result may be mental and physical issues. Such as depression, addiction, personality disorders and physical ailments. Over a period of time this may lead to suicide or very aggressive behaviors (criminal / violent).\

Believers also suffer some of these same issues because remember - a Bel in apostasy, resembles the Unbel.

More often than not a Bel who gets into blackout of the soul will die the sin unto death.

Suicide may be allowed by God for a Bel who has gone into complete darkness – this is still the sin unto death, because it means that Bel died a loser, never fulfilling the plan of GOD for their temporal life.

ALL BELIEVERS go to heaven.

REPEAT

Eternal security is a profound and precise doctrine, suicide does not change that.

Now in Acts 5 - we have studied this before, the prestigious couple known as Ananias and Sapphira had an issue with pride, jealousy, greed and lying.

In the end of Chapter 4 – we can note Barnabas had sold a piece of family property and given all the proceeds to the early church.

This small bit of public pressure, which was completely whipped up from their own imagination, brought out the true nature of Ananias and Sapphira.

Many Biblical historians, believe this power couple had a history of putting on a show every time they gave donations to the apostles.

It is also safe to say, they liked the power seats within a congregation – having some notary or authority because of their social status.

Two scriptures in Proverbs chapter 28 highlight some of the issues we will see with Ananias and Sapphira;

/Pro 28:1 **The wicked flee when no one is pursuing,** But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Pro 28:6 Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity, **Than a person who is crooked, though he is rich**. \

There is a lack of real integrity and humility here. As well as an arrogance of thought that GOD was not going to tolerate in the early formation of the church.

Act 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

/[Act 5:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/2/s_1023002) and **kept back *some***(*nosphizō*) **of the proceeds for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge**, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet.

The same term used for embezzlement, to do something in secret, to be clandestine with the finances. \

NUS-FED-ZO, insinuates a very shady maneuver with the proceeds.

There are many teachers, who have studied these two Bels, and it appears they were very crafty in all the financial practices – they may have even been crooked in their gathering of wealth.

Their initial commitment was believed to be giving all proceeds over as Barnabas did, yet they did not do that.

Their words and commitments did not align with their actions.

[Act 5:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/3/s_1023003) But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the proceeds of the land?

The Apostle Peter is being led by God the HS and he knew how these two people operate.

I can almost guarantee the apostles were on a very tight budget.

They may have already had congregation members waiting on financial support and the apostles themselves had families to feed.

They were no longer fishing.

/[Act 5:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/4/s_1023004) “While it remained *unsold,* did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? **Why *is it* that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God.”**

This power couple had come into Christianity with deep scar tissue and they were not being faithful in the plan of GOD.\

Their salvation was a new beginning and they did not take advantage of that clean slate.

God was not going to tolerate this right in the beginning foundation of the church of Jesus Christ – this was a powerful lesson as it is believed GOD touched Ananias with a massive heart attack.

[Act 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/5/s_1023005) And as he heard these words, Ananias collapsed and died; and great fear came over all who heard *about it.*

[Act 5:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/6/s_1023006) The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

This was the sin unto death! Because the darkness in the soul was not being addressed. The action of manipulating the money would negatively affect several families in the early church.

When members of the body of Christ do not chip in and stand firm in their commitments, it touches more than just the pastor.

[Act 5:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/7/s_1023007) Now an interval of about three hours elapsed, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

/[Act 5:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/8/s_1023008) And Peter responded to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for this price?” And **she said, “Yes, for that price.**”

The Apostle Peter was actually giving Sapphira, the opportunity to adjust to the justice of GOD.\

[Act 5:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/9/s_1023009) Then Peter *said* to her, “Why *is it* that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out *as well.*”

Never make commitments to the plan of God and then try to cut corners or manipulate the situation in your favor – especially when other members of the congregation are counting on your promises.

Do you realize - several hundred people benefit from the minority of serious supporters and congregation members here at PRB Ministry?

Between FB and the bible groups there, RUMBLE, YouTube and Brighteon – hundreds of people learn BD, because of about 30 or 40 serious students.

[Act 5:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/10/s_1023010) And immediately she collapsed at his feet and died; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

[Act 5:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/5/11/s_1023011) And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard *about* these things.

Jump over to the OT - the book of Joshua chapter 7 RF. I want to show you a similar story.

/Greed, jealousy, pettiness or manipulation and lies come forth from a soul that is not walking in the plan of GOD. That soul structure is becoming darkened and in a very dangerous place. Your actions speak volumes as to what you truly believe. God looks at the heart (motivation) never forget that (1Sam 16:7).\

God would often command the Israeli soldiers under Joshua’s command to go into a tribe or village and wipe out everything and everyone. Several times they did not and that is how the Nephilim and the seeds of Satan were able to sustain a bloodline.

REPEAT

Josh 7:16 So Joshua got up early in the morning and brought Israel forward by tribes, and the tribe of Judah was selected.

[Jos 7:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/17/s_194017) So he brought the family of Judah forward, and he selected the family of the Zerahites; then he brought the family of the Zerahites forward man by man, and Zabdi was selected.

[Jos 7:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/18/s_194018) And he brought his household forward man by man; and Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was selected.

/[Jos 7:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/19/s_194019) Then **Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I implore you**, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and **tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”**

The biblical principle, that truly no one gets away with anything is seen in many historic events such as this.\

Even if it appears someone got away with something – we do not know what discipline or mental anguish they may suffer later on in life.

/Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.\

[Jos 7:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/20/s_194020) So Achan answered Joshua and said, “Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

/[Jos 7:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/21/s_194021) when I saw among the spoils a beautiful robe from Shinar, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then **I wanted them** (*ḥāmaḏ*) **and took them**; and behold, they are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

To covet, to hold strong desires and lust toward something or someone. Sin begins in the mind long before the overt happens.\

HAW-MAD, means to covet in a very strong fashion – it points to the lust of the eyes (soul).

/1Jhn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the  eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.\

These types of lustful desires are triggered by the OSN in conjunction with the devil’s world – a very toxic mix!

Scar tissue develops from allowing this toxic blend to exist in your soul structure.

/Achan was darkened and attracted to the Babylonian culture and wealth. He knew GOD command to never take from the pagan tribes and never intermingle with them. Yet his own lust patterns drove him to disobey GOD, this had become a growing theme in the nation of Israel. Since the Exodus generation, looking outside the plan of God for wealth, guidance and pleasure would eventually erode the Israelites.\

Israel seen in the OT is often a reflection of the Bel’s soul in the Church Age. That simply means God looks at the singular Bel as HE did for the whole nation of Israel – HIS people.

[Jos 7:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/22/s_194022) So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath it.

[Jos 7:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/23/s_194023) So they took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel; and they laid them out before the LORD.

The fulfillment of that sin of stealing and hiding all those valuables probably felt good in that moment.

/Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a person sows, this he will also reap**.

Heb 11: By faith Moses, when he had grown up, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter**, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the **temporary pleasures of sin**,\

Any form of sin leads to death – it can be momentary death of the fellowship you have with GOD or walking in the death of guilt and shame and chain sinning.

[Jos 7:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/24/s_194024) Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.

[/Jos 7:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/25/s_194025) And Joshua said, “**Why have you brought disaster on us? The LORD will bring disaster on you this day**.” And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

Criminality and deception in the life of a Believer can bring forth severe consequences. Especially if the actions of one Bel will bring a curse or misery into the lives of other Bels.\

[Jos 7:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jos/7/26/s_194026) Then they erected over him a large heap of stones *that stands* to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.