2Thess #107

A darkened soul destroys the Christian’s Walk.

Pick it back up in the OT – Joshua 7.

We will cover what I did not finish last message – apologies for the throat issues, not much I can do but get through it.

I may be doing my last message before the Bible Conference on Thursday, July 25th so I have time to rest and also cover my last-minute details.

I will make that final decision in the next few days.

I do have a request that you folks give me input if the sound on my messages is off or bothersome. I have a generous offer from a gracious woman to buy a microphone for the set up in my office.

Now where we left off in Joshua chapter seven - It was highlighting one of the reasons Nephilim and seeds of Satan perpetuated throughout ancient history.

The reason was because the nation of Israel never fully wiped out all their satanic enemies.

Even though GOD command them to do so.

The nation of Israel never followed through 100% - in fact on several occasions they embraced their enemies.

The example here is one Israeli soldier who coveted the gold and culture of the Babylonian people.

/Achan was darkened and attracted to the Babylonian culture and wealth. He knew GOD commanded 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.

How many CA Bels look outside the plan of God for happiness, protection, guidance and prosperity?

[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.

It is often a warm or familiar feeling when we first engage in sin – then comes the guilt, shame and consequences afterward.

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

Heb 11:24 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**,\

[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.

This is right next to the valley of Jericho. It is named after calamity or trouble.

Prophets like Hosea and Isaiah would later use this valley as a place to find rest or peace – because only GOD can turn a curse into a blessing.

[/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.

/God is omnipotent, sovereign and omniscient as well as just and righteous. God knows what is needed to wipe out evil, HE knows how to combat demonic beings and fallen angels. When this world as we know it, has spun its last cycle. And the Great White Throne judgment materializes, everyone will realize how fair, just and righteous HE has been. The lies of God being wrath filled and unfair or callous will evaporate.\

The arrogance and wickedness of created creatures who rebelled against a fair and loving GOD, will be so prevalent it will resound through the universe.

There will be no doubt God’s plan and HIS power, were the only force to resolve evil, sin and rebellion once and for all time.

The overarching issue of scar tissue on the soul is seen in one word RF – knowledge.

Knowledge is what you absorb, what you study, that which helps form your opinions and norms and standards.

Then the real question comes down to where are you getting your knowledge from?

/Job 36:12 “But **if they do not listen**, **they will perish** by the sword, And die **without knowledge**.

Pro 19:2 Also **it is not good for a person to be without knowledge**, And one who hurries his footsteps errs.\

Most people do not truly recognize their own Creator.

The ones who do and claim to be Christian, are often wrapped up in religious systems that never allows them closer to true knowledge – Bible Doctrine, the mind of Christ.

/Isa 1:3 “An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master’s manger, *But* **Israel does not know, My people do not understand**.”

Hos 6:6 For **I desire loyalty** rather than sacrifice, And **the knowledge of God**rather than burnt offerings.\

The antithesis of scar tissue in the Christian life is the existence of the edification complex in the soul (ECS). That is a structure of a library and a place of doctrinal strength and a relaxed mental attitude erected in your soul.

 REPEAT

Jump over to Hosea chapter four RF, we will close this series by reading a few scriptures there.

We recently covered how the lungs and soul structure operate very similarly.

/Your soul will inhale and exhale (left and right lobes) information every day. Scar tissue cannot accumulate if real knowledge (truth/BD – Gnosis) is consistently carried through the soul. This is particularly factual when filled by the SPIRIT. EPIGNOSIS (wisdom) is what truly escalates the construction of the edification complex. It is BD applied with faith, it is BD fully digested, it is BD changing you and driving you into your position (new nature) in the temporal. \

EPIGNOSIS forms the foundation for real problem solving. Divine wisdom brings grace orientation, mastery of the details of life, a relaxed mental attitude, the capacity to love, and maintaining an inner happiness (contentment).

 REPEAT

Now Micah and Isaiah were prophesizing in the Southern kingdom of Israel in or around, the same time Hosea was prophesizing in the Northen kingdom.

So, the layers to these prophecies cover Babylonian captivity and a look ahead into the future Tribulation as well.

More specifically, some scholars believe, it points to a time just before the Tribulation.

A few teachers believe it may highlight a time just before the Rapture – I am incline to think this as well.

/Hos 4:1 **Listen to the word of the LORD**, you sons of Israel, Because the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, For **there is no faithfulness**, **nor loyalty, Nor knowledge of God** in the land.

This is written in the original Hebrew like a court proclamation – a legal standard which points to Divine Discipline.\

Notice what GOD wants, because many things do not change from one dispensation into another.

Loyalty is not in the original context it is a Hebrew word for mercy (HA-SAID), then faithfulness – listen to the WORD and gain knowledge of God.

Mercy, meaning virtue love and kindness.

Because Israel was now partaking in pagan cultures and BAAL worship they lacked, kindness, love, mercy – they were no longer faithful to YAWEH.

Darkness was in their souls – no knowledge of GOD and lack of studying the WORD.

[Hos 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/4/2/s_866002) *There is* oath-taking, denial, murder, stealing, and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.

/The nation of Israel had sinned against God's love. They had experienced Yahweh's election, His provisions, His protection, and more of His blessings than any other people on the earth, but they had walked away from Him and spent His gifts to them to satisfy their fleshly desires.\

They had habitually chased after the gods of the cosmic system – fallen angels.

They had used YAHWEH’s name in rituals outside of the temple – blood sacrifices and sexual perversion all revolving around the black magic of the BAAL system.

This is very often directed at a client nation unto GOD who keeps rejecting Bible Doctrine.

America is seen in the analogy of this prophecy.

They had not only committed spiritual adultery, but they had become spiritual prostitutes. They had sinned against His love as well as against His light.

[Hos 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/4/3/s_866003) Therefore the land mourns,And everyone who lives in it languishesAlong with the animals of the field and the birds of the sky,And even the fish of the sea disappear.

There is a doctrine of blessing or cursing by association.

[Hos 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/4/4/s_866004) Yet let no one find fault, and let no one rebuke;For your people are like those who contend with a priest.

/[Hos 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/4/5/s_866005) So ***you will stumble by day,*** And the **prophet also will stumble with you by night**;And I will destroy your mother.

The people and spiritual leaders each were going astray – often the priests and prophets did their dirty works behind closed doors and in the dark of night.\

Remember, as goes the church so goes the nation.

When a nation goes in this direction the family unit and the mothers suffer because of the rebellion of the younger generation.

Some Theologians reference the female goddess as the mother that HE will destroy – again dual meanings in prophecy.

/Hos 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**. Since you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have **forgotten the Law of your God**, I also will forget your children.\

Accurate Bible Doctrine was no longer a priority for the priests and the people.

Israel is warned right here, a time is coming (CA) - when you will not be the ones promoting MY word.

This is true blackout of the soul because the emotional revolt of the soul ensues.

We will close with a look at these signs-

The emotional revolt of the soul, from continued negative volition is now characterized by several things: /Indifference or apathy toward Bible teaching. Bible study habits peel off and change slightly at first.

Occupation with the things of life, cosmic distractions. To the point that there is little or no time for Bible teaching. \

There is no job…no wealth…no relationship worth allowing scar tissue into your soul.

/Antagonism or frustration toward the subject matters or topics of Bible study. Personal hang-ups toward the pastor-teacher. (hypersensitivity issues)

Antagonism or conflict with others in the congregation. Strife and pettiness begin to easily develop.\

Folks these are all the tell-tale signs you are slipping backward and not pressing forward.

When it comes to the pastor-teacher, it is the message not the man you need to focus on.

/Failure to apply basic problem-solving devices (rebound & filling power HS). Refusal to take personal responsibility and turn toward the justice of God.

Inability to handle pressure or prosperity, either one of these two seems to easily drag you away from Bible study.\

/The early patterns of reversionism — reaction, frantic search for happiness, emotional outbursts, hypersensitivity — are permitted to continue owning space in the soul. Justification or rationalization cover these early patterns giving them greater room.

This negative volition produces a vacuum which begins to look toward cosmic solutions and human viewpoint, pushing BD to the back of the soul structure.\ This vacuum is the source of setting up all the false viewpoints of life. It is known as demon influence in contrast to demon possession.

When you get all of these false doctrines, false concepts, into the staging area they immediately move over to the right lobe and therefore the blackout of the soul becomes evident.

This will heighten emotional revolt of the soul to become an incredibly negative force in your life.

It will be your new problem-solving devices. Norms and standards will shift backward to when you were an Unbel.

Or shift in a direction aligning with the new age movements of the Cosmic System.