

# Sparks of Sin (Part 2)

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of confessing sins and the consequences of hiding them, as seen in the story of the Israelites' defeat in front of the people of Ai.*

**Scripture:** Joshua 7:6, Psalm 32:5, Psalm 66:18, Proverbs 28:13, Isaiah 59:2, Romans 3:23, Galatians 6:7, Hebrews 12:1, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9

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## Description

K.P. Yohannan discusses the shame and defeat faced by the Israelites after their loss to Ai, emphasizing Joshua's despair and his plea to God for understanding. Joshua's initial ignorance of the underlying sin that led to their failure highlights the importance of recognizing and addressing hidden transgressions. God instructs Joshua to rise and reveals that the defeat was due to sin within the camp, underscoring that prayer alone cannot resolve issues rooted in unconfessed sin. The sermon stresses that harboring sin in our hearts can hinder our relationship with God, as illustrated by David's acknowledgment in Psalm 66:18.

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## Transcript

Here, the Israelites were ashamed in front of the people of Ai. Their defeat meant they would be a failure in front of the whole world. Their enemies would jump on them and tear them down if they came to know about Israelites' failure in Ai. In Joshua 7:6 it is written like this, "Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same and sprinkled dust on their heads." Joshua cried and asked God, "Alas, Sovereign LORD, why did you do this? Why did this unexpected failure happen to Israel?"

Now that Israel has been routed by its enemies, the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth.

What we have done for this?" Joshua didn't even have an idea about what had happened to cause the defeat. Then the Lord God spoke to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Why you are praying like this? Get up. The problem is with something else. So however much you pray, the solution for this is different." The Lord told Joshua that Israel had sinned in taking some of the accursed things. Then Joshua understood the entire thing, "If it so, it's not like what I thought." If you hide sins and transgressions, and pray, God will not answer you.

Listen to David's prayer, "If I have cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would have not listened." (Psalms 66:18)

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