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God Takes Sin Seriously
Joshua 7:1-26

The topic I will be doing for this essay is that God takes sin seriously. To me this means that if you disobey God you will be punished for it. In Joshua 7:1-26 Israel disobeys God and when they battle Ai they end up failing to conquer Ai because God wasn't present because of their sin. But then God revealed the sin to Joshua and after that God also revealed who had committed the sin. The person who had committed the sin was Achan which led to Achan and his family to be punished because of that sin.

This lesson from bible school taught me that if you sin God will punish you and He will not be present in your life until you repent of your sins. I applied this to my life by praying to God so that I could repent of my sins and be washed white as snow. Another way that I applied this to my life is trying my best to not disobey God so that he is always present in my life in everything that I do. God can not be in the presence of sin which means that if you do not repent and continue living as a sinner God will not be present in your life.

The reason that God sent Jesus to die for our sins was because all of us were sinners and we needed to be saved from our sins because otherwise God wouldn't be present in our lives. If God wasn't present in our lives then we would never be able to go to Heaven and if we aren't able to go to Heaven the only other place we can go is Hell to suffer for eternity. So if Jesus hadn't died for us on the cross then we wouldn't be able to go to Heaven and would suffer in Hell for eternity.

The reason that Israel failed to win the Battle of Ai was because Achan took some of the devoted things that God told them not to take. Achan took 200 shekels of silver, a bar of gold, and a beautiful cloak. Because Achan took the devoted things God punished him and his family and until the punishment God wasn't present in the Israelites lives. Achan and his family were stoned to death because of this sin that Achan had committed. After the punishment God entered back into the Israelites' lives.

God will not be present in our lives if we sin and don't repent. Achan sinned and his whole family ended up being punished because of his sin. Jesus was sent to

save us from our sins so that we may have eternal life. I can apply this lesson to my life by repenting of my sins and doing my best to obey God in all of the things that I do. In conclusion, this is how this lesson from bible school can be applied to my life and what it means to me.

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