(1). "The Sin God Hates Most". (Scrip:- Josh 7:1-1

Introd:- (1). TEXT TO LEARN..Prov. 28:13 Learn it! Wonderful text..with double truth..Repeat..Memorize. (2). Sin cannot get by! Unconfessed, excused with alibi, with no self-judgment..brings displeasure, curse of a holy righteous, angry God! The sin God hates most! There is terrible curse, plague, condemnation of God on HIDDEN SIN! (3). Tonight read story illus. this eternal fact:- God cannot abide HIDDEN SIN. Certain to bring failure to any m man, women, boy, girl. Story of this man Achan..began read in Josh. 7 is plain, inescapable demonstration of this. Chapter six of Joshua is wonderful story of victory, succes Without firing a shot..arrow..stone..great city of Jericho fell apart..and Israel marched in without losing a man. BUT..in midst of victory..seed of defeat was sown. Command had been given in Josh 6:17-18. And disobeyed..7:1. SIN CAME IN..and banished the smile of God. HIDDEN SIN! (topic) Later found out..Josh.7:20-21. (Note progress of sin.. "Saw..coveted..took..hid"..c/f David and Bathsheba) And what were results? Look at them with me...

I. Defeat, failure, ruin fell on Israel..Josh. 7:2-5
(a). This is Prov. 28:13 in action. Covered sins bring failure..not prosperity or success.
If not prosper materially..it is SOMETIMES bec. of hidden s
If not prosper spiritually..it is ALWAYS " " " "
Something wrong. c/f Hag. 1:5-6, 9-10 Sin of neglecting House of God..sin of selfishness..sin of ease..carelessness

II. Prayer was made useless. vs. 6-10.
Joshua concerned..prayed about matter. God said "Get up.. quit your grovelling before Me..quit your hypocrisy..STOP PRAYING! I will not listen to you". c/f vs. 12 Something had to be remedied before prayer could be answered.
If you have hidden sin..FORGET YOUR PRAYERS..useless. c/f Isa. 59:1-2. If iniquity in heart YOU WILL HAVE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT GOD. HE WILL NOT LISTEN TO YOU. In days of calamity..fear..loss..need..sickness..death..YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE GET GOD'S EAR OR HELP. Get right with God...

III The whole nation of Israel was affected..vs.11
Notice what God said. Not "Somebody hath sinned" but "ISRAEL hath sinned..THEY have transgressed..THEY have taken..THEY have dissembled.."THEY have put it among stuff" You see, our hidden sins affect other people..those around us. They destroy working of H.S...may hold back revival fr whole church..community..nation. You and I do not live un

ourselves. We can rob others of God's favour..blessing..Make cam- less happy..less blessed of God.

IV. The sin had to be searched out most carefully..vs.14-15.
Joshua was not told where sin was. Why not? His word might hav been doubted. God arranged to demonstrate this beyong q[illegible]ion. When sin finally revealed..it might well be a very publ[illegible] affair. Far better put things right personally with God[illegible]rs Moreover, Joshua was RESPONSIBLE to search. We too..responsible search own hearts..search out hidden sins,,LEARN what displeases God..what God hates..what Bible says..what Spirit declares.
Are you in doubt about something? SEARCH! You can find out.. somewhere..if it displeases God.
If you do not have a life of blessing..soul-winning..joy in thin of God..it is time for YOU TO SEEK DILIGENTLY..through habits, heart desires..and you do, think, love. Be merciless in search. Don't excuse..cover up..alibi..blame others..Drag it out! Confe and forsake sin that has grieved God.
R.Cs beat us in this..CONFESSION! And yet we have the greatest High Priest of all. God to Him daily. Go to Him now.

V. Sin had a very special, favourite hiding place. vs.22-23
Achan was alright publicly..outwardly..Nobody ever guessed... c/f Judas. Church members. But PRIVATELY..SIN lurked.. flourished. Achan fine in house of worship..but at home,,in his private life,,SELF REIGNED..AND SINNED. What are you like when alone in the dark..nobody sees? Remember God sees! No privacy. God watched ev. move Achan made..And us. illus:- Forgot look up

VI. The judgment of God finally fell on sin. vs. 25.
Not nice..but true. If could find that pile of stones today.. bones of Achan underneath. True today..Rom. 6:23a. John 3:36. God will punish sin..no matter how deeply hidden. He will find it. c/f Ananias and Sapphira.
For Christian with secret sin..chastisement..whip. God knows ho to use it. He is old-fashioned Father! He will never let you go. You cannot escape Him..Prov. 28:13 You will get hurt.
For unsaved, sins unforgiven..terrible wrath of God lies ahead. Tonight..ACHAN IS IN HELL!

VII Achan need not have died at all..
Not sin alone that led him down to death..hell. It was HOLDING ON TO HIS SIN..HIDING IT..COVERING IT UP. Suppose he had buried the loot..stricken with remorse..dug it up again..went to Joshua confessed..forsook..brought sacrifice for it..would God have com anded him to be stoned? NEVER! PROV. 28:13 God loves to show mercy!

Onclus:- 1.Dear Christian! "Keep short accounts with God" Your failure not simply that you have sinned. Ev. child of God does..Daily burden to honest X'n. Grief of mind.. BUT FAILURE, DEFEAT, DISPLEASURE OF GOD comes bec. we COVER our sins. We do not hate them..take sides against..repent with all heart. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH SIN.. I John 1:9. DO IT. Prov. 28:13.
Don't come to me..I don't want to hear..Get away quietly somewhere and talk to GOD.
2. Unsaved friend.. You have your choice. Cover sins.. excuse, deny..but they remain..you know it. Cannot hide from God or deceive Him. You will not prosper. One day you will fall into hell..forever. O take God's wonderful promise..offer..Prov. 28:13. Confess yourself a sinner. Acknowledge fact you need a Saviour. God has already fully provided for you/...GOSPEL. Stand like the poor publican. "God be merciful to me, a sinner".

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