

Sermon Listening Guide (October 12, 2025)

Scripture: Joshua 8:1-29

Sermon Title: “Little City, Big Victory”

First Thoughts

The story of Israel and Ai continues from Joshua 7 (Round 2).

These stories still matter in 2025.

The Sin of Achan (Joshua 7)

The sin of Achan brought death and chaos to all the people of Israel.

In God’s economy, there are no victimless crimes/sins.

God abhors sin, and it separates us from him.

In church, individual sin affects the church body in some capacity.

God and Man (Joshua 8:1-8)

God’s strategy for a second attack on Ai works to perfection.

Things go better in life when we follow God.

While God is all-powerful and sovereign, mankind should still know his responsibilities to God.

God equips us and provides, but he calls us to stand on our feet and do the work.

God empowers the church, but the church must give and go.

The King of Ai (Joshua 8:23 and 28-29)

This episode in Ai ends with some difficult stuff.

The death of the king illustrates God’s righteousness and transcendence.

As you navigate life, do not imagine a God who you create in your own image.

Scripture describes God, and he does not need our permission to act as he chooses.

Final Thoughts

Anselm said: “God is far greater in all his attributes.”

His transcendence should bring us comfort, confidence, and joy.

God will punish sin, but he also restores the soul of those who repent and follow him.