

Chronicles of Gilead
Ai - The Battle Within
Joshua 7 & 8

Introduction - We are the only ones who can limit God's plan for Gilead.

Ephesians 1:3; 3:16-21, Joshua 1:3

I. Defeat at Ai - vv. 7:1-9

- Misappropriation of property considered to be God's
- Living unaware of danger
- Heart melted
- Joshua's concern - reputation of God

II. God's interest - vv. 7:10-15

- God was fully aware of Israel's condition
- God desires repentance, confession of sin and restoration to fellowship

III. Enemy strategy - 7:19-21

- God receives glory when our life is cleared of guilt - Psalm 69:5
- Like Moses hiding Egyptian - Exodus 2:12
- Saw, desired, then takes - Garden

IV. Vessels of use - 7:25-26

- God could not use unclean vessels
- God only uses clean/ forgiven people - Joshua 8:1-2, 28-32

Conclusion - As we focus on the depth of our reliance upon God, He will focus on the breath. Joshua 8:35