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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1459 ~ Achan's Buried Sin.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

Many years ago some miners in America were looking for gold. One of them found an unusual stone. He broke it open and saw gold. Very soon, his friends discovered a lot more of the precious metal. "We've found it! We've found gold! We're rich" they shouted. Soon after, they had to go into town for supplies. Together, they agreed not to tell anyone else about their find. But, when they left to go back to their camp, some other men began to follow. One said to the miners, "You've found gold!" "Whatever makes you think that?" the miners asked. And the others replied, "We could see it in your faces!"

Sometimes people can read us, through our faces, even when we have spoken no words. They can see when we are happy or sad or upset. But they cannot see into our thoughts and desires. But do you know the Almighty God, the One Who created us knows all our secret thoughts? The Bible book Hebrews, chapter 4, says this, "...nothing can be hidden from God; everything is exposed and lies open before His eyes. And it is to Him we must all give account of ourselves."

And the book 1 Samuel, chapter 16, says, "God does not judge as man judges. Men look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." Knowing that God sees and knows everything, can give us great peace and joy in our hearts. Others may judge us wrongly, but the Lord knows and understands when we aim to do right.

However, when our thoughts are wrong, we need to remember we cannot hide them from our Creator God. His judgment is true and just in every way. We may be able to fool others, but no-one can fool the Almighty God.

Amongst all the thousands of Israelites, in today's drama, one man had chosen to disobey God. He thought no-one would know and he thought he could get away with his wrongdoing.

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The One True God had promised His people they would defeat their enemies, as long as they fully obeyed Him. So when the men of the little town of Ai killed thirty-six of Israel's army and chased away the other soldiers, everyone knew someone had disobeyed.

The great and holy God cannot allow wrongdoing amongst His people. When He has forgiven us through the sacrifice of His one and only Son, Jesus, our lives must show that we are His children.

The Bible book Romans, chapter 6, says this, "Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self. Sin must not be your master, for you do not live under law, but under grace." God's wonderful love to us through Jesus dying to save us, makes us **want** to obey Him.

Achan's sin of secret disobedience brought great trouble to a lot of people. Thirty-six Israeli soldiers lost their lives. Then the whole of Achan's family: his sons and daughters and all his animals also died, together with him. God was teaching His people an important lesson: disobedience, greed, and selfishness are very serious. God cannot turn a blind eye to His people doing such things.

And it is still the same today. The lives of people who have come to God through faith in Jesus, must show that they follow and obey Him. Bad behaviour must change. If friends and family do not see any changes in a new Christian's life, they can suspect that the claim to belong to Jesus is in word only and not genuine belief.

In the days not long after the Lord Jesus Christ had gone back to heaven, the early Christian believers loved and cared for each other. The rich ones looked after their needy brothers and sisters in Christ. A husband and wife, Ananias and Sapphira, had a good block of land which they sold. They then gave some of the money to help the poor church members and kept some of it for themselves. That was fine, nothing was wrong with that. BUT they said they had given ALL the money to the church. They were telling a lie to God, **and** to their fellow-believers. And God sent swift judgment on them. They both died. This story shows us God knows when we sin secretly. He only rarely sends judgment straightaway, but He wants us to see our own wrong ways, to be truly sorry and to do what is right.

A company making parts for computers designed a new computer chip. In the testing stages it was discovered that the chip had a flaw. Staff excused the flaw as not being a problem to many people and marketed the faulty chip. In time it became known and chip owners asked for their money back. The company refused at first. But the giant computer firm using the chips in some of its computers refused to use the company's products any more. So then money for faulty chips was returned to people. But the company remained unpopular, not so much for the flaw in the chip but that they tried to cover it up.

In the book of Matthew, chapter 5, the Lord Jesus clearly taught His followers about being honest and open in God's sight. If we have done wrong to someone, we must put it right before we go to worship God. If we are holding onto evil thoughts, or if we are cheating, stealing, or mistreating others, we must judge ourselves and turn from these wrong ways.

The book 1 John, chapter 1, said to the early believers, "If we say we have fellowship with (Jesus), yet at the same time live in darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

BUT if we confess our sins to God, He will keep His promise. He will forgive us our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing."

Are you God's child through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? Remember His Holy Spirit is working in your life. You have the power to say no when the evil one tempts you. You have the power to love and obey Jesus, because He loved you and gave Himself for you. And remember the saying, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

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That was Russ Lee, and the song was "Search Me, O God."

*The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.*

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