

# THE MAN WITH STICKEY FINGERS

## I. Sticky Fingers Go with a Covetous Heart

1. Joshua 7:21 - "I coveted them"
2. Jesus said, "who made me a judge or a divider over you? Take heed & beware of covetousness. For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."
3. Isaiah 56:11 - "they are greedy dogs which can never have enough."
4. Judas said, "What wilt thou give me, and I will deliver him unto you?"

## II. A Covetous Heart Reveals a Guilty Soul.

1. Josh. 7:20 - "I have sinned"
2. Ps. 51:3 - "My sin is ever before me"
3. Dan 5:6 (Belshazzar) - "His thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his knees were loosed, & his knees smote one against another."
4. In that great tale of conscience, Trailers of the Sea Victor Hugo says, "you can no more hope thought from returning to ~~the shore after it has gone~~ ----- past transgression than keep the sea from returning to the shore after it has gone out. In the sea we call it the tide; but the guilty man calls it conscience. Conscience heaves the soul as the tide does the ocean."

## III. A Guilty Soul Stains a Guilty Nation.

1. Joshua 7:11 - "Israel hath sinned"
2. the influence of sin.

#### IV. A Nation's Guilt Angers a Just God.

1. Josh. 7:1 - "the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel."
2. Ps. 2:5 - "Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath and vex them in His sore displeasure."
3. Lev. 32:22 - "A fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell."
4. Isa. 1:4 - "Ah, sinful nation... they have provoked the Holy one of Israel unto anger, they are gone backward."

#### V. A Just God must Judge the Guilty Sinner

1. Ps. 98:9 - "With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."
2. Mal. 3:2 - "Who shall stand when he appeareth?"
3. Rev. 6:17 - "The great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"
4. Heb. 10:31 - "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

#### VI. (A Lesson this story does not illustrate)

The Guilty Sinner Can be completely Forgiven

1. Ps. 32:1 - "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."
2. Dutch anabaptist who rescued 5 Jews.  
Recounted in Motley's Life of the Dutch Republic
3. Neh. 2:17 - "Then art a God ready to pardon, gracious & merciful, & of great kindness."
4. Story of the shepherd of the Highland village, and his daughter who went away.
5. Joel 2:25 - "I will restore unto thee thy grain." that the locusts have eaten.

#### VII. Victory Comes When Sin Is Dealt With.

ch. 8 - the conquest of air.