

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:36-5:11

Introduction:

The story here is linked to that of Achan in the book of Joshua, a hard lesson is about to be learned.

Ch. 4

v 36-37. A first in Christian history- that of honor bestowed.
The honor given to Barnabas.

- His nickname
- A Cypriot
- A Levite
- From a prominent family, that of John Mark

And a couple watched this honoring and, like Achan, coveted.

Ch. 5

v 1. So they also gave financially, which was good.

v 2. They only gave a part of the sale, but that was okay.
But they *said* they gave all, and that was a lie.

v 4. Peter explains why the lie was the sin, not the withholding of money.

v 3. Thus they “lied to God” or dishonored God and treated Him with contempt.

• But God saw what they did as Achan

• And revealed to Peter what they did as Achan

• Who “bound” what they did as Achan

v 5. • And God judged what they did as Achan

• And family died as Achan

v 6. • And “great fear came” as Achan

Conclusion: