

God's Presence and Sin

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Text: Joshua 6, 7; 1 Samuel 4

Introduction: Where sin *is* welcome, God's presence *isn't*.

Israel experienced a succession of _____.
Jericho—Victory should have been _____, but was
_____ (God knocked down the walls).

Ai—Victory should have been _____, but _____
was suffered instead (3,000 fled because of the death of 36).

Ebenezer—The challenge was _____, with a small
defeat being followed by a great defeat. The _____ was lost.

In each situation:

The possibility for _____ was present, even when it
went unseen.

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The presence of God was the common denominator in success,
but sometimes _____ was confused with _____.

We can't:

_____ without God.

Expect God's help when we are _____.

Rely on properly conducted _____ to take the place of a properly maintained _____ with God.

Mistakes in obedience that good people often make include:
_____ ownership of things that belong to God.

_____ things that are meant to point to God, with God Himself.

Trying to do in the _____ what only the _____ can do.

Conclusion:

“Victory has a thousand fathers, while defeat is an orphan.” It takes character to accept responsibility for defeat.
