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Numbers 16:1-50

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The rebels claim that Moses and Aaron have led long enough.

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The rebels claim that Moses and Aaron should not be leading Israel, because all of Israel is equally holy and the Lord is with them.

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The rebels claim that Moses and Aaron have appointed themselves to leadership without the people's consensus.

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Exodus 4:13-15

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Exodus 29:8-9

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Exodus 19:5-6

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Korah was not only guilty of being covetous, rebellious, and divisive, but he was attempting to create a different religion on his terms where there was no need for a prophet like Moses or a High Priest like Aaron.

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Korah was making the same mistake that people still make today, by assuming that everyone can go directly to God by making their own pathway.

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Exodus 16:8b

...the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

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Leviticus 16:12-13

And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil

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and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die.

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Exodus 32:25-26

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Numbers 8:14-16

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As society redefines God, sin, salvation, religion don't look for comfort in numbers or popularity, instead look to see if you are on God's side.

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Those who were so sure that God was on their side, quickly realized that they were wrong...dead wrong.

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Why was the judgment of God so severe?

Korah's rebellion was direct rebellion against God, against God's method of salvation, and it was extremely contagious.

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Was it Aaron's fault that the rebels had died?
Did they kill the people of the Lord?

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What can possibly stop the wrath of God from coming upon the people?

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This point is ultimately made by God appointing God the Son incarnate to fulfill the priestly role.

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Jesus is God's true and last High Priest, and in order to be saved from the wrath of God, you must trust in God's appointed High Priest, and not yourself.

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1. When people read the Old Testament, some are surprised to see that God often judged and punished sinners immediately by putting them to death.
 - A. Why do you think that some people find this surprising?
 - B. How would you explain these events to someone who does not understand how a God of love could kill people?
2. Can you recall any examples in the New Testament when sinners suddenly fell dead in judgment?
3. The lessons that the Israelites were to learn from the design of the tabernacle, its' furnishings, sacrificial system, and the role of the High Priest was how God was teaching the people a right view of Himself and a right view of mankind. Look back at Numbers 16, what are some possible theological errors that Korah and the rebels were believing and teaching to others?
4. Aaron was appointed by God to be the High Priest that represented sinful people to Holy God. One of the primary points that is reiterated throughout the book of Hebrews is that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the High Priestly role. Look up some of these passages and see what point is being made by the author about Jesus being our High Priest:
 - A. Hebrews 3:1-2
 - B. Hebrews 4:14-16
 - C. Hebrews 5:1-6
 - D. Hebrews 6:19-20
 - E. Hebrews 7:23-24
 - F. Hebrews 8:1-2
 - G. Hebrews 9:11-12
 - H. Hebrews 10:11-14
5. In Numbers 16, we find that the Israelites were led astray by Korah's rebellion seemingly leaving only Moses and Aaron to stand for the truth that God had delivered. How can their stand help you, when you find yourself in the minority as you stand for the truth of God?