

PRAYER MEETING

5 October 2015

Text: **Numbers 16**

REBELLION

1. Korah (Levite)
2. Dathan and Abiram (sons of Reuben) (Numbers 16:1)
3. 250 leaders (Numbers 16:2)
 - a) Representatives of the congregation
 - b) Men of renown
4. Gathered together

CHARGE LAID AGAINST MOSES AND AARON

1. Charged with exalting themselves (Numbers 16:3)
2. Everyone is holy (Numbers 16:3)

MOSES' RESPONSE

1. He fell on his face (Numbers 16:4)
(Expression of sorrow and humility)
2. The Lord Himself will indicate who is holy (Numbers 16:4)
3. The Lord will indicate who has been called to draw near to Him (Numbers 16:4)
4. The taking of censers
 - a) Incense is to be put in the censers
 - b) Fire to be put in the censer
5. Counter charge by Moses

Korah and his sons are charged with "taking too much upon (themselves)"
(Numbers 16:7)

REBUKE GIVEN TO KORAH

1. Their ministry as Levites

- a) Separated to the Lord (Numbers 16:9)
- b) Brought near to the Lord (Numbers 16:9)
- c) To do the work of the Tabernacle (Numbers 16:9)
- d) To stand before the congregation (Numbers 16:9)
- e) To serve the people (Numbers 16:9)

2. They now desire the priesthood (Numbers 16:10)

MOSES AND AARON

1. Their objection to their roles was unfounded

2. Who were they (but appointed by the Lord)? (Numbers 16:11)

A WORD TO DATHAN AND ABIRAM

1. He asked them to come up (Numbers 16:12)

2. They defied and rejected this word (Numbers 16:12)

3. Their reasons

- a) Accused of taking the people out of Egypt
- b) Egypt was called a land flowing with milk and honey (Numbers 16:13)
- c) Accused of killing people in the wilderness (Numbers 16:13)
- d) Accused of acting like a prince (Numbers 16:13)
- e) Moses had not brought them into the Promised Land (Numbers 16:14)
- f) He had not given them their inheritance (Numbers 16:14)
- g) Putting out the eyes of the men (if they were to come up) (Numbers 16:14)

ANGER OF MOSES

1. These were spurious charges

2. Moses became angry (Numbers 16:15)