

PRAYER MEETING

12 October 2015

Text: Numbers 16:16-50

THE CHALLENGE TO KORAH

1. A fair challenge
2. To be before the Lord (Numbers 16:16)
 - a) Korah and the Levites
 - b) Aaron and his son
 - c) To take censers

KORAH

1. He accepted the challenge (Numbers 16:19)
2. He gathered all the congregation against Moses (Numbers 16:19)

VENUE

At the door of the Tabernacle of meeting (Numbers 16:19)

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

1. The glory of God was made manifest (Numbers 16:19)
2. The congregation of Israel saw God's glory (Numbers 16:19)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

1. God spoke to Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:20)
2. Word given
 - a) Moses and Aaron were to separate themselves
 - b) The rebels would be consumed (Numbers 16:21)

INTERCESSION

1. In great humility
- They fell on their faces (Numbers 16:22)

2. Addressing God

- a) The God of the spirits of all flesh (Numbers 16:22)
- b) Acknowledging the sin of one man (Numbers 16:22)
- c) Pleading that the followers of Korah be spared (Numbers 16:22)

GOD'S WORD TO MOSES

- 1. Favourable response to intercession
- 2. Word of God to be made known to the congregation
- 3. Separation from:

- a) Korah
- b) Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:23-24)

MOSES AND THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL

- 1. Confronting Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:25)
- 2. Speaking to the congregation
 - a) Depart from the wicked men
 - b) Touch nothing of theirs
 - c) Danger of being consumed in all their sins (Numbers 16:26)

DIVINE JUDGMENT

- 1. Moses' word to Korah (Numbers 16:28-30)
 - a) If death comes naturally, the common fate of men
 - b) Then the Lord has not sent Moses
 - c) A divine act of God- the earth will swallow up the rebels
- 2. Divine judgment meted out (Numbers 16:31-35)
 - a) The earth swallowed up the sons of Korah
 - b) Fire from heaven destroyed the 250 men who were offering incense

IMPORTANT LESSONS LEARNED

1. A sign to the children of Israel (Numbers 16:38)
2. The censers used by the sons of Korah
 - a) They were considered holy
 - b) But the sons of Korah were not!
 - c) They had sinned against their own souls (Numbers 16:38)
3. The censers were hammered out and made into a covering for the altar (Numbers 16:39)
 - a) As a memorial
 - b) No outsider, not from the line of Aaron should offer incense (Numbers 16:40)