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## KORAH'S REBELLION

*"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28–29)*

### Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	Korah's rebellion incited a tragic event that culminated in the deaths of thousands of Israelites because of their sins against God.
Knowledge of God	God will consume those who go against Him and His appointed workers.
Good Works	Learn to be united in heart and spirit, and be a positive influence. Do not allow ourselves to be influenced negatively or become part of divisions in the church.

### A. Korah: Failure to Value God's Blessings (Num 16:1–3)

1. *"You take too much..."*: Korah failed to understand that Moses was appointed by the Lord Himself. He was also clearly ignorant of the grief and frustration that Moses had endured.
2. *"...for all the congregation is holy..."*: This statement merely showed his ignorance regarding both true holiness and the spiritual state of the Israelites.
3. *"Why then do you exalt yourselves..."*: These words reflected Korah's own heart. He accused them of exalting themselves because he himself wanted to be elevated.

### B. Moses' Response (Num 16:4–11)

1. *"Is it a small thing..."*: Korah and his followers didn't value God's blessings.
2. *"...to bring you near to Himself..."*: Although they had been separated for Him, they clearly didn't attempt to deepen their ties to the Lord.
3. *"...to do the work..."*: They did not care about God's holy work, only the rewards.
4. *"...to stand before the congregation..."*: Their position was given not so that they could be exalted, but so that they could serve.
5. *"And what is Aaron...?"*: Korah and his company were rebelling against God, not Aaron.

### C. Dathan and Abiram: Failure to Understand God's Will (Num 16:12–14)

Dathan and Abiram's refusal to come forward was a blatant rebellion against Moses' authority. Moreover, their words showed their own blindness to spiritual matters, as they unjustly blamed Moses for their own punishment. Their words indicated a longing to return to Egypt, showing that even with God's punishment for their refusal to enter Canaan, they still had not learned their lesson.

### D. God's Response (Num 16:16–35)

Despite their rebellion, Moses and Aaron desperately interceded on the Israelites' behalf. God spared the congregation, but still dealt justly, punishing each man according to his sin.

### E. The Israelites: Blind to Sin (Num 16:41–50)

The original source of this entire conflict may have been one group's resentment and pride, but it is clear that the rest of the Israelites were blind both to their own sins and to the sins of others. Overall, the rebellion was rooted in three general problems: the rebels' failure to value God's blessings, their blindness to God's will, and their blindness to sin.

**Life Application:** Learning to Be United in the Church

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## Lesson 5 Homework Assignment

### Korah's Rebellion

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Hebrews 12:28–29):

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1. What attitude should we have when serving God?
2. “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ let each \_\_\_\_\_ others better than \_\_\_\_\_. Let each of you look out not only for his own \_\_\_\_\_, but also for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” (Philippians 2:3–4)
3. What was the main reason Korah and his followers rebelled against Moses?
4. What can we learn from Moses and Aaron’s reaction when God determined to consume Israel?
5. Why do divisions occur?
6. Pick one Bible verse about dwelling in unity. Explain how you can improve what we learned regarding this verse.
7. Have you ever been part of a conflict? How can you approach such situations in the future?