

## Close up the Gaps

Shalom,

**I want to remind you how valuable and precious you are to God**, and that if you will yield yourselves unto Him, He will bring you into a place of victory and peace that is far beyond anything you have ever envisioned. This week's Torah reading found in **Numbers 16:1 - 18:32** is the portion called **Korach** in the Hebrew Scripture translations. It is an account of the tragedy that Korah, Dathan, Abiram, On, and two hundred fifty in the assembly of Israel **brought upon themselves** and so many others who counted their place in the LORD's congregation as unimpressive and less important than the priesthood. They even spoke presumptuously against God and demanded a more prestigious position. It is of utmost importance to notice that if we forget that it is by the grace of God that we have been called by Him and placed **strategically** in His body as it pleases Him, we separate ourselves from the covering that He has lovingly placed over us. You see, God's plans and purposes are perfect, and when we take our God-appointed place in His congregation, or in the body, we fit perfectly. There are no gaps for the destroyer to enter.

*1 Corinthians 12:18 **But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him.***

**Korah from the tribe of Levi and Dathan and Abiram from the tribe of Reuben are examples of those set in a place of honor to serve God**, but because their place seemed less important, in their fleshly reasoning, than the office of High Priest, they contended with Moses about it, and entered into open rebellion against God. In their minds, they were only contending with Moses and Aaron, but their insurrection was against YHWH.

*Numbers 16:1 **Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:***

*Numbers 16:2 **And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:***

*Numbers 16:3 **And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?***

Moses immediate reaction was to intercede for the entire nation of Israel and to remind the three who mounted the insurrection that their place was, indeed, according to the plan of God, and not man. He spoke to Korah to consider his high calling, and to recognize that to rebel against the instructions given by men through the anointing is to rebel against God.

*Numbers 16:9 **Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?***

The fact is that a great disaster in Israel would have been averted had each person recognized the tremendous honor that had been bestowed upon them, and how vital their placement was to the entire congregation. If only they had determined to make their calling and election sure by trusting in YHWH and His Word, and thereby attained maturity to fulfill their potential in the congregation.

Now, some rebellion to the call of God is not as overt as was the case of Korah and his followers. **Some rebel by starting well, but over a period of time, turn loose of the high calling through inattention, distraction, or weariness.** We must make certain that we do not lose focus and give in to discouragement or any other device of the enemy that would leave us without the safety of the covering that God has provided for us in walking in His Torah and hiding ourselves in His plans and purposes within His body.

**I want to exhort you to find your place in God's congregation, the Body of Messiah, and to press in to use your trust to develop and mature in that high calling.** Don't allow anything to discourage or impede your progress. Never allow yourself to even consider that the position that God has set you in is somehow less valuable or important than any other position. **You are a part of a chosen generation.** You belong to a kingdom of priests. Your ministry is to stand in your place and bring glory to the Lord, Yeshua, for you are more than a conqueror through Him Who called you. God is glorified when we trust Him and produce much fruit where He plants us. Let's choose to move from glory to glory in Him as we walk in His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*2 Peter 1:3-8 (TLV) <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and virtue. <sup>4</sup> Through these things He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, since you have escaped the corruption that evil desires have brought into the world. <sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason, making every effort, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly love; and to brotherly love, love. <sup>8</sup> **For if these qualities are in you and increasing, they keep you from becoming idle and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.***

*2 Peter 1:10 (TLV) <sup>10</sup> **Therefore, brothers and sisters, make all the more effort to make your calling and election certain—for if you keep doing these things, you will never stumble.***

*John 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.***

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Standing in the gap,  
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