

Choose to Believe

Shalom,

The Torah reading called **Korach** from **Numbers 16:1–18:32** gets its name from a man named Korach, a cousin of Moses and Aaron, whose name means “**Bald**” or “**Uncovered.**” Moses, Aaron, and Korah were all grandchildren of Kohath. God had selected and anointed this family to the ministry of the Tent of Meeting. Aaron and his sons were anointed to be the priests of Israel. Korach and the rest of the Kohath family were given an anointing to carry out the various tasks related to ministry: setting up, taking down, caring for, and transporting the Tabernacle. You can see by reading the first three verses of Number 16 that God’s plan didn’t make sense to Korah, as he’s known in most English Bible translations. He, as many who become disgruntled at things that seem unfair to them, gave in to his self-serving thinking and spread his anger to others, speaking inciting words that drew them into his rebellion. He, I’m fairly certain, thought of his actions as opposed to Moses and Aaron, but the text makes it clear that his defiance was **open rebellion against God, and was treated as such in the judgement that was applied.** It is so important that we discern the Word of God as it is spoken by the anointing through other people and treat that word with the same awe and obedience, recognizing that the authority of the Almighty God is transferred into men of God’s choosing.

Now Korach the son of Yitz'har, the son of K'hat, the son of Levi, along with Datan and Aviram, the sons of Eli'av, and On, the son of Pelet, descendants of Re'uven, took men and rebelled against Moshe. Siding with them were 250 men of Isra'el, leaders of the community, key members of the council, men of reputation. They assembled themselves against Moshe and Aharon and said to them, “You take too much on yourselves! After all, the entire community is holy, every one of them, and ADONAI is among them. So why do you lift yourselves up above ADONAI's assembly?” (Numbers 16:1-3 CJB)

Korah’s name means **baldness** or **uncovered**. The result of his insurrection against God (although Korah seemed to think the disagreement was between him and Moses) left him completely **without a covering** and was handled by YHWH quickly and without chance for appeal.

“... the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up with their households, all the people who had sided with Korach and everything they owned.” (Numbers 16:32 CJB)

I want you to consider a particularly important aspect of this event regarding the **anointing** of God, the people He **anoints**, and the actions of others toward God's **anointed ones**.

The word, **anointing**, means “to rub or smear a substance onto,” and, in the case of man being anointed by God for a specific calling, indicates a transfer of His divine nature for that purpose. Jesus, the Messiah, means “Jesus, the Anointed One,” and is best understood by the words Jesus spoke to Philip:

*Jesus saith unto him, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? **he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, ‘Shew us the Father?’”* (John 14:9 KJV)

Most only partially understand this great truth concerning what it means for Jesus to be the Anointed One of God, and even fewer have an inkling of what it means for us, as the body of Christ, to be anointed for specific callings and ministries. Those yielding to God's anointing are united with Him in action so that, in fact, it is God's own doing.

People are quick to speak out against what they do not understand and make accusations that demean and harm the reputations of those with whom they disagree. This is prevalent in this time and an indication that we live in the End of Days. No one is immune from the insidious maneuvers of the devil as he employs the tongues of unthinking, natural mankind to do his bidding with deadly eternal results.

*However, these people insult anything they don't understand; and what they do understand naturally, without thinking, like animals—by these things they are destroyed! **Woe to them, in that they have walked the road of Kayin, they have given themselves over for money to the error of Bil'am, they have been destroyed in the rebellion of Korach.*** (Jude 1:10-11 CJB)

Whether the rebellion is against civil leaders or those called to the ministry of the saints, when God anoints for service, the effect of that service is legally as though God Himself is administering His will, and our only response should be to respect and esteem the anointing, praying for those given authority by God to hear clearly and act accordingly. **To do otherwise is to subject us to danger by separating ourselves from the covering of The Most High God. Never relinquish your covering by speaking evil of God's anointed ones.** Recognize that men who are anointed may miss the mark, but they are God's responsibility. We pray for them. The Father appoints and removes by His wisdom and power, and that should settle it.

The king's heart in ADONAI's hand is like streams of water—He directs it wherever He pleases. (Proverbs 21:1 CJB)

*...He allowed no one to oppress them. Yes, for their sakes He rebuked even kings:
“Don't touch My anointed ones or do My prophets harm!” (Psalms 105:14-15 CJB)*

But as it is, God arranged each of the parts in the body exactly as He wanted them. (1 Corinthians 12:18 CJB)

What wonderful plans YHWH had for the entire congregation of Israel! He sent His Word through Moses and Aaron so that all they had to do was trust, even when natural events seemed contradictory. His miraculous deliverance and daily supernatural manifestation of His presence were evident. **It should only be reasonable to recognize that God knew what He was doing.** People must have help to become faithless and unbelieving when God's goodness and love is all around them. The devil uses natural **distractions, accusations, and alternate truth** to deceive so that the promises of God are left unclaimed.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:20-21 KJV)

Turn away from vain babbling! Devilish wisdom is all around to catch those who will allow mingled seed to grow in their natural minds. **Take heed what you listen to.** Choose today what you will hear and determine:

“If it seems bad to you to serve ADONAI, then choose today whom you are going to serve! Will it be the gods your ancestors served beyond the River? or the gods of the Emori, in whose land you are living? As for me and my household, we will serve ADONAI!” (Joshua 24:15 CJB)

Standing on the Rock,
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