

Numbers 16:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

Analysis

God brought them near 'and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee'—the rebellion wasn't merely Korah's personal ambition but had spread to other Levites. Discontent is contagious; one person's covetousness can infect a community. Leaders bear responsibility not just for their own attitudes but for those they influence toward either contentment or rebellion.

Historical Context

Korah recruited 250 'princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown' (verse 2). His movement had momentum and legitimacy in human eyes. This demonstrates that spiritual rebellion can marshal impressive human credentials yet remain fundamentally opposed to God's will.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What responsibility do you bear for attitudes and ambitions you spread to others?

2. How can you recognize and resist spiritually destructive movements even when they seem legitimate?

Interlinear Text

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And he hath brought thee near

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אַתָּה יְהֹוָה

to him and all thy brethren

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בָּנֵי לֵוִי אֶתְתָּבָרְךָ

the sons of Levi

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with thee and seek

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כְּהַבְּדָלָה

ye the priesthood

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