

Numbers 16:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

Analysis

Aaron 'ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.' Aaron's swift action, placing himself in plague's path, demonstrates courageous love for those who just accused him. The incense-offering made atonement, temporarily satisfying God's justice and stopping judgment.

Historical Context

This validates Aaron's priesthood after Korah challenged it. The very ministry Korah coveted now saves lives. Aaron's courage in running toward danger to offer intercession demonstrates the shepherd-heart required of true spiritual leaders.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does Aaron's willing self-sacrifice to save his accusers teach about Christlike leadership?
2. How does this incident vindicate the necessity of priestly mediation God ordained?

Interlinear Text

וַתֵּחַ	וְאֶהָרֹן	בְּאַשְׁרוֹ	דָּבָר	מֹשֶׁה	וַיָּרָץ	אֶל
took	And Aaron	H834	commanded	as Moses	and ran	H413
H3947	H175		H1696	H4872	H7323	
תּוֹךְ	הַקְהָל	וַהֲיָה	לֵהָיִי	הַנֶּגֶף		
into the midst	of the congregation	H2009	was begun	and behold the plague		
H8432	H6951		H2490	H5063		
הָעָם:	וַיָּתֵן	אֶת	הַקֶּטֶר	וַיַּכֶּר	עַל	
among the people	and he put	H853	on incense	and made an atonement	H5921	
H5971	H5414		H7004	H3722		
הָעָם:						
among the people						
H5971						

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