

Numbers 16:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

Analysis

Moses addressed the Levites in Korah's company: 'Seemeth it but a small thing unto you' that God chose you for special service? Their discontent with their God-given role revealed covetousness for honor not appointed them. Rejecting assigned blessing while grasping for unauthorized position is the essence of rebellion against God's sovereignty.

Historical Context

The Levites served in holy service but not as priests—a distinction God established through Aaron's line. Korah, himself a Levite (verse 1), led others of his tribe to demand priestly privileges. Their rebellion challenged not merely Moses' leadership but God's structural arrangement of worship.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What blessings has God given you that seem 'small' compared to what others have?

2. How does coveting positions or gifts not assigned to you constitute rebellion against God?

Interlinear Text

לֹויִם בָּנִים יְהִי אָמֵר מֹשֶׁה וְאַל בְּרֹכָה קְרַב שְׁמָעוּ אֶת שְׁמַעְיָה בְּנֵי אַמְּרִים

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