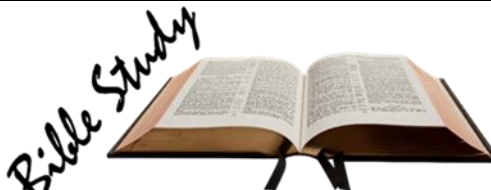


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THE WAY DOWNWARD: THE WAY OF KORAH

Scripture Setting

Numbers 16 (KJV)

Key Verse

“Woe unto them! for they ... perished in the gainsaying of Core” (Jude 11).

Who Was Korah?

- Korah was a Levite,
- Son of _____,
- Kohath’s grandson,
- _____ great grandson, and
- Moses’ and Aaron’s _____.

His Issues

- He was suffering from an _____ complex.
- He was jealous of God’s appointed leaders
- He was greedy, not for money but for _____ (vv. 9-10).

His Character

- Korah was _____.
- He said to Moses, *“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?”* (v. 3).

Korah’s Folly

- Korah made a foolish decision to attack the legitimacy of Moses’ and Aaron’s positions.
- He foolishly organized and led an unwinnable revolt.

The Battle Is the Lord’s

- Moses deferred to God (v. 5).
- Give it over to God

Matthew 5

“11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

God’s Response

- God judged Korah and the conspirators and clearly established the authority of His servants, Moses and Aaron (vv. 30-33).
- Beware speaking against spiritual or governmental leaders in a careless way (Titus 3:1–2).

The Mind of a Rebel

Psychologists found that people revolt for various reasons, one of which is:

- Perception of injustice:

- Korah and his cohorts clearly felt that they were wronged by Moses. They felt deprived.

The Gainsaying of Korah

- Our key verse warns about the “GAINSAYING of Core.”
- Gainsaying means:

particularly God's word or authority.”

Dangers of Gainsaying

- Backing the wrong _____.

- Korah repeated this folly and paid with his life (v. 11, 30-32).

Humility: The Remedy

- “*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up*” (James 4:10).
- James and his siblings did not immediately believe in Jesus as the Messiah.
John 7:5, “*For neither did his brethren believe in him.*” (Read vv. 1-5).

Other Bible Verses About Gainsaying

Romans 10:21

“But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.”

Titus 1:9

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”
