

Let the Real Leadership Stand Up!!!

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According to God's Word, we are in a very crucial time in history if we can accept God's Word at face value. Expositors of Scripture inform us that this is the Laodicean age, which means luke-warmness (Rev. 3:14-16). There was lack of qualified or strong leadership in times of the Old Testament and every man did that which was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Laodicea means "the will of the people," (democracy) which is all right; if the individuals are functioning in the fear of the Lord. Where this is not the case, man responds to his personal motives, decrees and objectives. This may even be so when assuming what he does is in the will of the Lord (II Tim. 2:5 "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strives lawfully)." To do otherwise indicates another problem, or is a symptom of a spiritual problem, which will come to light in other areas of a person's life. One can thank God that there is potential release from such a state through the blood of Christ and the consequent mortification of the flesh (Col. 3:1-6). Nowhere is this better depicted than in the book of Judges, where every generation, or approximately 40 years, God had to send another judge/prophet to deliver them from their self-inflicted and chaotic national state.

A particular case in point is discovered in Numbers 16 when Korah stood up against Moses, "and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel"(16:2). Would to God that all the saints would stand up and do what is right. Unfortunately, these stood up "against Moses and against Aaron." Had these folk not seen how God had provided the leadership they so desperately needed? Had they not seen the consequences of defying the laws of God as in 15: 30-36? Did they have a memory lapse? Had they forgotten what happened in 14:40- 45? Are there not legions of illustrations, of which the ten plaques are but a

few, of what God was doing through His appointed leadership? Moses' leadership was discounted. A most appalling statement is "Ye take to much upon you, seeing the entire 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" (16:3). The entire above riotous attitude started in one corner with "Korah the son of Levi," who should have known much better, due to the fact that he came out of a priestly home (16:9, 10). Some can never find a teacher wise enough to teach them or lead them of which Korah and company are a few. How can they have justified verse 3, in which they suggest, "The entire congregation are holy?" Where they not murmurors (14:2)? Were they not rebellious, (12:1, 2)? Had the Lord not destroyed some among them because of their complaining (11:1)? Their murmuring was the defilement of the tabernacle of the Lord (16:9, 10). There is no way that this went un-noticed, or unpunished by the Lord. A most graphic picture of divine judgement comes to light in 16:30-33. The answer to such a dilemma is seen in Deut. 5:29; 28:58. Thank God, He is merciful and will forgive as seen in the case of Miriam and Aaron's rebellion in Numbers 12:1, 9-15. The compassionate prayers of Moses, who had been accosted by these two, were the only answer. Let us pray. Jv/dV

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