

REBELLION (Rebellious Attitude)

It's All in Your Mind...Attitude is Everything (Part 9)

I. REBELLION IS SERIOUS.

“Rebellion is the complete state of anti-God.”

²³ ‘For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,’ 1 Samuel 15:23 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” Romans 13:1 (ESV)

II. REBELLION EXISTS IN EVERY HUMAN HEART.

⁴¹ Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took action, ² and they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown.” Numbers 16:1-2 (NASB)

• Sources of Rebellion:

✓ Jealousy

⁴³ They assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?’” Numbers 16:3 (NASB)

✓ Delusions

⁴⁴ When Moses heard this, he fell on his face; ⁵ and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, ‘Tomorrow morning the Lord will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself. ⁶ Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company, ⁷ and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the Lord tomorrow; and the man whom the Lord chooses shall be the one who is holy. You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!’ ⁸ Then Moses said to Korah, ‘Hear now, you sons of Levi,’” Numbers 16:4-8 (NASB)

✓ Ungratefulness

¹² is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them; ¹⁰ and that He has brought you near, Korah, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking for the priesthood also? ¹¹ Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord; but

as for Aaron, who is he that you grumble against him?’” Numbers 16:9-11 (NASB)

✓ Stubbornness

¹² Then Moses sent a summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, ‘We will not come up.’” Numbers 16:12 (NASB)

✓ Disappointment

¹³ ‘Is it not enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us? ¹⁴ Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, ... Would you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!’” Numbers 16:13-14 (NASB)

✓ Distrust

III. REBELLION HAS MANY CONSEQUENCES.

²¹ ‘Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly.’ ²² But they fell on their faces and said, ‘O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, will You be angry with the entire congregation?’ ²³ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ ‘Speak to the congregation, saying, “Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.”’” Numbers 16:21-24 (NASB)

• Leadership withdrawal

• Innocence defiled

²⁵ Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him, ²⁶ and he spoke to the congregation, saying, ‘Depart now from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, or you will be swept away in all their sin.’” Numbers 16:25-26 (NASB)

• The guilty condemned

²⁸ Moses said, ‘By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not my doing. ²⁹ If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the Lord has not sent me.’” Numbers 16:28-29 (NASB)

• Rebellion is contagious

⁴¹ But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘You are the ones who have caused the death of the Lord's people.’” Numbers 16:41 (NASB)

IV. REBELLION IS ULTIMATELY AGAINST GOD.

⁴¹ ‘Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord; ...’” Numbers 16:11 (NASB)

QUESTION:

- ❖ What authority in my life am I refusing to obey?