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## Numbers 16:1-15



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## Jealousy and presumptuousness



In chapter 12 you read about Miriam's and Aaron's envy. Today you learn where jealousy leads to. Korah, Dathan and Abiram are dissatisfied with their tasks. Korah is a Kohathite and therefore has one of the noblest tasks anyway. But he wants to be a priest. It seems that Dathan and Abiram are envious of the position of Moses. They all rebel against Moses and Aaron, and in so doing, against God. As opposed to Miriam and Aaron, they don't repent. Because of that, they can be certain of their destruction.

It may happen to you that you envy someone because of their abilities or their position. If that's the case, confess your guilt.



69. What does it mean when Korah and his followers say that the whole congregation is holy (v3)? Think back on chapter 3!

70. What happens to the sons of Korah? Clue: You won't find the answer in today's passage.



There is holy anger and unholy anger. Moses' anger (v15) was holy anger before God. A believer can also express holy anger. But this can easily turn into fleshly anger, if you stop thinking exclusively of God's honour and personal emotions come into it. Therefore: „Be angry, and do not sin.“ (Ephesians 4:26)



**If envy arises in your heart, make sure you are aware of it and confess this sin!**

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69. It means something like: "All Israelites are equally holy and can sacrifice to God." This however is opposed to God's instructions, because only the Levites were separate, i.e. made holy, for God, instead of the firstborn. 70. They don't perish, as Numbers 26:11 tells us. This also becomes evident in the Psalms were the sons of Korah are often mentioned as the authors of Psalms.