



Parashat Korach

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Rebellion for its own sake has little, if any, place in the world. Korach, Moses' and Aaron's cousin, leads a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. Korach accused them of elevating themselves above B'nai Israel. Korach was a learned man, but he was arrogant, self-promoting and a stiff-necked man. Korach, with 250 others sought to usurp Moses' and Aaron's G-d given authority to Moses and Aaron.

The rebellion of Korach and his 250 followers demonstrates the grim consequences of rebelling against the authority of G-d. Korach's argument in challenging Moses' and Aaron's authority begins with him saying; the whole community is holy, every one of them and G-d is with them. Why do you then set yourselves above G-d's assembly? Korach probably believes he can do a better job.

By leading the revolt against G-d's divinely appointed leaders, Korach was revolting against G-d. The fate of Korach and his 250 followers was to be swallowed by the earth. They vanished and were lost from the congregation.

Rebellion for the sake of change, when it is in G-d's best interest, is a good thing but when it is driven by self interest one can be lost from G-d and their people. Moses and Aaron remain in their positions and faith in both their skills and G-d's divinity is restored.

Good Shabbos!

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