

Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Numbers 16.41-50

Dissatisfied with Distinctions

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- **Read Num 16.3** ~ “You take too much upon .. all .. holy .. every one of them”
- **Read Num 16.28** ~ “.. the Lord has sent me .. I have not done them of my ..”
- **Read Num 16.41** ~ “You have killed the people of the Lord”
- God made distinctions between peoples, tribes, and individuals
- God set apart Moses, Aaron and sons, Levites, other tribes, Canaanites
 - The people resented God’s design / Attributed it to Moses
 - This was a pattern that had been repeated over and over

Jealousy, Envy, Bitterness and Rebellion

- Aaron and Miriam were jealous of Moses
- The Levites were jealous of the priests
- The people were jealous of the Levites
- All of this jealousy manifested itself as rebellion over and over again

Rejection of God’s Design and Distinctions

- We live in a world that was designed by God
 - This world works best when it embraces God’s design
- Popular liberal causes are often rebellions against God’s design – Obvious
 - Women’s liberation / Women freed from husbands and homes
 - Sexual revolution / Sexual relations to be enjoyed apart from marriage
 - Gay rights / People free to have relations with others of same gender
 - Gay marriage / Same gender couples embrace societal (God’s) designs
 - Transgender / People free to change gender
- Less obvious ones such as:
 - Poverty / People’s work ethics and incomes differ ~ redistribution
 - Homelessness / People choose lifestyle but others provide for them
 - Economic Envy / Criticize, tax and destroy the successful

**The 10th Commandment is “You shall not covet...” / The list is endless
Coveting covers a broader spectrum than property / God’s design as well**