



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

DIVISION

Strive - Separation

YHVH hates strife, discord, and division between brothers, calling the one who sows them an abomination

Proverbs 16:28

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

Ungodly ways of resolving dispute can lead to arguments, pride, hate, slander, gossip and jealousy. It destroys families, friendships, and marriages. Holding grudge with someone can hinder your relationship with YHVH. Judgemental and decisive people don't see that their deeds are wrong, having internally justified themselves by presuming that their way is the only right way. Anxiety and anger is like fuel to a fire.

Envy and selfish ambition cause all kinds of trouble in our personal lives, not only at home or at work, but also in fellowships as those who are neither qualified nor anointed or chosen for positions YHVH never intended them to occupy.

We are to love others as ourselves, but strife does not do that. While some thrive on gossip and causing division, the godly people thrives for peace. YHVH loves peace and where there is peace we find prosperity because the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) dwells in peace (shalom).

Philippians 2:3 -4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

YHVH requires that we refrain from anger and keep love, because love covers all wrongs.

Whenever there is misunderstanding between members of a family, between friends or a group it can create division when there is sides chosen.

The name Korach derived from Korcha, which means split.

Korach created division, strife, and disaster within the community and family through his rebellion, discontent, and dirty politics. The hebrew word iMachloket means (Strife),

Korach was a Levite, a family member from the very offspring of Aaron who rose up against Moses, joining forces with Datan and Aviram, who were from the tribe of Reuben, along with On, son of Pelet, and 250 respected leaders from the Israelite community.

Moses perceived the reason for Korach's discord behavior, and his dark hidden agenda. As the Ruach HaKodesh revealed the desire of Korach that lurked in his heart to exalt both himself and the Levitical priesthood to the position YHVH had precisely granted to the Aaronic priesthood.

We find that in this dispute it caused anger to raise amongst the members and the tactic to cause discord. As a righteous person, you will look at dispute from both sides and then look for a way to bring understanding and peace.

Moses and Aaron were appointed by YHVH Himself to lead the Israelites to the Promised land. YHVH was present at all times. After the failure of serving a false image, YHVH brought peace by His Covenant. Each one had a duty to perform as the Levites were appointed in several Holy duties.

YHVH chose the Levites to be responsible of taking care of the Holy Tabernacle the structure and its vessels. This duty as servants to the Aaronic priesthood made them holy before YHVH.

Numbers 16:8–10

"Hear now, you sons of Levi: Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of YHVH, and to stand before the congregation to serve them; and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you?"

Since YHVH Himself had made the priesthood and outlined the duties of the Levites, they acted in rebellion against the authority of YHVH. Their evil tactics caused them to gather together before the time to work on a strategy. It clearly proves that before Moses and Aaron were approached they already had their own plan in mind.

Numbers 16:3

“They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and YHVH is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of YHVH?’”

Moses used the authority YHVH placed him in to bring clearance and wisdom to understanding. Moses pointedly asked the group, “Are you seeking the priesthood also?”

This might sound familiar as when dispute breaks out, the wicked will use the holy as a weapon and their pride to place them in control. The Word of YHVH warns us against this sort of self-aggrandizing ambition as it brings with it great evil.

Numbers 16:12

“Moses sent a summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, ‘We will not come up.’”

Pride and refusal is a sign of rebellion to no resolution.

James 3:16

“For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

Korach sinned by coveting the more prestigious role of the Aaronic priesthood, rather than that of Levitical servanthood.

Datan and Aviram, had the courage to confront Moses directly, face to face. Datan and Aviram seemed to remain in their tents. They sinned by rebelling against Moses' authority over them as YHVH's divinely appointed leader. When Moses called for them, they replied, “Loh na'aleh (we won't go up).”

Moses warned the people of Israel to move away from the tents of Korach, Datan, and Aviram lest they be destroyed by YHVH's judgment of their sin, as well:

Numbers 16:26

“Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins.”

Unfortunately those who indeed formed coalition and became part of the wickedness will go down for the choice they make.

Proverbs 13:20 counsels that “a companion of fools will suffer harm.”

Those who refused to “go up” to negotiate Shalom (peace) with Moses ended up “going down” to their deaths. The earth swallowed them up (as well as their families and Korach's family) alive. Exalting themselves to positions of leadership ultimately lead to their own destruction.

Numbers 16:33

“So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.”

Proverbs 6:12–15

“A worthless person, a wicked man ... he sows discord. Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.”

With YHVH as our Father and Friend, we can trust Him to meet our social, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Being humble and gentle are two Godly ways we can avoid strife.

1 Timothy 6:6

“Godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Even in that exalted position, Moses was called the most humble man on earth (*Numbers 12:3*), and we are told to humble ourselves as well. Walking in humility is being willing to walk in obedience to our calling, YHVH is requiring us to serve in a position of leadership.

Scripture advises us that “a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (*Proverbs 15:1*)

May we all learn to walk in greater humility, contentment, and gentleness towards all people; and may YHVH bring unity and peace between us all.

It is written, “Hinei mah tov umah na’yim; shevet achim gam yachad

Psalm 133:1

Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”

Be blessed and stay blessed 🌷