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CREATION CORNER

Neanderthal Nightmare

This is the amazing story of a dental specialist, who decided to do research on the teeth of Neanderthal skulls. A few old human skulls and bones were found in the Neander valley in Germany and later others were found in France. As soon as the scientists got these bones, they had right away told everybody that they were ape-men. They had artists draw pictures of some big, heavy looking people with half monkey faces and shaggy hair. I am sure you have seen pictures of Neanderthals like this.

There is a big tourist center over there, where they make a real deal out of evolution and these Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon fossils. Thousands of people visit every year to see the bones and hear all the 'stuff' the scientists tell them about these 'ape-men'.

There are only a few original skulls and they are in this museum. In other parts of the world, like USA, they just have models to show to the people. It is that way about a lot of fossils, by the way the scientist talk you would think they had piles of real good skeletons, so they are sure about them,

but often there are only very few pieces, especially in human fossils.

Well in 1979, Dr. Cuzzo, an orthodontist dentist, borrowed a good portable X-ray machine and went over to the big museum in France that is close to where some of these caves are. By the blessing of God, the Museum allowed him to do his research on these famous Neanderthal skulls.

He had a special holder that would hold the skulls in just the right way so he could take true pictures of them with the X-ray and thus learn a lot about them. But even he was surprised at what he learned!

He quickly saw that the jaws of these skulls had been moved out of where they really belonged and pushed forward to make them look more like an ape.

In some cases he was able to see photos of the skulls when they were first found and when he checked them against what the skulls were like now, he found they had been changed.

Some of them had parts filed down and other parts built up with plastic. In some the jaw was missing. The most amazing thing he found in one of the skulls was a bullet hole!! It had been covered up and hidden by the scientist that had written

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about this skull. It sure makes you wonder how there could be guns back all those hundreds of thousands of years ago that they claim these skulls to be, doesn't it??

Now he knew just how teeth and jaws should go together, so he carefully put them into their proper position and did his X-rays, measurements and pictures. It is amazing that when the skulls were put together in the right way, they did not look like ape-men at all. It was so obvious that these evolutionary 'scientists' had wanted ape-men so badly that they just got busy and changed the fossils so they would be ape-men.

Now one of the things Dr. Cuozzo had to do was give a set of copies of all the pictures he took, to the museum when he finished. He was pretty worried about this. What were they going to say when they saw their tricks and lies plainly revealed?? Next week we will learn what happened.

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TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Lamp That Kept on Burning

By Phyllis Somerville

"Please come and preach to us," pleaded a man who lived on an island off the coast of Korea. The colporteur looked down, shifted his feet uneasily, and finally stammered, "I've never spoken in public before. You might be disappointed. I'm sure you can find a better speaker."

"There might be other speakers," the man replied, "but it may be a long time before one of them can come to our island. I've heard some of your beliefs, and I want to learn more. I'll also invite some of my friends to attend. Surely, you will not disappoint me."

The colporteur finally agreed, thinking that the man would bring his wife and maybe a friend or two. But what if more people came to the meeting? He very well knew how eager the Koreans were to hear the Gospel, and he knew that this was his God-given opportunity to speak for his Master. "We will be looking for you," the man said as they parted.

Wondering why he had agreed, the colporteur made his way home to tell his wife. Together they knelt in earnest prayer. After getting up from their knees, they discussed what would be a good message and decided to use Daniel 2. "Many of our ministers seem to use it first," the colporteur reasoned.

"You'd better make some notes," his wife suggested. "Notes!" he exclaimed. "I'd better write the entire sermon word for word. I'm sure to forget some of it."

Together they sorted out the texts they needed. Knowing that the Lord was helping him think of the right words to say, the colporteur began to feel more confident. The evening for the meeting arrived quickly—too quickly! But the colporteur knew his message well.

"Let's pray before we leave for the hall," he suggested to his wife. So again they knelt to ask God's blessing upon the little service.

They started early, well armed with equipment, Bible, sermon, and hymnal. As they walked down the dusty road, the colporteur and his wife kept overtaking small groups of people headed in the same direction. They paid little heed at first, thinking that there was some entertainment in the village.

However, as they got closer to the appointed place, the colporteur began to get cold sweat on his hands as it dawned on him that he was not going to speak to "one or two friends." All these people were coming to town to the meeting to listen to him!

They entered the shabby hall and looked at the audience of 150 eager people, packed into all the available space. The colporteur felt like a schoolboy wanting to run and hide. His wife noted his anxiety and whispered, "I'll be praying for you, dear."

Appreciating the encouragement, he added, "I'll need it. But God be praised for bringing out the folks to hear this humble servant."

The "publicity man" ambled up to them. "See, I brought my friends."

"It's wonderful that you have invited so many people, but I am not a public speaker," the colporteur said. "Do you think they will listen?"

"Yes, yes. They are all eager to learn about Jesus."

The colporteur quickly chose some hymns that he thought he could teach the crowd to sing, and prayerfully he went to the front to the hall. He noticed that there was only a little dish lamp on the table at the front of the room. The lamp was like those used in Bible times, a type still commonly used in some parts of the world.

The people did their best to learn the hymns he taught them, and after a heartwarming prayer he proceeded to read his message. There was rapt attention and much nodding of heads.

But as their interest rose, the lamp grew dim. Too dim, in fact, for the colporteur to read his notes. He stopped abruptly and asked the man who had arranged the meeting whether more oil could be provided.

The embarrassed man stood up and humbly apologized to the colporteur. "We tried to buy more oil, but we couldn't. There won't be any more until a boat comes in, and that may take several days. I'm sorry, but we had already made arrangements and invited the folks. What should we do?"

The colporteur suddenly thought of the miracles in the Bible. There were even a couple in there about oil that didn't run out. "Let's pray," he announced.

It seems that all the heads were reverently bowed except one. The little fellow it belonged to was sitting on the front row. Maybe he was waiting to see what God would do, now that the man of God was asking for a miracle. Suddenly he shouted, "Look at the lamp!"

The colporteur said a hasty amen and opened his eyes. "Praise God!" he shouted. The lamp flared up and was burning brightly! The room was in a hubbub. No one had ever seen anything like this before! The lamp continued to burn brightly on just one drop of oil. The audience insisted that the man resume his talk. Surely the God this man talked about was a God to be worshipped!

The colporteur felt as if he were living in a cloud assured of God's presence, he forgot his bashfulness and finished his sermon with power. The folks clamored for the meetings to continue, and so the encouraged speaker willingly and thankfully accepted the invitation. He knew God would work mightily.

The colporteur spoke for three more nights. Prayer was offered each night that God would perform a miracle because it was true that no oil could be purchased in the town. And during the seven hours of meetings the lamp continued to shine.

The light of the Gospel banished the darkness from the hearts of many people who had known nothing but idol worship. At the end of the meetings 60 people asked to be baptized. When a church was organized, its members declared that it was "the church where the light of truth will never go out." = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

Water Treatments # 5

SECTION TWO COLD-TO-HEATING

WHAT IT IS: These are applications of cold cloths, covered with flannel, to a body area. The body reacts and heats up the cloths and the result is improved circulation and a better flow of healing blood in and out of the afflicted area.

1: HEATING THROAT COMPRESS AND DRY THROAT COMPRESS

WHAT IT IS: This is a cold compress that is so covered up that warming soon takes place. The effect is that of a mild, prolonged application of moist heat.

HOW IT CAN HELP YOU: Gradually, over several hours, a throat compress can reduce inflammation and bring healing to a body part. A cold, wet cloth is placed about the throat, then covered with dry flannel to prevent air circulation, thus increasing body heat in that area. Mothers will often place a heating compress on a child with a sore throat in the evening and take it off the next morning. The compress should be dry by then.

PROBLEMS IT CAN HELP SOLVE: The Throat Compress is a very helpful household remedy for sore throat, hoarseness, tonsillitis, and swollen glands.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: 2 or 3 thicknesses of ordinary cotton cloth about 3 inches wide and long enough to encircle the neck twice. Two thicknesses of flannel not less than 4 inches wide. Safely pins. Possibly a piece of bandage.

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: Prepare your materials for the neck compress. If it is to go on one who is too frail to warm it up, then use a Dry Throat Compress, which is prepared in the same manner as the regular Heating Throat Compress, but without being first wrung out of cold water.

2: In giving a regular Heating Throat Compress, wring the cotton cloth from cold water and place it around the neck. This should be about 2-3 thicknesses about the neck.

3: Cover it well with the flannel (single or double thick, depending on the weight of the material). Fit the flannel snugly but not too tightly that it will be uncomfortable. Pin it securely.

4: In tonsillitis, and sore ears, the compress should extend upward about the lower part of the ear. You may need to hold up this part of the compress (that is by the lower part of the ear) with

a bandage that is fastened to it and goes over the top part of the head and back down to it on the other side.

5: Remove it the next morning. It should be entirely dry. When first put on, it can be quite wet but should not drip. But the next morning it must be dry.

6: As soon as you have removed the compress, rub the neck with a cloth wrung out of cold water.

2 - HEATING CHEST PACK

WHAT IT IS: The Heating Chest Pack is similar in some respects to a fomentation over the chest. The difference is, instead of changing fomentation cloths, a piece of wet cotton sheeting is wrapped around the chest and then covered. Thus, a slow build-up of heat occurs over a longer period of time.

Here are some other Chest Packs:

Partial Chest Pack, in which a wet cloth is placed only over the front chest. This is used when the person would be too frail to heat up the full wet pack.

Dry Chest Pack, has no moist compress in it, and is helpful between other treatments, and for those who are thin, aged, do not react well to cold, and those in the early stages of pneumonia.

HOW IT WORKS: These chest packs gradually build up heat in the skin above the chest, and thus aid in relieving congestion in the chest and lungs.

The Heating Chest Pack is the most powerful; the Partial Chest Pack has far less strength; the Dry Chest Pack is the mildest.

PROBLEMS IT CAN HELP SOLVE: Here are some of the conditions the Chest Pack is used for: Bronchial and respiratory colds that hang on. Influenza of the respiratory type. Pneumonia: Only use a Dry Chest Pack during the acute stage of pneumonia; only use a Heating or Partial Chest Pack when they are getting better from it. During pneumonia, the skin does not have its normal ability to adjust to changes in outside temperature. These chest packs are also helpful for whooping cough, croup, asthma, and similar conditions.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: The chest pack can be made in several ways, but, since you will be using it many times on the same person, we will here describe the simplest: the fitted chest pack.

Take flannel material and cut it with scissors into two fitted pieces; one will go over his chest, upper shoulders and sides; the other will cover his back and lower shoulders and side. Allow for overlapping under the arms and on the shoulders. This will be pinned together each time it is used.

You will also need a cotton cloth (such as old sheeting material) if a wet cloth in a regular Heating or Partial Chest Pack, is to be used. You will not need it if a Dry Chest Pack is being applied.

HOW TO APPLY IT:

1: Warm up his chest with fomentations, or a heat lamp over his chest.

2: If a moist cloth is to be applied, wring it thoroughly from tap water and place it on his chest (Partial Pack), or wrap it about his chest and upper back (Heating Pack).

3: Cover quickly with the fitted flannel (that you earlier cut out for this purpose). He should be covered well, but not too tightly. Pin securely.

CAUTIONS: The wet compress should be wrung out thoroughly, and then covered well to avoid chilling and to aid in a prompt reaction. The pack must be snugly applied at all places, but not so tight as to restrict breathing. The pack should be comfortable and should feel warm in a very short time. If not, remove it and apply a milder pack (a Partial or Dry Chest Pack). = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

E.B. Hare's 1st Sabbath School: 6

In the latter part of 1917 the Hamiltons were called to work in Rangoon. The Hares were left in charge of the mission station, and Eric was issued a ministerial license. Now how should they go about carrying out this new responsibility?

As they discussed plans of action Eric concluded, "Agnes dear, don't you think it would work to first start a Sabbath school and then follow up interests with Bible studies? Gradually some would be ready for baptism, and then we could organize a church."

Agnes agreed, but little did the new missionaries yet realize the powerful effect of fear on people's behavior. Eric visited all the villages within ten miles of the mission station. He told the people, "We're going to have Sabbath school at the mission station next Sabbath morning at nine o'clock. Be sure to come, and we will sing you nice songs, show you beautiful pictures, and tell you lovely stories."

"Ugh, ugh," they would grunt agreeably. Sabbath morning the Hares were excited. Bamboo mats were placed on the floor for folk to sit on, a Picture Roll was hung on the wall, the folding organ was set up, and Eric's trumpet was ready to play. He walked up and down the veranda, waiting for the

people, but not a soul came.

So it went for six weeks. It was baffling, but Eric and Agnes tried hard not to become discouraged. Then one Sabbath morning, even before Eric was dressed, he heard someone call from across the river. He looked out to see about two hundred persons on the opposite riverbank, waiting, he was sure, to get across to Sabbath school.

“Agnes, come and see! Here they come, my dear; it just took some time for them to get the idea, but now look at them!”

Eric and another man rowed the big canoe across to welcome the crowd and to bring them across to Sabbath school, only to be surprised and disappointed to find that the group was on its way to a big devil dance at a village three miles downriver from the mission station.

“Now what will we do? Eric asked his wife.

“Well,” she replied thoughtfully, “if they won’t come to our Sabbath school, why don’t we take the Sabbath school to them?”

“Excellent idea! That’s exactly what we will do.” The next Sabbath, Eric and Agnes set off for the nearest village, armed with trumpet, Picture Roll, and a bag of medicines. As they gave out medicines and applied bandages they said, “When you hear music at the headman’s house, . . . come and we’ll sing you nice songs and show you beautiful pictures and tell you lovely stories.” When at last the music started, the people came; so many, in fact, that the missionaries feared the headman’s house would be broken down. So Sabbath school was held outside.

When Eric stopped playing to catch a breath, all the people clapped their hands and cried, “Fine! Fine! Now sing for us.” Just what Eric wanted! Now he could sing, then ask, “Did you understand the words? The people, who had no idea what a religious service was, would say, “No,” and he would say, “Then let me explain the words.” That would open the way for a simple sermon. So the missionaries sang two hymns, and Eric was reaching for the Picture Roll when the audience began to applaud, and cried, “Fine! Fine! Fine! Now please tell Mama to dance for us!”

Eric and Agnes hardly knew whether to laugh or cry. It really wasn’t funny, for they had come to conduct a Sabbath school, and dancing certainly was not on the program. They breathed a quick prayer, God gave them words to say, and they went ahead with the Sabbath school story, while the

people listened intently.

Eric later wrote of this first village Sabbath school experience:

“You can only imagine how thrilled we were when we reached home that evening to realize that we had actually held a Sabbath school among the superstitious devil worshipers. By faith we looked forward to the time when many such Sabbath schools would be organized and many of the jungle people would become God’s peculiar treasure.

As the four of us continued to meet in our own little Sabbath school at the mission station, Nurse Gibbs, Ma Key; a Karen girl who kept house for Miss Gibbs; Mrs. Hare, and I, we prayed that God would mightily bless our feeble efforts, and as we prayed, the good news began to spread far and wide.”

As Eric and Agnes understood and loved the Karen people more and more, they were heartened to see a growing response, both to their kindness and compassion in caring for the natives’ physical needs and to the simple presentation of the gospel. They saw the dreadful superstition and fear of the devil worshipers dissipate as the people learned to trust the missionaries and then to show faith in the God of the missionaries. The work was slow and sometimes bitterly disappointing, but the Hares believed more and more that they had found their “special place.” = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

It’s Okay, Everybody does it.

When Johnny was 6 years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding. His father handed the officer a twenty-dollar bill with his driver’s license. “It’s OK son,” his father said as they drove off. “Everybody does it.”

When he was 8, he was present at a family council presided over by Uncle George, on the surest means to shave points off the income tax return. “It’s OK, kid,” his uncle said. “Everybody does it.”

When he was 9, his mother took him to his first theater production. The box office man couldn’t find any seats until his mother discovered an extra \$5 in her purse. “It’s OK, son,” she said. “Everybody does it.”

When he was 12, he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen and

they collected \$75. "It's OK, kid," she said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 15, he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn't see it. "It's OK, kid," the coach said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 16, he took his first summer job at the supermarket. His assignment was to put the overripe strawberries on the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top where they would show. "It's OK, kid," the manager said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 18, Johnny and a neighbor applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. His neighbor was in the upper 3 percent of his class, but he couldn't play right guard. Johnny got the scholarship. "It's OK, kid," his parents said. "Everybody does it."

When he was 19, he was approached by an upper classman who offered the test answers for \$50. "It's OK, kid," he said. "Everybody does it."

Johnny was caught and sent home in disgrace, "How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father said. "You never learned anything like this at home." His aunt and uncle were also shocked.

If there's one thing the adult world can't stand, it's a kid who cheats.... Updated from the Chicago Sun-Times. Jack Griffin.



Year 2: 4th Quarter:

"FROM THE WILDERNESS TO CANAAN" WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1: "REBELLION"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days. There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." 1 Samuel 15:23

Sunday

Text: Numbers 16:1, 2 "Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown."

This quarter we are going to continue the stories of Israel on their way to the Promised Land. After their army had been beaten so badly, they had to move back into the wilderness because the enemies, who were not afraid of them any more, would soon come to attack them.

But there was still a bad, grumbly spirit in their hearts and trouble soon came again. It wasn't long before a real rebellion happened.

Korah, was a Levite, and a cousin of Moses. He was a smart man and the people admired him. He was part of the family that had a special job in the care of the tabernacle. They were the ones who cares for the Ark and the furniture.

It was an important job, but Korah decided he wanted more. He wanted to be the High Priest. God had chosen Aaron and his sons to be the high priests and no other family was to do this job. But Korah decided that Moses had just made Aaron High Priest because he was Moses' brother.

He was jealous and always did what he could to get the people to ignore the guidance of Moses and Aaron. He was sneaky about it, and just talked to his friends and anyone he could get to listen to him. He would try to get others to have this same grumbly spirit and ignore their leaders. Soon lots of people agreed with him and thought he was right.

Close to Korah's tent, on the south side of the tabernacle, was the tents of the tribe of Reuben, the tents of Dathan and Abiram, two princes of this tribe, were close to that of Korah. As Korah decided to lead a rebellion and refuse to follow Moses and Aaron any more, these men agreed with him and joined in his plans.

They decided that they deserved the place of Moses as leader, because they were the son's of

Rueben, Jacob's 1st son. They decided that Korah should be the High Priest.

Thought – Korah worked just like Satan did to make rebellion in heaven. He was sneaky and got others to agree with him and then said the idea was theirs.

Monday

Text: Numbers 16:3,4 “And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face.”

Finally all these grumblers got together in a big group and accused Moses and Aaron. They said that Moses and Aaron had put their own selves in as rulers of the people. They said all the people were just as good as they were, and others should have a chance to rule.

They said that the problems were all because of Moses and Aaron, that if they had done better they could all be happy in the Promised Land already. Over and over God had tried to show them that it was He that was leading them, Moses was just obeying Him.

But they refused to accept this truth. It did not please them to think that they did not have just as much right to rule as Moses did, and that their own ideas were not just as good as the Words of God. When people refuse truth that God tries to show them, after a while they will not believe even if an angel shouted in their ears.

Now here Korah was with the great, big, grumbly group claiming that all their problems were because Moses kept telling them about their sins. They said it wasn't because of the people's grumbling that problems had come to them. They said that what had happened was not because of the wrong the people had done. It was because Moses was always accusing them as sinners, when they were a holy people, and the Lord was among them.

He told the people that if it had not been for Moses, they would have had a peaceful journey right into the Promised Land. What they needed was a leader who would praise their good points instead of telling them about their sins.

Korah sympathized with the people and told

them they were good. Now when people have done wrong and know it, but refuse to repent, they just love someone who will flatter them and tell them how good they are.

Thought – Poor Moses; he would have been happier to have stayed working as a shepherd the rest of his life. But when God gives someone a job to do, they dare not leave that job until God tells them to.

Tuesday

Text: Numbers 16:5-7 “And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.”

Some though did not go along with this because they remembered how patient and kind Moses had been. So Korah and his friends made up a wicked lie about Moses and Aaron and said they just wanted the people to die in the wilderness so they could have all their things for themselves.

What a wicked lie against one who over and over had pleaded for them when God might have destroyed them. Even when God said He would make a new nation out of Moses' children, Moses had even offered to give up his eternal life for these people.

Now Moses talked to Korah and told him that he already had a special job for the Lord, and why wasn't he happy with that? He told them to come the next day with their censers and God would show whom He wanted for High Priest.

Then Moses called for Dathan and Abiram to come and talk to him. He hoped they could talk together and solve their problems. But these men refused to come.

In fact they said the most wicked thing you could ever think of. They said that Moses wanted them to come so he could put out their eyes! Here are their words:

“Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself

altogether a prince over us? Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.” Numbers 16:13, 14

Here they said that Moses had taken them out of a ‘Land flowing with milk and honey’ to let them die in the wilderness. They said that Egypt, where they had been slaves and treated so cruel, was the good land, and Moses had tricked them into leaving it!

Thought – By rejecting God’s truth when it showed them their sins, these men had put out their own eyes and were blind to the terrible thing they were doing.

Wednesday

Text: Numbers 16:18,19 “And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.”

The next day all the 250 princes who wanted to be the priests came to the courtyard of the sanctuary with censers to see what the Lord would do. Korah had told all the people to come and watch as these people really thought they were going to be honored of God and at last they would have their rights and get rid of the voices that kept telling them they were sinners and needed to repent. (a censer is a brass pot on a chain that they used to burn incense in)

It is a sad truth that when we refuse to believe when God tells us about our sins, after a while the Holy Spirit can do no more for us, and He leaves. When this happens, people feel real good about themselves because their conscience no longer bothers them. What a sad, sad thing, to think you are all right when you are all wrong!

When all these men that wanted to be priests were standing there with their censers the brightness of God appeared in the sanctuary. Korah and his partners fled to their tents. And God said to Moses and Aaron, “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.”

Again Moses and Aaron pleaded for God to save the people, that all of them would not die

because of the wicked ones. Moses went to the tents of these men to warn the people.

Moses told the people that God said for them to get right away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, so they would not perish with them. So the people obeyed and these rebels saw all their followers leave them. But they still did not repent of their wrong doing.

Thought – We need to be careful that we obey what we know is right and not make up excuses to refuse truth.

Thursday

Text: Numbers 16:28-30 “And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.”

When Moses warned the people to get away from the tents of these men, they still could have repented and God would have spared them but they boldly insisted they were right.

Now Moses said a strange thing, but it was what God told him to say. He said that if what these men had done was wrong, that God would make the earth to open up and swallow them down. God wanted to show that it was not Moses they were dealing with but God. How could Moses make the earth open up and swallow people?

Sure enough, when Moses finished speaking, all at once there was a terrible noise and a great big hole opened up right under the tents of these people and they all fell right down and were gone forever and the hole closed up again.

Now the people in the camp were afraid and began to run away. They knew they had done wrong in listening to Korah and his friends, and they thought they would all get swallowed up.

Now the 250 men who were in the sanctuary court, saw what had happened to their leaders. There was a short time given that they could have repented. They could have dropped their censers and run away, but they still boldly stood there thinking they were perfectly right.

Suddenly God sent fire out and they were burned up. Nothing was left but 250 brass pots smoking away on the ground. Moses was told that those 250 pots were to be made into plates and put on the altar to remind the people forever that only those God chose, were to be priests before Him.

Now the people fled to their tents, but even though God had given them the clearest evidence that Korah was wrong and Moses was right, they still refused to believe. They returned to their tents that night afraid, but still not sorry for their sins.

Thought – If they believed, they would have accepted that they were sinners and that they were all going to have to stay in the wilderness for forty years until all the adults were dead. They did not want to believe this, so no evidence could prove it to them.

Friday

Text: Numbers 16:41,42 **“But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.”**

The people had been flattered by Korah and his company until they really believed themselves to be very good people, and that they had been wronged and abused by Moses. If they would admit that Korah and his company were wrong, and Moses right, then they would have to accept as from God the sentence that they must die in the wilderness.

The men who had perished had spoken flattering words and talked to them of love and told them they were good people and not sinners. The people felt that Korah and his friends must have been good men, and that Moses had by some means been the cause of their destruction.

Believe it or not, the very next day the people came to Moses and Aaron and said, “You killed God’s people!” And they were ready to do violence to Moses and Aaron, even to kill them.

Now, how could Moses and Aaron make the earth open up or fire come down to destroy anyone? But the people were still in rebellion. They still refused to admit they had been wrong and that

Korah and his gang were evil, and not their friends like they had believed.

Moses and Aaron went to the sanctuary and again God said He would destroy all the people, again Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and pleaded for the people. They were pleading for the very ones who wanted to kill them.

Now a plague broke out, and the people were dying like flies before it. Moses told Aaron to take his censer and take fire from the altar and put incense on it and run into the camp and stand between the living and the dead so the plague would stop.

He did this, and the plague stopped, but 14,700 people died, besides the families of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and the 250 princes. What a terrible price of rebellion against the Word of God.

It was now clear that Moses and Aaron had spoken by God, and the people had to believe the sad truth that they were to die in the wilderness. “Behold,” they exclaimed, “we die, we perish, we all perish.” They confessed that they had sinned in rebelling against their leaders, and that Korah and his company had suffered the just judgment of God.

Thought – In the rebellion of Korah we see the same spirit that led to the rebellion of Satan in heaven. It was pride and ambition that led Lucifer to complain of the government of God, and to seek to overthrow it. = ^ .. ^ =

