

SEEMETH IT BUT A SMALL THING NUMBERS 16

Text: Numbers 16:9

(Num 16:9 KJV) Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

Introduction:

We live in a day when a great number of people are committing a grievous iniquity, that of the minimizing of certain spiritual truths.

Any Christian, regardless of what position he may hold in the church is capable of committing this sin: "Seemeth it but a small thing unto you...?"

Scofield explained the revolt of Korah very well when he wrote that the gainsaying of Korah was an intrusion into the priestly office, an attempt to create a priestly order without divine authority.

A person must keep in mind when reading this account the Korah and his family had been given the holy

responsibility of the most sacred part of the tabernacle worship.

(Num 3:27-32 KJV) "And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites. {28} In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. {29} The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward. {30} And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. {31} And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof. {32} And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary."

The whole problem with Korah and his family was that they were not satisfied with their station of service.

If God has given you a station of service, then be satisfied with it. don't covet or scheme to have any other station of service except the one God has given you.

Moses strongly rebukes them by saying, “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?”

The word small in the Hebrew language means “a light manner” or “a little thing.” You and I may be guilty of the same sin that Korah committed. If we treat a spiritual “big thing” like it was a “little thing,” we are just as guilty as he was. Some little boy or girl riding to church on a bus. That’s no little thing, that’s a big thing. Some poor helpless person, or some little bus child getting saved, that’s no little thing, that is a big thing.

Many Christians today is committing the sin of Korah. “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you...?”

Three things illustrates how we as believers today are making light matters out of major issues.

1. THE PRICE OF SALVATION

(1 Pet 1:18-19 KJV) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the precious

blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

(Rev 1:5 KJV) "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"

A. Salvation in free but it never came cheap.

B. The song writer was doctrinally correct when he wrote:

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

O, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

C. Don't ever think that the price of your salvation was a small thing.

2. THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE

(1 Tim 1:12 KJV) "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;"

A. It is effective.

(Gal 6:9 KJV) "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

B. It is exciting.

(Acts 3:8 KJV) "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

1. Nothing is more exciting than seeing someone that is spiritually handicapped whom the Lord has touched, walking and shouting and praising God.

C. It is eternal.

(1 Pet 5:4 KJV) "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

3. THE POSSIBILITY OF SOUL WINNING

(1 Th 2:19 KJV) "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"