

Kneeling Down Part 7

Scripture will state more about kneeling down as meaningful posture to prostrate in intercession before the Lord.

27- “1 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: 2 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: 3 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?” (Numbers 16:1-3 KJV) Here another group of unreasonable wild people from among the Levites, gathered around them princes, leaders, and men of renown, rose up against Moses and Aaron, telling them that they had taken too much for themselves; telling them why they had put themselves above the congregation. But we know that God had spoken to Moses, and to Moses God had given the teaching and the ordinances, and those were with brazen faces came and spoke such with Moses and Aaron. In such a situation what you expect Moses and Aaron will act with such non reasonable people? Imagine the people whom you or we had taught and disciple, they will come with a brazen faces and will speak in such a bad way; what can be done to such kind of people after all what we taught and labor, they will rise up and wanted to be over us? What is left only for God to come with His judgment to deal with them.

“4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:” (Numbers 16:4 KJV) Moses when heard about it he fell on his face, prostrate and kneeling down at the Lord’s feet. After kneeling down Moses got the following from the Lord:

A. Moses got the courage and the confidence from the Lord, and the wisdom from God to go and face this people and to go and speak to them the right things as we read here, **“5 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. 6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; 7 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.” (Numbers 16:5-7 KJV)** Moses told them that tomorrow God will show those who are His, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto Him: even him whom He had chosen will He cause to come near to Him. In the same way as we kneel down, God will give us the courage and the confidence to go and challenge, and face such people, and will teach us what we need to speak to them and what to tell them.

B. Moses rebuked them and showed them their sins that they wanted to take his and Aaron’s place. They were not satisfied to be Levites, workers, who were ministering before the Lord to the people, but now they were so greedy and wanted to take the priesthood from Moses and Aaron. They were not after God, but they were after position, as Moses explained that here, **“8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: 9 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? 10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?” (Numbers 16:8-10 KJV) In the same way when we kneel down and pray God will show us the sins of the people and will explain to us how to say it and explain it clearly to them.

C. Moses told them clearly that their gathering against the leadership is not against man but is against God as we read here, **“11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?” (Numbers 16:11 KJV)** In the same way when we kneel down and pray God will show us the sinfulness act of the people is against God and not against us as the leadership of the church, therefore we need to face them with that; we do all that so that they will be restrained and they might repent.

D. Moses sent for the other leaders involved with that rebelliousness but they refused to come and they accused Moses that he brought them in the wilderness not because of the leading of God but just for the sake that he will be a leader over them, and they were so disrespectful to Moses as we read here, **“12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up: 13 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? 14 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 16:12-14 KJV)** God certain times will allow such things to happen, so that we can see clearly what the real inside the people so we can deal with them and we can handle them and know what to do with them. Such kinds of people are snakes, and our kneeling down at the feet of the Lord will expose them and will help us to see clearly who they are.

E. Moses prayed to God in more confidence because all the accusation was not true that they accused him with beside that he was not taking any advantage from them and he did not do bad to them as we read here, **“15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.” (Numbers 16:15 KJV)** In the same way when we kneel down and pray at the feet of the Lord God will show us that all the accusation of the people are not correct and that we did not do bad to them, and we will have the confidence to ask God not to accept their offerings and their ministry unto God because it came not out of service but out of rebelliousness. Lord do not accept the ministry of those who rebelled and caused division in your church, save the innocent people who were deceived and bring them back to your church. Those people who came to Moses to oppose him they were having their ministry under Moses, and they opposed him because they wanted to be over him, that is why he prayed that God shall reject what they will offer to him, but what they offered was hallowed as we will explain down in point J.

F. After the prayer Moses got the courage to gather the people who rebelled and brought them to the Lord for confrontation as we read here, **“16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow: 17 And**

take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer. 18 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. 19 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.” (Numbers 16:16-19 KJV) In the same way after we kneel down and pray we have the courage to gather the people for confrontation, and God will be there and His presence will be with us.

G. As Moses moved with courage, God supported him and appeared in the midst of that situation and spoke to Moses and Aaron and announced that He will consume the congregation as we read here, “20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” (Numbers 16:20-21 KJV) The same what God wanted to do in Numbers 14, therefore Moses and Aaron were forced to kneel down and intercede so that God will not kill all the people in one day. “22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?” (Numbers 16:22 KJV) In the same way we need to do such when certain people sin and God about to punish all and taking them out from the life of His church.

H. Moses and Aaron after they prayed God answered their prayers that he will not put to death the whole congregation but only those who led them astray and gave to Moses the instruction to the people of what they needed to do in order to be protected as we read here, “23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. 27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.” (Numbers 16:23-27 KJV) In the same way God will give us the instruction to the rest of the people who were innocent and misled by the other workers who led them astray. In every rebelliousness there are innocent people and we need to pray to God to save them and take them out from their deception.

I. God gave the Word to Moses of what he needed to say and announce of God's judgment and the Lord did what Moses said as we read here, “28 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. 29 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. 30 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. 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. 33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into

the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.” (Numbers 16:28-33 KJV) Moses said that the ground shall be opened and will swallow them, and God did the same. In addition the people terrified with what the Lord did as we read here, “34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.” (Numbers 16:34 KJV) Further God sent His judgment on the rest of the two hundred and fifty princes who were leading other astray as we read here, “35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.” (Numbers 16:35 KJV) In the same way as we kneel down at his presence God will do the same various marvelous things in dealing with the sins of the people, and bring His judgment on those who raise up against us, the leadership of the church, as He did in Numbers 14 in taking the ten men who brought the bad report and discouraged the people and taking them away astray.

J. God also explained to Moses that those sinners who were killed, what they offered was hallowed, “The censers of these sinners against their own souls”, and were preserved and given to be made a covering for the altar and a sign to be a memorial unto others, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; as Korah, and his company did on the assumption to take over the leadership of the church: “36 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed. 38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. 39 And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar: 40 To be a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.” (Numbers 16:36-40 KJV) In the same way God had added to us, His church, and the ministry what those people who rebelled and caused division had offered materially and out of it will be used as God will direct and will be memorial that others will not do as they did when they wanted to take our position being the leaders for God's church.

K. Upon the judgment of God the rest of people murmured against Moses and Aaron that they had killed the people of the Lord, and when they gathered against them, the Lord appeared and spoke to Moses to move away from the congregation to put them to death, And they fell upon their faces praying to God so again that he will not kill them all in one day, and Moses instructed Aaron to stay between the dead and the living because the plague had started, and the plague stopped after the death of 14700 as we read here, “41 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. 42 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. 43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. 44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. 46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and

put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. 47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah. 50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.” (Numbers 16:41-50 KJV) Aaron prayed and interceded for those deceived people to be pardoned and forgiven by God and given another chance to live. In the same way we need to stand between the dead and the living; we are called to kneel down and pray and intercede for those who are innocent and who are deceived by others, that God shall not take them out of His church, that God shall forgive them and give them another chance to repent and live for Him.

My Dear and Beloved: In facing the rebelliousness of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, Moses and Aaron fell facedown, and with that posture God gave them wisdom how to handle the situation and what to speak to those who rebelled and to intercede to God not to put the whole assembly especially those innocent to death. The Lord responded to their prayer and grants them the wisdom what to speak to those who rebelled, and how He had put an end to their life by a particular kind of death as it came out from the mouth of Moses.

In facing people rebelliousness, face down before the Lord would help us and grant us wisdom of how to handle the crises, what to speak to those who rebel and how to pray and what to say to God to save those who are deceived by others.

At the feet of the Lord, facedown, we are in the right position to face problems, to deal with hardships, to receive wisdom and direction from the Lord, to intercede, to pray, to receive miracles, and God's provision and to move forward for the next step of our lives. Ponder on the message and the new things that you learned and adopt in your lives so you can move forward in your faith and walk and service to God.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for all what I have received and learned from your word to me.*

Let us confess and renounce all our sins unto the Lord. Lord forgive me the following sins
_____.

Lord help me to put into practice what I learn today from you and give me wisdom and remind me to apply that in the right situation and the correct application for that. Lord gives me more discernment, wisdom, and courage to go forward and to face the hard headed people and work with you to cleans your church from rebelliousness. Lord fill me with love and compassion to pray and intercede for those who are deceived and pushed by others to sin against you so that they will be saved by you. Lord have mercy on them and save them out from the hands of those who cause division deceived them and took them away.

Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins, Lord restore them, bless them and fill them with the Holy Spirit and continue to teach them your ways so that they will be effective to go and serve you. Lord protects them and provides all their needs.

Lord bless us as a church, once again you fill us with the Holy Spirit and enable us to evangelize and reaching new areas with the gospel of Jesus and making new disciples. Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm, so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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