

# FEBRUARY 14

## Read Numbers 16–18

### CHAPTER 16

**N**OW 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?*

4 And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face:

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.*

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?

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?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

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 theirs, 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.

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.

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*.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

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.

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.

## CHAPTER 17

**A**ND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of

the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

6 ¶ And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moses did so: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold,

we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

## CHAPTER 18

**A**ND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of

the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are* given as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you* as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy *place* shalt

thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this *is* thine; the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat *of* it.

14 Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five

shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: *it is* a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: *I am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of

Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as* an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all

your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the

increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

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### DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapters 16 and 17 record the rebellion of Korah. Korah was a Levite who was not content to minister in the Tabernacle; he wanted to serve as a Priest as well (verse 10). Of course, this attitude was direct rebellion against the Word of God as given by Moses, since it was God who made the Tabernacle appointments. Korah was not content to rebel alone; he gathered 250 princes of Israel, as well as three men from the tribe of Reuben, Jacob's firstborn son. In name, number, unity, and attitude, these rebels seemed to have a strong case against Aaron and Moses. It appears that Korah and his followers defied Aaron, while Dathan, Abiram, and On questioned the authority of Moses.

Moses and Aaron did not defend themselves; they let God do the defending. Moses instructed Korah and his 250 men to bring censors (pots for burning incense) to the Tabernacle where God would demonstrate who was right in the dispute. He called for Dathan and Abiram to come, but they defied Moses' authority and refused to obey. In verse 25 Moses goes to them. Note how the men blamed Moses for their failure to enter the Promised Land (verses 13,14), when in reality it was their own unbelief that blocked the way. For these men to rebel against Moses meant rejecting the Word of God, for he was God's prophet; and to rebel against Aaron meant rejecting the work of God on the altar, for he was God's Priest. Men and women should be very careful about rebelling against the authority of government and the church. We must realize that the "king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whitherso-

ever he will." No leader, whether he be president, governor, pastor, or whatever, is in a position he may fulfill without God allowing him to be there. With one twinkle of an eye God can remove presidents from office and pastors from the leadership of a church; through sickness, death, or whatever. Never be guilty of trying to run God's business for Him, but believe, in every situation, that He is in full control. Satan is the prince of the power of the air, and the ruler of this world, but he is God's unwilling servant. He can do nothing without God's permission.

There are several practical applications to be learned from today's reading: (1) The servant of God need not defend himself. If his work and walk are what they ought to be, God will step in and defend him. Read Psalm 37 very carefully. This is my favorite chapter in the Bible and, if applied to your life daily, it will completely change your life. (2) Rebellion against authority is a dangerous sin. We see it on every hand today and we wonder how long it will be before God will step in with judgment. (3) In Christ we have all the authority we need. When a person receives Christ as his own personal Saviour, he becomes joint heirs with Him, part of the family of God (John 1:12). What other authority could anyone ask for?

### PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things" (Proverbs 15:28).



## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 7:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 12.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**ELLIS POWERS  
JOHN BARBER  
MONICA SCOTT  
SARAH JAMES**

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### I LOVE THEE

**An American Folk Hymn taken from  
*Ingall's Christian Harmony, 1805***

Secular songs of romantic expressions abound on this day. For the Christian, a hymn about love is also appropriate for Valentine's Day, and no sweeter expression of one's love for Christ can be found than these anonymous lines from an early American folk hymn.

For the early Christians, February 14 was a special day. Tradition tells us that a man by the name of Valentine was a Christian doctor who went about doing good deeds wherever he could, in imitation of his Master. Valentine became a good friend and helper to the Christians, who were being persecuted by the cruel powers of the Roman Empire. It is believed that the good doctor was eventually imprisoned because of his loyalty to his fellow "followers of the Way." After he was beheaded on February 14, that day was observed each year in Valentine's honor by the early Christians.

As time went on, however, Valentine and his deeds of kindness were forgotten. Because February was near the beginning of spring, with its feelings of romance, the day became a secular holiday celebrating romantic love. Tokens of love and affection were given to sweethearts and friends, starting the custom that we still practice today.

Dr. Valentine gave his life for his fellow Christians because of his deep love for Christ. We too can express our love for the Saviour with these simply stated yet profound words..."but how much I love Thee my actions will show."

*I love Thee, my Saviour, I love Thee, my Lord;  
I love Thee, my Saviour, I love Thee, my God:  
I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know;  
but how much I love Thee my actions will show.*

*O Jesus my Saviour, with Thee I am blest,  
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest:  
Thy name be my theme and Thy love be my song;  
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue.*

*Oh who's like my Saviour? He's heaven's bright king;  
He smiles and He loves me and helps me to sing:  
I'll praise Him, I'll praise Him with notes loud and  
clear;  
while rivers of pleasure my spirit shall cheer.*

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1929**

### THE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. JACK HYLES

Beverly Joyce Hyles was born February 14, 1929, in Dallas, Texas. Pray for your pastor's wife today. In many cases the pastor's wife is one of the loneliest people in the church. Perhaps you should drop her a note of appreciation or call her on the telephone and tell her you love her, or even go by and see her and express appreciation to her.

Then, too, the Holy Spirit may lead you to do some kindness for her today. It will no doubt mean more to her than you know. Also, pray for the wives of fundamental preachers everywhere.

**1912**

### ARIZONA ENTERED THE UNION

I am thinking of many fine preachers and Christian workers in this state. Perhaps you know some. Let us pray for God's people, and especially God's servants, in the state of Arizona today.

### THIS IS VALENTINE'S DAY

Of course, this is Valentine's Day. Not only will you want to do something for your own Valentine, but you will also want to renew the gift of your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. Look up the word "heart" in a good concordance. There are many, many statements concerning the heart in the Bible: "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" (Luke 10:27). There are many other Scriptures which remind us of the heart on Valentine's Day.

While pastoring in Texas more than a quarter of a century ago, Jack Hyles made a heavy appeal for a special offering. The offering was a good one, but included was a small gold heart. Someone wrote a little note and said, "I have no money, but I give my heart." It looked like it might have been used for a locket or maybe a charm, but of course the lesson

was there. Each of us should give his heart to Christ.  
May we on Valentine's Day make this surrender.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1760**

**RICHARD ALLEN BORN IN SLAVERY IN  
PHILADELPHIA.**

**1817**

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS, ABOLITIONIST,  
BORN.** He died in 1895.

**1867**

**MOREHOUSE COLLEGE ORGANIZED IN  
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.** The institution was later  
moved to Atlanta.

**NEW REGISTRATION LAW IN TENNESSEE**

abolished racial distinctions in voting.

**1936**

**NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS ORGANIZED** at  
Chicago meeting attended by 817 delegates repre-  
senting more than 500 organizations. Asa Phillip  
Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
was elected president of the new organization.

# A Christian Life:

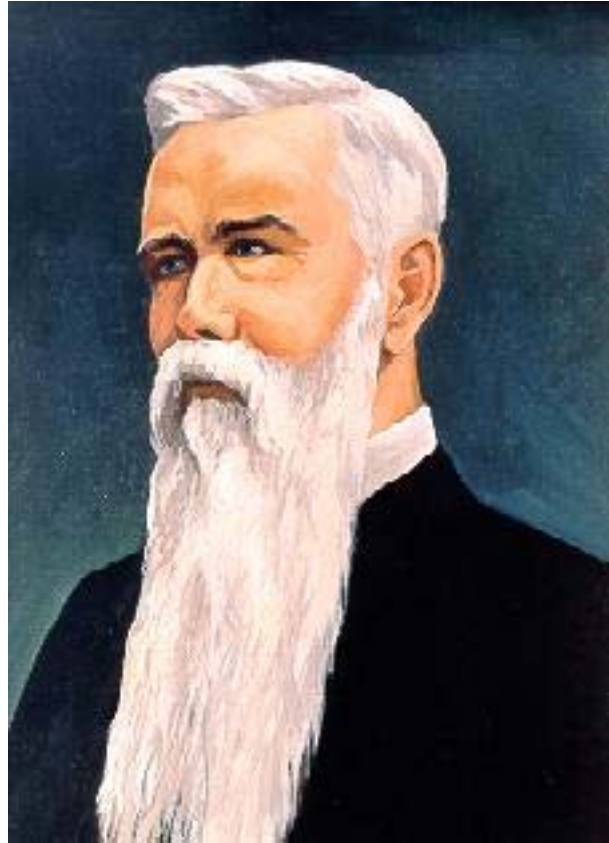
## BENAJAH HARVEY CARROLL

### 1843-1914

**Baptist minister and educator.** B.H. Carroll was born in Carrollton, Mississippi, the son of a preacher-farmer and one of twelve children. At the age of 18 he was graduated from Waco University in Waco, Texas, and then spent the next four years in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. In 1865, at the age of 22, he was converted to Christ in a wood shed through the efforts of a Methodist evangelist, and was ordained to the ministry one year later.

During the first years of his ministry, immigrants were moving into Texas by the thousands, and he labored for their evangelization. After pastoring several Baptist churches, he became secretary of the Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1899. He served in this capacity until 1901, at which time he became head of the Bible department at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. In 1905 he was made dean of the Baylor Theological Seminary, which later became Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Carroll served as president of Southwestern from 1908 until his death in 1914.

In addition to his intellectual and argumentative abilities, in an age of denominational debates, he possessed a lovable nature. He once said, "When I come to know a man and love him as a friend and a brother, nothing can destroy the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." He believed in the Baptist interpretation of the teachings of the New Testament, and was devoted to spreading those teachings to the uttermost parts of the earth.



# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

## **MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS:**

### **REACTION OF SIN IN HUMAN NATURE**

(Assignment 7)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

#### **Described as coming from the heart.**

( ) Mark 7:21

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

#### **Manifests itself by many evils.**

( ) Mark 7:22

Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

#### **Defiles the man and makes him unclean.**

( ) Mark 7:23

All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

#### **In this condition declared to be unprofitable.**

( ) Romans 3:12

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

#### **His wicked works prove him to be God’s enemy.**

( ) Colossians 1:21

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.