

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
03/02/09 Monday.....	Numbers.....03-04	Luke.....18
03/03/09 Tuesday.....	Numbers.....05-06	Luke.....19
03/04/09 Wednesday.....	Numbers.....07-08	Luke.....20
03/05/09 Thursday.....	Numbers.....09-10	Luke.....22
03/06/09 Friday.....	Numbers.....11-12	Luke.....23
03/07/09 Saturday.....	Numbers.....13-14	Luke.....24
03/08/09 Sunday.....	Numbers.....15-16	John.....01

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### TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00  
 Ladies Bible Class 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE? (5)

Jerry D. McDonald

After a couple of weeks break from taking Mr. Barker’s “How Well Do You Know Your Bible” quiz, it is time to get back to it. This week we will pick up with question # 10: “What happened to Korah and his family, Israelites who thought they could deal directly with God without a human intermediary?” (A) They became priests. (B) They were expelled from the nation of Israel. (C) The earth opened and swallowed them up. (D) They were stripped of all their belongings, houses, and livestock.

Numbers chapter sixteen gives us the account of Korah’s rebellion and demise. What happened to them? “C”, the earth opened up and swallowed them up! However, Mr. Barker’s question is wrong. His question was “What happened to Korah and his family, Israelites who thought they could deal directly with God without a human intermediary?” I am sure that Dan has read the account that is given, and if he hasn’t he has no business using this as an argument against the Bible.

Korah, didn’t think he could directly deal with God without a human intermediary, he sought to take over the priesthood:

*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: 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” (Num 16:1-4)?*

He decided that Moses was making too many laws and it was time to relieve him of that duty. Moses asked him:

*And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: 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? And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also? For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him? (Num 16:8-11).*

Moses asked him if it wasn't enough that God had made him a minister of the priests, that he had to covet more. John Gill wrote:

**“Ver. 10.** *And he hath brought thee near [to him], etc.]* To be in his courts, to watch in his house, and wait on his priests, for which an ample provision was made by tithes. Korah is there personally addressed:

*and all thy brethren, the sons of Levi, with thee;* the whole tribe of them, excepting Aaron and his family, who were advanced to be priests:

*and seek ye the priesthood also?* the high priesthood, as the Targums of Onkelos and Jonathan; this opens the true cause of their discontent and rebellion; they could not be satisfied with being the ministers of the priests, but wanted to be priests themselves, and Korah perhaps to be high priest” (*Gill’s Exposition on the Entire Old Testament, Numbers*, p. 233) .

Korah’s sin was not thinking that he could deal directly with God, but in rebelling against God’s specified laws on the priesthood. God does not put up with rebellion. When he specifies how something is to be done, he expects it to be done that way, and Korah was not satisfied with that. Thus it caused not only his death, but that of his family and all who participated with him.

We have far too much rebellion in the world today. We have people rebelling against civil authority (Rom. 13:1-4). We have children rebelling against parental authority (Eph. 6:1). And as a result of all this we have people who are in open rebellion against Biblical authority. One day these people will pay for their rebellion as Korah did for his. The sad part is, that many will pay right along with them as many paid with Korah (2 Thess. 1:7-9). More to come.

## News & Notes

### THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Gary Cooper, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Taylor Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Chesley Shanks, Gary Wallace, and Sandy Sarchette. Olivia Shanks is having tests run this next week, we need to remember her in our prayers.

THOSE TO SERVE March 1, 2009	THOSE TO SERVE March 8, 2009
A.M.	A.M.
Greeters.....Jerry & Andrea McDonald	Greeters.....David Shanks & Danny Keeney
Announcements.....Andy Shanks	Announcements.....Thomas McDonald
Song Leader.....Jerry McDonald	Song Leader.....Danny Keeney
Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge
Lord’s Supper.....David Shanks & T. McDonald	Lord’s Supper.....Leroy Thomas & Andy Shanks
Sermon.....Brandt Stubblefield	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Leroy Thomas	Closing Prayer.....David Shanks
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald	Song Leader.....Danny Keeney
Opening Prayer.....David Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald	Song Leader.....Danny Keeney
Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Jerry McDonald
Devotional.....Jerry McDonald	Devotional.....Thomas McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney	Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks

### FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN’S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children’s Home this week are “Microwave Popcorn,” “Canned Soups.”

### Sermons for the Next Two Weeks

A.M. For March 1, 2009: To be announced. The P.M. lesson will be “Being Brethren.”

A.M. For March 8, 2009: “You Can Trust Your Bible (Part 2).” The P.M. Lesson will be “Being Fellow Soldiers.”

### Fellowship Meal

Today we will have a fellowship meal following the morning services. We will get to know the brethren from Lindsey, Oklahoma who will be here to help us prepare for our door knocking campaign.

### Business Meeting

The men’s business meeting has been moved to the first Monday of each month. Our meeting will be March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.