March 4 Answers

1) Korah coveted the <u>priesthood</u> and incited a rebellion to take it from Aaron. Korah was able to convince <u>all</u> the congregation to join him in defiance of Moses (Num 16:19). How right God was when He called them a "wicked congregation" (Num 14:27)! Even after the earth split open and swallowed Korah's assembly alive, they were back the very next day grumbling and accusing Moses of having killed "the people of the Lord" (Num 16:41). From the beginning, God identified this as an assault, not on Moses' authority, but on <u>God</u> and His <u>leadership</u> (Num 16:11). This means that when we reject the one God has placed in <u>authority</u> over us, we are really rejecting God. How ironic that Aaron, the object of Korah's jealousy, was the one who ran into the midst of that wicked assembly and "stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped" (Num 16:47–48). Those in spiritual authority over us have been put there by God to <u>watch</u> for our souls. This means that we should <u>obey</u> them and <u>submit</u> to their authority (Heb 13:17).