

March 5 Answers

- 1) The Israelites were **terrified** of God in the aftermath of Korah's rebellion. They were convinced that they would be killed if they came near the Tabernacle (Num 17:12–13). God responded with **mercy** and kindness, and He decreed that if the Tabernacle was violated in the future, His wrath would break out only against the Levites and the violators themselves while the rest of the community would be spared (Num 18:1–7). This meant that the priests and Levites shouldered a great **responsibility**. God knew this and graciously provided for their needs: they received a **tithe** of the best the people had to offer (Num 18:8–32). This symbiotic relationship in which the Levites **cared** for the people and the people **provided** for the Levites is a model for the church today (cf. 1 Cor 9:11–14; 1 Tim 5:17–18).