

## **Rejecting God's Priest**

### ***Numbers 16:1-18:7***

**What is God's holiness?...**

#### **1. Scene 1: The Leaders Rejected God's Mediators (16:1-40)**

- Problem 1: Korah and his followers rejected the priesthood
  - Judgment 1: Destroyed as they brought incense offering
- Problem 2: The Reubenites rejected Moses' prophetic leadership
  - Judgment 2: The earth swallowed them alive

#### **2. Scene 2: The People Rejected God's Mediators (16:41-17:13)**

- Problem: The people stood with the leaders who got judged, against Moses and Aaron
- Judgment: Plague
- Moses' and Aaron's response: Intercession → Plague stopped
- God's response: Vindication of Aaron's priesthood (through miracle of blossoming staff)
- People's response: Fear

#### **3. Scene 3: God's Reassurance (18:1-7)**

- God reminded them that the priesthood was a gift to protect them from God's holiness
- The Levites worked around the sanctuary as a buffer between God and people
- The priests drew near to God on behalf of the people
- Jesus is our high priest (Heb 7:23-24)
  - Only way to God, who always intercedes for us

***Let us draw near through Jesus our High Priest!***