

Jude1:10-11 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in (A) the way of Cain, and ran greedily after (B) the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in (C) the gainsaying of Core.

The Book Of Jude is only 25 verses long — you can read it in 5 minutes, **Today's study is** "**The Gainsay**ing of Core". This is the last in our study from Jude 1:10-11. Like the other two points from our text verses, it is a reference to another location in our Bible. The names of Cain and Balaam are about the same as you would find when you go to where the stories are, but the name "Core" is different" Core" is a reference to "Korah". This is the name of the man who led a rebellion against God's appointed leader, Moses, and the story is found in <u>Numbers 16:1-50</u>. Because of the amount of verses that are involved here, I will make just a few scripture references.

<u>Numbers 16:1-3</u> Now Korah (Core), 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?

Numbers 16:28-33 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.

The word **Gainsaying** is really just "**Saying**" something in order to "**Gain**" something. In this case, Korah made an open rebellion against God's anointed leader, Moses. <u>Korah wanted to be the leader, instead of</u> <u>Moses.</u> As you can see from the references from Numbers chapter 16, It simply ended up with the loss of many in the camp of the Israelites. (Verses 32 and 33) I have worked enough as a Pastor to know that when you come against someone who God has appointed as leader, you will eventually pay a heavy price. Most Pastors find this type of rebellion to be vary grievous. It is destructive to say the least and takes a toll against the whole congregation. Those that do this type of rebellion, are generally (As was Korah, a Levite or of the priests of Israel) part of the leadership in the congregation. God seldom swallows people up into the ground, but those that do this kind of thing, bring much hurt upon the whole organization. <u>The words for these types of sin are mainly rebellion and insurrection</u>. It can be in a church, a family and even in a nation. Those that rise up against any God appointed authority, must do it in a Godly manner and with respect of the leadership that they oppose. This can be a tough line to walk for any one.

Psalms 64:2-4 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; **from the insurrection of the workers** of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

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