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### **BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:**

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Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Rules! Rules! Rules! Wherever we go, whatever we do, there are rules to follow. But we need rules to keep order, and to live in safety. A world without rules would be dangerous and frightening.

If we break the road rules, we may have a bad accident; or, we may get a fine. But it is stupid to be angry with others when we suffer for doing wrong. We broke the rules. We must pay the penalty. ALL wrongdoing earns a penalty. We may be able to cover it up; we may think we are alright if we can avoid punishment. But ALL wrongdoing spoils our life.

In today's drama, three angry men Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron. They were really rebelling against the authority of the Almighty God.

The children of Israel had refused to go ahead into the Promised Land of Canaan because they were very frightened of the giants who lived there. They did not trust their faithful, all-powerful God to help them. So God said none of them would ever enter this fertile land. Instead, they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years, until they all died. Only their children would enter in and settle there.

All the people were bitterly disappointed; they were very sorry they had missed their chance to enter the land of Promise. But they were not ready to obey God, even now.

### DRAMA - The Bible In Living Sound.

The people wept because they had lost the rich land of Canaan. But they were not sorry about their sin of unbelief. Once again, they grew angry. And, even worse, Korah, a Levite, and Dathan and Abiram from the tribe of Reuben, stirred up the other 250 leaders against Moses.

They wanted to get rid of God's chosen leader, and take over the leadership themselves.

But their rebellion ended in a terrible death; the ground swallowed up the three men, alive, together with their wives and children. The 250 tribal leaders were burnt to death; and many more died of plague.

All our sin is rooted in wanting our own way! We rebel against the rule of God; we are proud and think our own way is best.

The Bible book First Samuel, chapter 15, says this, "Rebellion against (the Lord God) is as bad as witchcraft, and arrogance (or pride) is as sinful as worshipping idols."

You see, when WE demand our own way, we become our own god. We are serving SELF. We may pretend we are serving the one True God, through special rituals or ceremonies. We may think God should be pleased with us when we come to Him in the way WE choose. We may think we earn God's favour by going on pilgrimage, or by doing some sort of penance, or by good deeds. All these are OUR way. When we come to God with these things, we are saying, "What I do earns me the right to God's forgiveness."

But the Bible book Isaiah, chapter 64, says this, "Even our best actions are filthy through and through." And the book Romans, chapter 3, says this, "There is no-one who is righteous. All have turned away from God; they have all gone wrong, they have not learnt to fear God."

God's Holy Word, the Bible, teaches us the ONLY way to please Him is to come to Him through the way He has chosen. And that Way is His One and Only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Bible book John, chapter 14, the Lord Jesus said, I AM THE WAY. No-one comes to the Father except through Me. And the book First Timothy, chapter 2, says this, "There is one God, and there is one Who brings God and man together, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself to redeem all mankind."

With God, there is no difference. It doesn't matter whether we are rich or poor, clever or simple, black or white. The One True God will forgive us, and make us His children, when we come to Him through His Sinless Son, Jesus. He will help us live His way; we will follow and obey Him, not to earn God's forgiveness, not to earn the right to heaven, but because the Son of God loved us and gave Himself for us. We love Him because He first loved us.

The day after the rebellious leaders died, Moses' brother, Aaron, went in amongst the angry crowd as the plague was striking them down. He did not think about the danger to himself, but stood amongst them to plead for God's mercy. And God forgave them.

Aaron was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus had done no wrong but He came from heaven to stand with us and pay the price for our salvation. He took on Himself the judgment for our sin. So all who come to God through Jesus will be saved.

Many years ago a man built his own house. He studied the rules of the local authority building code and followed them. When the book said to use a certain thickness of timber, he did just that. It took a while to finish it but the house was strong. Decades later, a hurricane smashed its way through that district and demolished all the other houses. But that house remained firm in its place. When TV news reporters came to interview the owner, he said the building code book said to build the house that way and it would survive a hurricane. And it did. Everyone else must not have followed the rules and they suffered great loss. When the sun is shining and the sky is blue, building our lives on something other than the guidelines in God's Word can be very tempting. But there's only one way to be ready for future storms.

Don't rebel against God. Turn from your own ways and accept God's forgiveness through Jesus. Make Him ruler of your life today and learn to obey His book, The Bible.

# MUSIC - <u>Integrity Music</u>.

That was Grant Cunningham and the song was "Teach me to do Your will."

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