

RESTORING THE MORAVIAN FIRE (Part 3)

Who will stand in the gap?

Numbers 16:44-50 NKJV

[44] And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, [45] “Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” And they fell on their faces. [46] So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun.” [47] Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. [48] And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped. [49] Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident. [50] So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

Aaron provides a vivid picture of the intercessor. When the congregation of Israel sinned by rebelling against their leaders, God sent a judgment upon them in the form of a plague that killed nearly 15,000 people. Far more would have died, but Moses told Aaron, the high priest, to quickly put fire from God's altar into his censer, or container, along with incense. Then Aaron literally ran out into the midst of the congregation with the fire of God. The Scripture says that Aaron "took his stand between the dead and the living." The fragrant smoke ascending from the burning censer, as Aaron swung it to and fro, formed a line of demarcation between two groups - the dead and the living.

The plague in Numbers chapter 16 was stopped because Aaron stood in the gap. That is the classic definition of an intercessor: "one who stands in the gap for another." Aaron stood in the gap for his generation, and the plague was stopped. There is a devilish plague running rampant today calling for a priestly people to rise up and personally carry the holy fire of His presence to their generation for their salvation and His glory.

Life Application: The call to intercession and courageous compassion.

1. Stand in the Gap for Others - In our world, that means praying for others. However, Intercession isn't just prayer - it's a LIFESTYLE of standing in the gap for others, fueled by love and guided by God.

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2. Carry the Fire of God's Presence - Aaron didn't go empty-handed—he carried holy fire and incense, symbols of God's presence and prayer. This reminds us that we don't confront darkness with our own strength, but with divine power and grace.

You don't need a priestly robe or a censer—just a willing heart and a readiness to carry light into dark places.