

Christ our Intercessor
Numbers 16: 40-50

Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On persuaded 250 men of renown in Israel to join them in rejection of Moses and Aaron. Moses was the prophet and leader of Israel given by God to teach and lead them. Aaron was God's chosen and appointed high priest, a type of Christ Jesus the High Priest of God's chosen children. When God would have destroyed the rest of the nation, Moses and Aaron interceded for the congregation before God. So God commanded for Moses and Aaron, along with the rest of the congregation, to separate themselves from Korah and the other men. Then before their eyes, God swallowed up Korah and his men, along with their families and all that pertained to them. Also, God sent fire from heaven and consumed the 250 princes who exalted themselves to offer incense unto the LORD rather than trusting God's priest to do so for them. God commanded those incense burners be made into a memorial so the people would not forget this all important lesson.

The LORD tells us who he has approved to approach his throne. Those born of the Spirit of Christ are sons of Christ Jesus the everlasting Father, the last Adam, like those sons of Aaron which were made priests unto God. God freely accepts those born-again sons of Christ Jesus our High Priest, washed in his blood. It is by God's grace that we are given liberty to draw near to his throne to offer up our prayers before the LORD. How we see that coming to God "in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord" is much more than just saying those words as we pray, coming to God in the name of Jesus Christ is having been made a priest unto God by our birth-union with Christ our High Priest (Psalm 65:4.)