



Father's Day 2016

Psa. 106:28-31

“The Legacy of a Faithful Father”

Psa. 106:28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 **Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment:** and so the plague was stayed.

31 And **that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.**

I. PHINEHAS AS A DESCENDENT

Ex. 6:25 And Eleazar Aaron's son took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

Num. 25:7 "...Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest..."

II. PHINEHAS WAS DECISIVE

Num. 25:3 And **Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.**

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, **Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.**

6 And, behold, **one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation** of the children of Israel, who were weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when **Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest**, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that **died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.**

- The Israelites were intermarrying with the heathen.
- The LORD was angry at the Israelites and brought judgment against Israel.
- Moses saw the incident, but was indecisive.

Ex. 2:16 Now **the priest of Midian had seven daughters**: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ...

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and **he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter**.

- The guilty parties were people of prominence.

Num. 25:14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was **Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.**

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was **Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.**

- Phinehas was decisive and took matters into his own hands.

Phinehas' decisiveness was an exhibition of his dedication to pleasing God.

III. PHINEHAS WAS DEDICATED

Num. 25:10 And **the LORD spake** unto Moses, saying,

11 **Phinehas**, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, **hath turned my wrath** away from the children of Israel, while **he was zealous for my sake among them**, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

12 Wherefore say, **Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:**

13 And **he shall have it, and his seed after him**, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; **because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.**

- The LORD gave Phinehas credit for turning away His wrath.
- The LORD commended Phinehas' zeal –
“...**he was zealous for my sake...**”
- The LORD honored Phinehas with perpetual priesthood of his family.

12b “...**Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:**”

13 And **he shall have it, and his seed after him,**
even the covenant of **an everlasting priesthood;**

- Phinehas did what a priest is supposed to do – intervened with God for mankind.

13b – “...**because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.**”

- The dedicated decisiveness paid great dividends for his future generations.
- Moses sent Phinehas to war, as a holy leader.

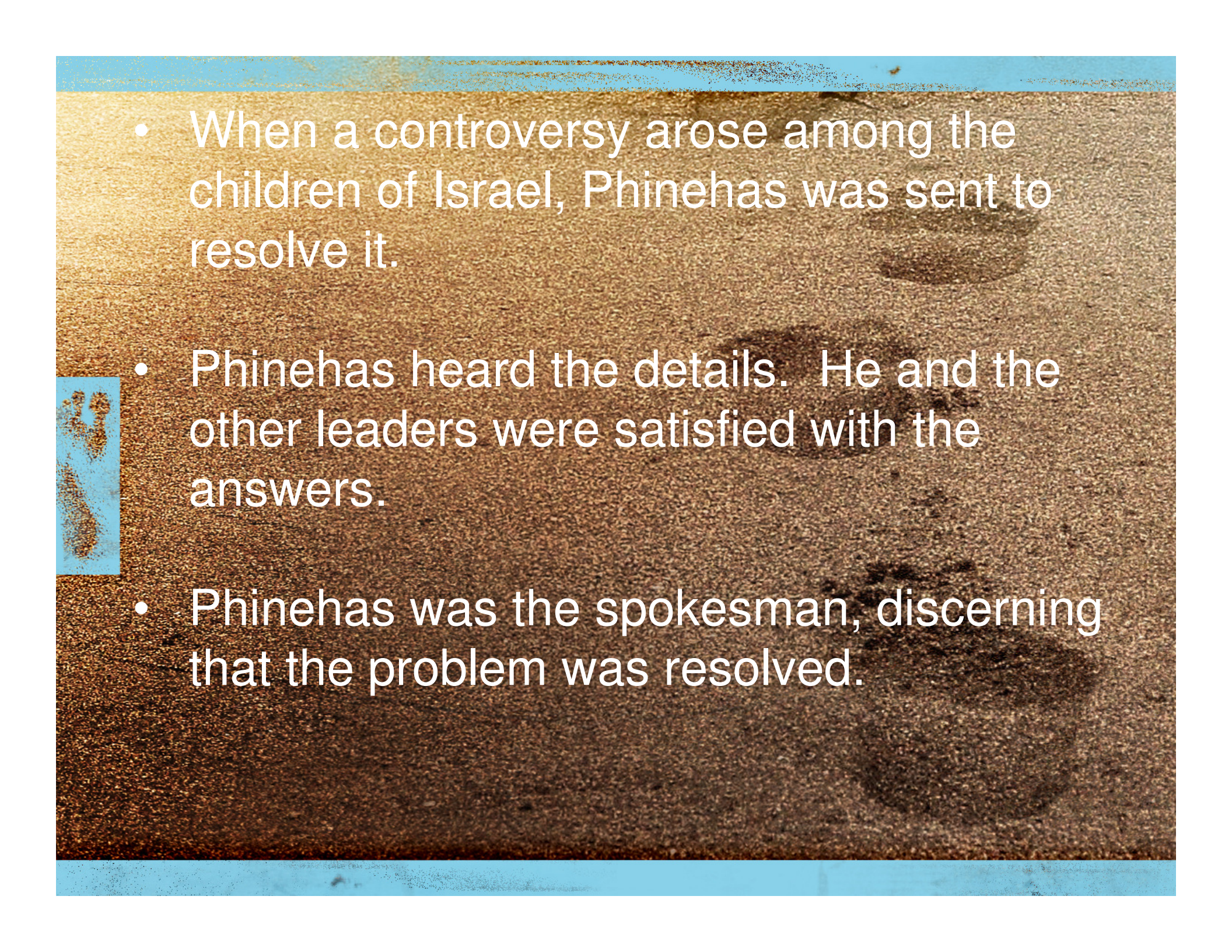
Num. 31:6 And **Moses sent them to the war**, a thousand of *every* tribe, them **and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments**, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

IV. PHINEHAS WAS DISCERNING

Josh. 22:13 And **the children of Israel sent** unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, **Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ...**

30 And **when Phinehas the priest**, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them.

31 And **Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said** unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

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- When a controversy arose among the children of Israel, Phinehas was sent to resolve it.
 - Phinehas heard the details. He and the other leaders were satisfied with the answers.
 - Phinehas was the spokesman, discerning that the problem was resolved.

Jud. 20:26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for **the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,**

28 And **Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,**) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

- Phinehas was respected for his testimony.
- When problems arose, the people came to God, via Phinehas.
- Phinehas advised going to battle against Benjamin.
- Phinehas was a leader, "...and the LORD *was* with him."

1 Chron. 9:20 And **Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler** over them in time past, *and the LORD was with him.*

Conclusion

The influence of Phinehas upon his descendants was most powerful.

Ezra 7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, **Ezra the son of Seraiah**, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abishua, **the son of Phinehas**, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 **This Ezra went up from Babylon**; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, **according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.**

PHINEHAS

Abishua

Bukki

Uzzi

Zerahiah

Meraioth

Azariah

Amariah

Ahitub

Zadok

Shallum

Hilkiah

Azariah

Seraiah

EZRA

Ezek. 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Psa. 106:30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

