

any other man who have come under my notice.
The scriptures are the best comment upon the conduct of mankind
whether they are religious or irreligious. wherever God appoints
a man, and places Israelites under his Authority, there
will always be a Korah, or a Dathan, or an Abiram
to say to him; 'you take too much upon you, seeing
all the Congregation is holy, everyone of them; wherefore
lift ye up yourselves above the Congregation of the Lord?'
Even men of sound Piety are liable to fall into this Sin;
and it is a dreadful one for disturbing the Church of
Christ - our blessed Lord hath told us that offences will
come - but adds, woe to him by whom the offence cometh.
Did not both Miriam, and Aaron, (own Sister & Brother
to Moses, and Partakers of like precious Faith with him,
break out into open Sedition against him, and laboured to
bring Power, and Authority into Contempt before the
Congregation of Israel - they carried their opposition
against Moses so far, as to kindle the Anger of the
Lord against them, and to make them public Examples
of his high Displeasure, as a warning to others, by
instantaneously afflicting Miriam with the Leprosy,
and compelled both Aaron and her with guilt and shame
to entreat Moses to pray for them, that the divine
Judgments might be averted from them. Sin is Sin, &
Rebellion, Rebellion whether found amongst Angels
or Saints, and God will always punish it - Many despise
our legal Authority, we should not seek to avenge ourselves,
'for vengeance is mine saith the Lord, and I will repay.'
You and I have never seen what Aaron & Miriam saw
of the works of the Lord, and were convinced that their
brother was a favourite of Heaven, yet their Pride
got the better of their Piety, and they fell -
Let us not think it strange if we meet with the same