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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: ***Numbers Chapter 7*** – Offering of the Leaders. ***Chapter 8*** – Arrangement of the Lamps*;* Cleansing and Dedication of the Levites. ***Chapter 9 –*** The Second Passover*;* The Cloud and the Fire.

THIS WEEK*: **Numbers Chapter 10*** – Two Silver Trumpets – *(vs. 1-10);* Departure from Sinai – *(vs. 11-36).* ***Chapter 11*** – The People **Complain** - *(vs. 1-15);* The Seventy Elders – *(vs. 16-30);* The LORD Sends Quail – *(vs.31-35).* ***Chapter 12 –*** Dissension of Aaron and Miriam – *(vs. 1-16).*

Chapter 10 - The Silver Trumpets

[1] And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2] "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. [3] When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

- **You are in your tent eating dinner with your family, and all of a sudden these two trumpets blast**. "Drop everything. We have got to get to the tent of the meeting!" It was the call for the people to come and to stand before the LORD.

[4] But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.

- **That was to assemble the leaders.** Blow both trumpets everybody gathers. Blow one trumpet, the leaders gather together. Then they had a special blast for advance, a time to move camp.

[5] When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. [6] When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. [7] And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. [8] The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall

***blow** the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations. [9] "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you* (they were not to go on the offense in making war) *then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. [10] Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."*

- **The call to the people on the special days, these blasts of the trumpets. On the holidays, the holy days.** the Sabbath is beginning. Cease your labor. Now the Sabbath begins. "Oh that's beautiful!" No separation of church and state. You know they recognized that God is a very important part of their national life.
- **Oh would to God, that we had that recognition of the importance of God in our national life**. What fools to try to remove God from the national life. It is a tragedy that a few fools can bring such a disregard of God within our national life. They say, "Oh separation of church and state," and that is nowhere in the constitution. There was no intention of separation of church and state. There was the intention that there should not be any church mandated by the state. But what we sought to establish was not freedom **from** religion, but **freedom of** religion.
- **The tragic misinterpretation by the Supreme Court is that they have interpreted the Constitution as a freedom from religion.** That was never intended by the founding fathers of this church, of this nation. You go back and read the early documents. Read them in prayer meetings and all, and you will realize that it was never intended to mean freedom from God or freedom from worship. But freedom to worship after the dictates of a person's own heart, with no state mandated church or religion. These people were aware that God was a very much a part of their national existence, and as a result, they were strong!

Israel Leaves Sinai

[11] Now it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up (what an exciting verse!) ***from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. [12] And the children of Israel set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran.***

- **They started out for the first time, according to the commandment of the LORD**. Early one morning the people of Israel strike camp because the pillar of cloud is lifted. Moses and Aaron give the signal and the silver trumpets are blown to sound an alarm. Who moves first? The family of Kohath which carries the ark moves out in front. The ark leads the wilderness march. So the first trumpet puts Moses and Aaron and the ark out in front. The trumpet blows again and Judah moves out from the east side, with Issachar and Zebulun marching with Judah under his banner.

[13] So they started out for the first time (!) according to the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses. [14] The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. [15] Over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. [16] And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. [17] Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle. [18] And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army was Elizur the son of Shedeur. [19] Over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. [20] And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. [21] Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival.)

- **Reuben and his tribe moved out**; then Simeon and Gad. Then the Kohathites, carrying the holy things.

[22] And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud. [23] Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. [24] And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni. [25] Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. [26] Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. [27] And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. [28]

Thus was the order of march of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they began their journey.

- **So we see this procession**. The three tribes in the front; then the Gershonites, the Merarites, carrying that portion of the tabernacle, the curtains, the stakes, and the cords. Then the tribe of Simeon and Gad next, and then the Kohathites, carrying the ark of the covenant, and the tables and so forth. Then the last of the six tribes coming up behind. They are on the move. Two-three million people! The trumpet has been blown seven times!

[29] Now Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for the LORD has promised good things to Israel."

- **Moses is talking to his brother-in-law**. From here to Moab, Moses now is striking out through the desert. Hobab grew up in the desert. He was a desert man. He was desert-wise. Moses is asking Hobab to go along with him and be blessed with those blessings that God has promised. "*We will treat you well*."

[30] And he said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my own land and to my relatives." [31] So Moses said, "Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how (not where or when) ***we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes.***

- **Hobab, you** can help us, spotting those oases, the areas where there's water. *You can be our eyes*."

[32] And it shall be, if you go with us—indeed it shall be—that whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you." [33] So they departed from the mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them for the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

- **In** ***(Deu 1:32-33) Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God,*** *[33] who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.* Moses is saying that God went before them, to pick out the place for them to pitch their tent. As the children of Israel started to settle down and they say, "Oh this looks like a great place to pitch our tents," yes, God has prepared that place for you! "I went ahead of you."
- **God also prepares me for every place to which I come!** He not only prepares a place for me, but He prepares me for the place! So that work with God in my life, as He is preparing me for those experiences that are yet in the future. He is preparing me now, for that which He is wanting for me. By the time you get there, you will find that God has already prepared a place for you, and He has already prepared you for the place!
- ***It is thrilling to think that God goes before me, and I never arrive at a place that God has not preceded me there, and prepared that place for me. He also prepares me for that place! You never come to an experience in your life that God has not preceded and prepared you a place to pitch your tent; and had prepared you for that place!***

[34] And the cloud of the LORD was above them by day when they went out from the camp. [35] So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."

- **I like that. Ready to move?** *"Rise up O LORD! And let those who hate You, flee before You*."
- ***(Psa 68:1-2) To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.*** *Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. [2] As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.*

[36] And when it rested, he said: "Return, O LORD, To the many thousands of Israel."

- **When it rested, "*Return O LORD, to the many thousands of Israel!*"** Resting on His faithfulness! They move. They began now, their movement through the wilderness.
- ***As Israel traveled and camped, Moses prayed that the LORD would give victory and that His presence would be among them. What a wonderful prayer for you and for me! May that be my prayer before and after every single trip I take!***

Chapter 11 - The People Complain! (expressing discontent)

[1] Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it (that is important for us), ***and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. [2] Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. [3] So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them.***

- **We find now a pattern is going to develop, as the people begin to complain against the LORD**. Complaining is almost a disease. That once you get started with it, it just grows and grows. When people start complaining about things, it may be time to just move on. Because once you start finding something to complain about, that is just the beginning. You know, there is a lot to complain about if you want to complain!
- **When a person begins to complain, it is usually a sign that God is moving them on, however, God never seems to be happy with complainers**. If I believe that God is in sovereign control over my life, and I start complaining about my life, then I am really complaining about God! How often I have been guilty of complaining about something that God has brought into my life that later on, when there was the full cycle, I realize, "Oh the LORD intended that for good. Look what the LORD did through that! How wonderful!
- **Any complaining by a Christian, a child of God, is a reflection upon our God**. It indicates that we are questioning His wisdom, His power and His love for us in our lives. Because it is verbal, it really reflects badly upon Him to others that overhear our complaining as Christians. It puts people off, doing much damage.
- ***My complaining! Too many times, I feel horrible about having complained about something earlier. Because it was just the thing the LORD knew I needed. How often is that true, but at the moment, as I am complaining about the situation, it is exactly that which God is working to bring forth a good purpose in my life.***
- **The LORD is bringing them into a good land. But they were complaining against the Him**. He was displeased.
- **He so appropriately sent His fire**. Some of the complainers on the outskirts of the camp were devoured. They called the name of the place *Taberah*, (burning), and they moved on.
- ***(Jas 3:5-6) Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! [6] And the tongue is a fire,*** *a world of iniquity.*
- **There are lessons here for us as we look at this**. ***(1Co 10:6)*** *Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.* ***(Rom 15:4)*** *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

[4] Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving (desires, lusts); ***so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?***

- **They have been out in the wilderness for a year.** The beginning of the second year and so these people began to have intense cravings for some of the things of the life of Egypt.

[5] We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

- **Remember in Egypt, Oh man! It was so nice!** Who is going to give us meat to eat out here? I have not had a good steak in such a long time! The fish! We had all the fish we could eat in Egypt! The cucumbers, the melons, the onions, and the leeks and the garlic!

[6] but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

- **All we have is this manna every day**; manna for lunch; manna for dinner. If we only had a little onion to spice it up a bit.

[7] Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. [8] The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. [9] And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it. (Est – 9 million lbs./day!) ***[10] Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased.***

- **It is amazing how that griping is contagious, complaining is contagious!** Soon the whole camp was weeping. In the tents the people were crying, "Oh I wish we were back in Egypt. Our souls loathe this manna."

[11] So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? [12] Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? [13] Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

- **As Moses passed by, the people would be crying, "Give us some meat to eat!"** He was angry and came to the LORD, saying, "What have I done wrong? What do you have against me that you laid on me the burden of all these people? I did not father them; Where am I going to get meat to give to these people?

[14] I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. [15] If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!"

- **Moses says, "I do not want to go on any further, I would be better off dead, LORD**, than to go on listening to this griping and complaining all the time. If You really like me LORD, wipe me out. Do me a favor!"

Elders Appointed to Aid Moses

[16] So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. [17] Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. [18] Then you shall say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. [19] You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, [20] but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"

- **Wow! The complaints of the people!** How it can just eat right through to the core. The horrible thing, "Why did we ever come out of Egypt? Why did we ever listen? You brought us out here to kill us! We would had been better off to die." Moses just could not take it. He did what we should do with those burdens that are too heavy for us, take them to the LORD. Moses went before the LORD.
- **First, Moses is saying, "LORD, I cannot take it anymore. It is too much for me to bear.** The responsibility and everything is just too heavy for me, and I just cannot bear it." Secondly, he took before them the desire of the people, "LORD, they want meat, but where in the world can I get meat? They cry to me every time I go by, asking for meat. What can I do?"
- **The LORD answered both issues. In the first case, the LORD said, "First of all gather seventy elders**, men that you know that are leaders among the people, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and I will take the Spirit that is upon you and put it upon them. You will have help. You will not have to bear the burden alone*."*
- **But secondly, "I'll give them meat, not enough for just one day, a week, but for a whole month!**" Moses said, "LORD, there are over 600,000 men?" That compounds to about two to three million people.

[21] And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.' [22] Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?" [23] And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not."

- **We read, concerning Abraham, *(Rom 4:19-20)*** *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. [20] He did* ***not waver*** *at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,*
- **One of the first things we are always doing when faced with a problem or a situation**, or even a promise of God, is that we start considering the human possibilities for that to come to pass. I start looking for the possibilities. Not so, with Abraham. He did not even take into consideration those human difficulties.
- **Secondly, he did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief.** Now, that is exactly what Moses is doing here. He is wavering at the promise of God. ***Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat!*** "LORD, how in the world? If I go out and tell them, the LORD is going to give you enough meat for a whole month; how do You plan to do that? Should I order them to kill all the flocks and herds? LORD, how?"
- **The LORD said, "Is *My arm shortened*? Moses, you have not considered "God," the most dominant thing! That is God!"
- **Wait a minute Moses! Do you forget to whom you are talking? Is My arm shortened?** Is there any lack of My ability?" We read in ***(Isa 59:1)*** *Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.* No problem with God. He can do it! The problem always lies on our side. God is saying to Moses, "Moses you forgot the main factor in this equation. You did not consider Me!" Is My arm shortened? You will see whether or not My word comes to pass!"

- ***How often does that occur with me? Not considering having God in the equation, but relying on my own experience and capability? How often do I hear Him saying to me, Has the LORD's arm been shortened?***

[24] So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.

- **The two issues that are involved are, number one**, the meat for the people, the second one is the seventy men who are to be filled with the Spirit, to assist Moses in this task. He takes care first of all, the seventy men. He gathered them, placing them around the tabernacle.

[25] Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. [26] But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. [27] And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." [28] So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them! (This is a bad time for shared authority; but God's anointing on Moses cannot be changed by man.) ***[29] Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"***

- ***Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.*** Joshua is ready to defend Moses. "Oh Moses! Stop them!" and Moses said, "Hey, no this is great! I wish God would put His Spirit on everybody (that prayer did get answered on Pentecost!) What a glorious thing if all of God's people were walking in the Spirit, and all of God's people were filled with the Spirit!

[30] And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel. [31] Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey (10-20 miles) ***on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits*** (3 feet) ***above the surface of the ground.***

- **Quail flying in. Now interesting enough, the quail migrated from Europe to Africa.** In their migration pattern, when they have crossed into the Mediterranean again, it is quite a long flight. By the time they get across the Mediterranean they are exhausted, flying just about three feet off the ground. It is a phenomenon that takes place to the present day in the migration process of the quail. God brings them in with a wind!

[32] And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day (notice 2 days and a night; what frenzy*!*)***, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.***

- **They went out and they were batting them down**. The families, little kids, grabbing them and wringing their necks, and throwing them into the barrels. A homer is eighty-six gallons (or about 6 bushels). The families that gathered the least had eight hundred and sixty gallons of quail. Enough quail to eat for thirty days!

[33] But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people (not to enjoy it, before it was chewed!) ***with a very great plague.***

- **It is possible that they tried to swallow it before it was chewed, and that they began to choke to death** on the quail. It got lodged in their throat, in their esophagus and they began to choke to death.
- **It is also possible that having been on the bland diet of manna, for over a year,** their bodies could not suddenly assimilate all this meat, and they began to bloat. Whatever it was, it was a *very great plague* of God.

[34] So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

- **Kibroth Hattaavah. Or the grave of lusts, for this was the place where God gave to them the lusts, the desires of their lusts**, but He also brought them leanness to their souls. ***(Psa 106:15)*** *And He gave them their request But sent leanness into their soul.*

[35] From Kibroth Hattaavah (graves of lust) ***the people moved to Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.***

Chapter 12 - Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses – This is likely the most serious rebellion so far!

[1] Then Miriam and Aaron (leaders) ***spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.***

- **In chapter twelve, we find Miriam and Aaron, the brother and sister of Moses, beginning to complain** and murmur against Moses. Miriam was his older sister that watched while his little ark was placed in the Nile river. She saw the Pharaoh's daughter take it out and volunteered Moses' mother to nurse the child and take care of it. Aaron was Moses' older brother.
- **Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of a marriage that he had to an Ethiopian woman. Since Miriam is mentioned first, she probably was the instigator** of the attack against Moses. They probably began to complain about a mixed marriage or whatever, they did not like his wife. The bible does not tell us much about that, the circumstances about that. His other wife could have died, we do not know. Some people think this is referring to Zipporah. Aaron and Miriam were not happy. They began to speak against Moses or is this just an excuse to hide their real problem, jealousy?

[2] So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it.

- **Now as the high priest, the LORD spoke through Aaron** through the Urim and the Thummim, and Miriam was known as a prophetess. God had spoken through both of them also. They were complaining. They said, "Does the LORD only speak through Moses?" Has He not spoken through us also? Is Moses the only one to speak to the people? We have just as much right, God speaks to us!" The LORD heard their complaints.

[3] (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

- **Moses was not one to promote himself**, and it is interesting to me that those men who are called of God, to great leadership are often times very humble men.
- **Billy Graham** was known for his humility. You think of a man that has been used of God to speak to many people in many nations. You would think that he would be almost untouchable, you would have a hard time conversing with him. He totally disarms you with his humility. It is just a beautiful characteristic about him.
- **Now with Moses, though he was the leader, chosen leader of God's people so much** so that he could have been pumped up over anyone, yet the humility. He was a humble man, one of the most humble men on earth. Anybody could run over him. If Miriam and Aaron wanted to do it, hey, he will step back. He is not going to fight for his position; he is not going to insist on his rights. No, he will step aside if such is the case.

[4] Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out. [5] Then the LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. [6] Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.

- **There was the general method of God to speak to prophets through visions and through dreams**. Sometimes the dreams had to be interpreted to be understood. There was a vagueness about it.

[7] Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house.

- ***Moses,* according to God, *He is faithful in all My house.*** His walk of righteousness and purity, demonstrated over forty years in obscure service of God in the smallest things, revealed the faithful heart, that God saw in Moses.

[8] I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

- ***Face to face, even plainly.* Clearly and directly, you do not have to interpret it.** With God speaking to Nebuchadnezzar in dreams, Daniel had to interpret the dream and that often the case. God said, "Not so with Moses. I speak directly to this fellow; I speak plainly to him, not in dark sayings.
- **"Here is a man I am obviously using. Here is a man with the anointing of My Spirit on his life**, how was it that you were not afraid to speak against him?" One thing David had was a tremendous respect for the anointing of God. His refusal to touch Saul because of God's anointing had been upon his life. God said, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophet no harm."
- **We need to be careful how we speak against God's anointed servants**. God is saying to them, "How is it that you weren't afraid to speak against him, when I so obviously have anointed him, and used him, and spoken to him directly?"
- ***How careful am I to never speak against God's anointed servants? May I remember David's tremendous respect for the anointed of God!***

[9] So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed. [10] And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

- **Aaron being the priest was the one who was taught to diagnose leprosy**. If someone had a scab or a sore, they would come to Aaron to see if it were leprosy or not. He turned and he saw her, white as snow, covered with leprosy.

[11] So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. [12] Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!"

- **Aaron implores Moses for the sister Miriam!** Would I have hesitated a bit before praying for her?

[13] So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

- **Moses cried out to the LORD**: This was the first word spoken in this incident. He had not spoken the entire time, leaving it up to God to answer Aaron and Miriam.
- ***Please heal her, O God, I pray:*** When Moses spoke, it was in prayer for his accusers. Moses was a man faithful in the LORD's house.

[14] Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received again." [15] So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again. [16] And afterward the people moved from Hazeroth and camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

- **Moses, the problem is not My forgiveness. The problem is her learning curve.** I can forgive immediately if her repentance is real, but her lesson is something that she needs to learn. If you do something dumb and break someone's arm, you can go to the LORD immediately and ask forgiveness and you are forgiven. That does not mean that the broken arm is instantly healed. That cast is going to talk to you for weeks! It is important the next time you are tempted to do the same thing. Let stew outside for seven days.

SUMMARY:

- ***Num 10:33*** **It is thrilling to think that God goes before me, and I never arrive at a place that God has not preceded me there, and prepared that place for me.** He also prepares me for that place! You never come to an experience in your life that God has not preceded and prepared you a place to pitch your tent; and had prepared you for that place!
- ***Num 10:36*** **As Israel traveled and camped, Moses prayed that the LORD would give victory and that His presence would be among them. What a wonderful prayer for you and for me!** May that be my prayer before and after every single trip I take!
- ***Num 11:3*** **My complaining! Too many times, I feel horrible about having complained about something earlier.** Because it was just the thing the LORD knew I needed. How often is that true, but at the moment, as I am complaining about the situation, it is exactly that which God is working to bring forth a good purpose.
- ***Num 11:23*** **My reliance on self? How often does that occur with me?** Not considering having God in the equation, but relying on my own experience and capability? How often do I hear Him saying to me, Has the LORD's arm been shortened?
- ***Num 12:8*** **How careful am I to never speak against God's anointed servants**? May I remember David's tremendous respect for the anointed of God!

HE IS ABLE *– Ferguson, Noland; Sung - Maranatha Singers - (3:12/3:16)*

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CLOSING PRAYER **NEXT WEEK: Study *Numbers Chapters 13-15***

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