NUMBERS 12:13 2025 "JEALOUSY AND ENVY!"

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HUMBLE THYSELF IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD – Maranatha Music (3:02)

Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord. And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up (3x) Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up, Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up And He shall Lift You Up (8X)

NUM. 12:1-5 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. [2] So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it. [3] (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.) [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.

- Now in chapter 12, we see Aaron and Miriam speaking against Moses.
- Notice that Moses received much honor from God, yet received so many slights and offenses from men. Here in chapter 12, Aaron, and Miriam; Later Korah, along with Nathan and Abiram in chapter 16. (Jude 1:11) Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.
- Should any of us think such trials are either strange or hard, and be either provoked or discouraged by them? But who would have thought that disturbance should be created against Moses?
- We see this disturbance helps to confirm the call of Moses, and shows that his advancement was purely by the Divine favor, and not by any compact or collusion with his relatives, who themselves grudged his advancement.

<u>NUM. 12:6-8</u> 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. [7] Not so with <u>My servant Moses</u>; <u>He is faithful in all My house</u>. [8] I speak with him face to face (unhindered intimacy), <u>Even plainly</u>, and <u>not in dark sayings</u>; And <u>he sees the form of the LORD</u>. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

- It would grieve one to see the hand of Aaron in so many trespasses, but it shows that the law made men priests who had infirmity. Aaron ought to have remembered how Moses stood as his friend when God was angry with him for making the golden calf (Deu 9:20), and not to have rendered him evil for good.
- Two things they quarreled about with Moses: First, about his marriage to an Ethiopian woman and Second, about his government; not the mismanagement of it, but the monopolizing of it (Num 12:2): "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Must he alone have the choice of the people on whom the spirit of prophecy shall come?
- Striving to be great is a sin which easily besets disciples themselves, and it is exceedingly sinful. (*Mt. 20:20*), mother of James and John seeking favorite positions for her sons. Even those that are well preferred are seldom pleased if others are better preferred. Those that excel are often envied.
- We see the wonderful patience of Moses under this provocation. The <u>LORD heard it</u> (Num 12:2), but Moses himself took no notice of it, for (Num 12:3) he was very humble.
- Moses did not resent the injury done him, nor complain of it to God, nor make any appeal to Him; but God resented it. The more silent we are in our own cause the more is God engaged to plead it.
- Moses had often shown himself jealous for God's honor, and now God showed Himself jealous for His reputation; for those that honor God He will honor, nor will He ever go behind any that appear for Him.

- Aaron and Miriam were made to know that great as they were they must not pretend to be equal to Moses, nor set up as rivals with him, (Num 6-8); God, having thus shown them their fault and folly, next shows them His displeasure
- (Num 12:9): The <u>anger of the LORD was aroused</u> against them, of which perhaps some sensible indications were given in the change of the color of the cloud, or some flashes of lightning from it. God's judgment upon Miriam (Num 2:10) And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, <u>suddenly Miriam became leprous</u>, as <u>white</u> as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. The cloud departed from off that part of the tabernacle, in token of God's displeasure, and presently Miriam became leprous; when God goes, evil comes; expect no good when God departs.
- Aaron's submission in (Num 12:11,12). He humbles himself to Moses, confesses his fault, and begs pardon. He that had joined with his sister in speaking against Moses is here forced for himself and his sister to make a penitent address to him, and in the highest degree to magnify him (as if he had the power of God to forgive and heal) whom he had so lately vilified.
- (Num 12:12): Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!" He eloquently describes the misery of her case, to move his pity.
- The intercession made for Miriam: (Num. 12:13) So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"
- By this example we are taught to pray for those that despitefully use us; and not to take pleasure in the most righteous punishment inflicted either by God or man on those that have been injurious to us.
- (Num. 12:14-15) 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. The hindrance that this gave to the people's progress: The people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again,

SUMMARY:

- How do your respond to jealousy and envy creeping into your life?
- How quickly do you turn those who come against you into forgiveness and prayer for them?
- Remember Aaron and Miriam, their sin, its consequences.
- Also remember Moses' humility, his forgiveness, and his intercessory prayer for his sister in her leprous condition and how the *LORD* responded on Moses' behalf!

Pray Today For: We thank the *LORD* for a continuing great worldwide harvest! For continuing <u>protection</u> and security of all believers! For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus! For Israel and the peace of Jerusalem and the release of all hostages.

GRACE – Michael W. Smith (3:37)

I was lost when You found me here You pulled me close and held me near And I'm a fool, but still You love I'll be Your fool for the King of love You gave me wings so I could fly And gave me a song to color the sky And all I have is all from You And all I want is all of You

It's grace, Your grace (Your grace) I'm nothing without You Your grace, Your grace Shines on me

And there've been days when I've walked away Too much to carry, nothing left to say Forgive me, Lord, when I'm weak and lost For You traded Heaven for a wooden cross And all these years You've carried me You've been my eyes when I could not see And beauty grows in the driving rain Your oil of gladness in the times of pain Your grace, Your grace I'm nothing without You Your grace, Your grace Shines on me Oh it's Your grace Your grace, Your grace I'm nothing without You Your grace, Your grace Shines on me (Oh yeah)

Shines on me Shines on me Your grace, it shines on me Shines on me Shines on me Your grace, it's Your grace (It's Your grace) Shines on me Shines on me Your grace, it shines on me Shines on me (Shines on me) Shines on me It's Your grace