

Text: **Numbers 12**

DISSENT AMONG THE LEADERS

1. This can happen
2. Dissent of Miriam and Aaron (Numbers 12:1)
3. Reason for their dissent: Moses had re-married and to an Ethiopian woman (Numbers 12:1)

DISSENSION DISGUISED

1. Seemingly valid questions raised (Numbers 12:2)
 - a) Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses?
 - b) Has He not spoken through us also?
 - c) The Lord's Name was invoked
2. The LORD's swift response (Numbers 12:4-5)
 - a) Three of them were summoned to meet with the Lord at the Tabernacle of Meeting
 - b) The Lord's Presence was manifested in a pillar of cloud
3. The Lord's word to the Three Leaders (Numbers 12:6)
 - a) The matter of God speaking through His servants
 - b) The prophetic office was singled out
 - c) God communicates through giving
 - i) A Vision
 - ii) A Dream

4. The Lord's special word concerning Moses (Numbers 12:7-8)

- a) Moses is a special servant
- b) God speaks to him "face to face"
- c) God speaks plainly to him
- d) He does not use "dark sayings"
- e) He sees the form of the Lord

5. Rebuke to Miriam and Aaron

"Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" Numbers 12:8

ANGER AND CHASTISEMENT OF MIRIAM

- 1. God's anger was made known
- 2. Miriam was struck with leprosy (Numbers 12:9)

PLEA OF AARON

- 1. Admission (Numbers 12:11)
 - a) Of sin
 - b) Of foolishness
- 2. Plea to heal Miriam (Numbers 12:12)

MOSES PLEADS WITH THE LORD

He pleads for healing for Miriam (Numbers 12:13)

GRACE SHOWN

- 1. Miriam would be put outside the Camp for 7 days
- 2. As one shamed by her father
- 3. Miriam finally restored (Numbers 12:14-15)