

Book of Numbers - Part 5

Chapter 12

Numbers 12:1-16 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); ² and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it. ³ (Now the man Moses was very meek, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.) ⁴ Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out. ⁵ Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called ^{6a} Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward, ⁶ He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision.

I shall speak with him in a dream.

⁷ "Not so, with My servant Moses,

He is faithful in all My household;

⁸ With him I speak Face to Face,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid

To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

⁹ So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed. ¹⁰ But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, Miriam *was* leprous, as *white as* snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she *was* leprous. ¹¹ Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, I beg you, do not account *this* sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned. ¹² Oh, do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!" ¹³ Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "O God, heal her, I pray!" ¹⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days outside the camp, and afterward she may be received again." ¹⁵ So Miriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again.

¹⁶ Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Who was Miriam?

Exodus 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the **sister of Aaron**, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Exodus 6:20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him **Aaron and Moses**: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

Micah 6:3-4 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and **I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam**.

Exodus 15:20-21 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

1. FACE TO FACE

2. FRANKLY

3. FORM

4. FAITHFUL - (Hebrew: aman)

Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Exodus 33:20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Job 4:16 It stood still, but I could not discern the **form** thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

Who is Our Moses today?

Hebrews 3:1-6 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

5 And **Moses verily was faithful** in all his house, **as a servant**, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

6 But **Christ as a son over his own house**; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

What does Meekness Mean?

Numbers 12:1-15 Miriam and Aaron **spoke against Moses** because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And 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 meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.**

- MEEK - means someone who does not assert themselves, someone who is not consumed with his or her own agenda.
- The feature of meekness that James brings out is **teachability**.

James 1:19-22 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for **the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God**. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and **receive with meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and **meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing** one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for **I am meek and lowly in heart**: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Psalms 37:1-11 Davidic. **Don't be angry** because of those who do evil, do not be jealous because of those who commit iniquity. 2 Indeed, they soon will wither like grass, and like green herbs they will fade away. 3 **Trust** in the LORD and do good. Dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness. 4 **Delight** yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 **Commit** your way to the LORD; Trust him, and he will act. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as a light, and your justice as the noonday sun. 7 Be silent in the LORD's presence and wait patiently for him. **Don't be angry** because of the one whose way prospers or the one who implements evil schemes. 8 **Calm your anger** and abandon wrath. **Don't be angry**—it only leads to evil. 9 Those who do evil will perish. But those who **wait on the LORD** will inherit the land. 10 Yet a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more. You will search for his place, but he will not be there. 11 **The meek will inherit the land**; they will take in abundant peace.