
NORTHSIDE BULLETIN

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Sick

Shut-ins and Elderly Members:

Sis. Darnell

Sis. Burns

Sis. Sharp

Sis. Higginbottom

Bro. And Sis. Wade

Those Battling Health Issues

Carl Hollis Jr

The Wheelers

The Youngs

Sis. Shirley Berry

Family of Members

Amy Branscum's brother

Phyllis Hale's brother and mother

Shirley Meade's niece

Brenda Fasulo's mother

Sue Southard's mother

Other Announcements

Remember The Hollis Family in the Death of Carl Hollis Sr. Visitation is tomorrow night

“Remember Miriam”

by Mike Webb

The book of Deuteronomy contains a series of speeches that Moses delivered to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab. It was Moses' final words to the people prior to his death. In Deut.24:9 Moses said, “Remember what the Lord God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt.” What was it about Miriam that God wanted the people to recall?

Who is Miriam?

Miriam was the sister to Moses and Aaron (1 Chron. 6:3). She must have been reliable and trustworthy even as a young girl because her mother charged her with the task of watching Moses when he was placed in the ark of bulrushes (Exo.2:4). She was a prophetess who led the women in praise when the Red Sea was crossed (Exodus 15:20-21). Miriam is included with Moses and Aaron as those that God sent among the people (Micah 6:4). It is obvious that Miriam was a great woman, but that is not what Moses wanted the people to remember.

What Did Moses Want the People to Remember About Miriam?

In Numbers 12 the Bible records a time when Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses. They said, “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also? (Num.12:2). It seems that Miriam must have been the leader in this complaint because God struck her with leprosy as punishment (Num.12:9-12). Why should we remember this event? What should we learn?

Lessons Learned

1). *Rebellion Against God's Ordained Authority is Rebellion Against God.* When Aaron and Miriam spoke against Moses they were really complaining about God. This is seen in God's response in Num.12:6-8. Moses was God's servant whom God had chosen to lead the people of Israel.

When we reject God's spokesman under the New Testament, we are rejecting God. Jesus said, "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you reject Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me" (Lk. 10:16)

When we fail to respect authority that God has appointed then we are rejecting God. This applies to the authority of government, home, work, and in the church. If we fail to respect God's order then we disrespect God. Remember Miriam.

2). *The danger of envy and jealousy.* Aaron and Miriam were both given positions of great responsibility by God (Num.16:9-11). Aaron was the High Priest and Miriam was a prophetess. Instead of being content with their role it seems they were jealous of their brother being the leader of the people.

Today, we need to understand that we all do not fill the same role in the body of Christ (1 Cor.12:12-19). We can't all be elders, preachers, or teachers, but the role that we fill is valuable. We should not allow envy to cause us to speak against those who fill other places in the body. Be content with your place in the body and if you are tempted to do otherwise, "Remember Miriam."

3). *Our sins affect other people.* Miriam's sin had an effect on the people. They had to wait for seven days before they could resume their journey (Num.12:14-16). It had an impact on Moses and Aaron as they saw their sister as a leprous. Sometimes we think, "My sin only affects me". This is very rarely true just, "Remember Miriam."

This Week's Scripture Readings:

March 12 - Num.26-29, Luke 2

March 13- Num.30-33, Ps.35, Luke 3

March 14 - Num.34-36, Luke 4

March 15 - Deut.1-3; Ps.36, Luke 4

March 16 - Deut.4-5, Luke 6

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Assembling Times:

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 am

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm



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