

“Stay Afraid” By Kirk Hunt

*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?”*

Numbers 12:8 NKJV
(Please read Numbers 12:1 – 7)

Miriam watched over her baby brother, Moses, in the bulrushes. Moses’s older brother, Aaron the High Priest served as Moses spokesman. Miriam and Aaron were skilled, insightful and anointed of God. And not afraid to bad-mouth their brother.

They should have known better. Moses was the God-selected leader. They let their family spat boil-up into a mutiny against Moses’ God-spoken position and authority.

God-chosen leaders are God-chosen leaders. That does not make that man or woman perfect, but God’s authority rests on them. Rebellion against that anointed one is rebellion against God.

The Hebrew word for ‘afraid’, *yare*, can be translated as *reverence*. Miriam and Aaron lost their reverence for Moses’ position and place in God and before God’s people. They may not have been afraid to disrespect their brother, but they were afraid (not just reverent) to be confronted by God.

Should the spiritual leaders in your life live up to their assignments from God? Of course they should. Still, you should approach God’s men and women in light of their anointing by, and appointment from, God. Do not wind up standing before God as a mutineer.

Think: My reverence for God should echo in my respect for His servants.

Pray: “Lord, help my respect for You show in my respect for Your men and women.”

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