

“Miriam's Judgment” By Kirk Hunt

So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

Numbers 12:9–10 NKJV
(Please read Numbers 12:1 – 8)

The *Shekinah*, God's glory cloud, departed the Tabernacle. The presence of God had left, but His judgment remained. Miriam was completely engulfed in leprosy, a slow, disfiguring and finally deadly, disease. The ancient Hebrews say it as symbolic of sin in the life of men and women.

As High Priest, it was Aaron's job to diagnose lepers, then banish them from any contact with family and friends. Aaron would now have to designate his own sister as unclean and drive her out of the camp. There, on the outside of life as she knew it, Miriam would suffer disfigurement, disability and eventually death.

God's judgment of Aaron and Miriam's rebellion against Moses had been swift and final. They wanted to dwell in God's presence, like Moses. They found out, there are more things in God's presence than mercy and revelation. There is also justice and judgment.

Aaron and Miriam were right to seek God's presence for themselves. They were wrong to seek Him in an attitude of envy and presumption. There are many things in God's presence. His judgment is not the least part of His presence.

Think: God's presence is to be sought, but in reverence and humility.

Pray: “Lord, I seek You in humility and reverence. Accept me in grace and mercy.”

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