

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Miriam was a prophetess and we have been reflecting on her over the last day or so. I do not know if you know what her name means. It means *rebellion, obstinacy!* You know, I am not knocking anybody if you are called “Miriam.” You don’t have to be like that, but that is what the name description is. Miriam really did have an open rebellion. She had a very dangerous rebellion. You think of all the children of Israel that had been delivered out of bondage, out of the pursuing armies, the miracles, and yet, she led rebellion — rebellion against the leader.

Many years ago, there was a pastor in England, who was dying. Another man went to him and said, “Would you please forgive me? I took things and I added to them. I really believe I might have had something to do with this spirit of rebellion against you, and what has happened in the church. The pastor said, “Please take the pillow from under my head.” At that time, the pillow was a feather pillow. He then said, “Go over to the window.” The other man thought, “Well, this is strange; perhaps he really is losing it!” Then the pastor said, “Pick up those scissors. Open the window and slit open the pillow and shake out the feathers.” He said, “You really mean this?” The pastor

said, “Yes, I really want you to do that.” He said, “All right.” He thought it was crazy, but he did it. The feathers went far and wide. Then said the man, “I did what you said, Pastor.” Then the pastor said, “Now, go and pick up every one of these feathers! Put them back in the pillow, sew it up, put it under my head, and make me comfortable! Those words have gone out and there is no way they can be retrieved, but I gladly forgive you. I am going to the Lord very soon now.” He did go; he was so ill from what he had gone through. But that day, he said, “Remember, the rebellion you have caused will have an impact upon this church and community for a very long time, until it is dealt with and confessed.” I always think about that true story.

You see, there was this rebellion that had been caused. Miriam used this idea of, “Does God always speak only through Moses?” In other words, “What is wrong with what I have to say? I have my point of view that I can bring through ministry.” There was jealousy. Feeling you should be over somebody else is one of the most serious attacks of Satan upon your life. As a Christian, you are not over anybody else. You may carry a line of leadership and you are responsible for people who are under you in that line, but, at the same time, you are a servant unto God, and you are all under God.

God gave Moses the unenviable position of being a leader. Why in the world would anybody want his position? He had a crowd of people who

were all the time up to big trouble. You see, the sister, Miriam, had sided up with Aaron, and, I believe definitely affected the life of Aaron. You might remember when Moses went up into the mountain and came before God and the Ten Commandments were given. Aaron was once again playing and falling into what people said he had to do. He made this golden calf and made some very lame excuse as to how it all came into being. He said, “You know, all this stuff went into the fire and this is how it came out!” In other words, there was something very weak, because of this rebellious spirit that surrounded him and Miriam.

The sad thing about Miriam is that the Scripture then shows what would happen. The Lord called out Moses, Miriam, and Aaron to the front of the tabernacle where He was speaking. He spoke their names, Aaron and Miriam, and when they came forward — **Chapter 12** —

**6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you . . . - because you know, Miriam was saying, I am a prophetess; I have been called a prophetess of God! - . . . I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision . . . In other words, -God spoke to them by a vision; He spoke in various ways —**

**7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house,**  
**8 I speak to him mouth to mouth . . .** I do not know if you realize what this means. It means that God is saying, “Look, I have such a communion with Moses that I speak to him mouth to mouth; I do not

just come by visions or dreams. I am speaking directly.”

**9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled again them; and he departed.**

**10 And the cloud departed . . . and behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow . . .** *Leprosy depicts sin. She is shown to all as a leper!*

**11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord. . .** *-notice now what he is now calling his brother - . . .* **I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.**

**12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother’s womb.**

What about the sin to be dealt with in your life right now? May you say *Lord, don’t let it be as Miriam.* God graciously healed Miriam, but she was never again in public service; we do not read of that any more. Let God deal with that thing within your life that has caused the rebellious spirit. You are a prophetess. Don’t put yourself out of position where God put you.

*In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

