

**Call To Teach Nations:
Character Building -- Moses, Miriam and Aaron
Key verse: 2 Timothy 2:1-7 and Numbers 12:1-16**

2 Timothy 2:1-7

1 You then, my son, be **strong in the grace** that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others**. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 **No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs**, but rather tries **to please his commanding officer**. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for **the Lord will give you insight into all this**.

- We are called to be strong in the grace
- There are times we can get weakened:
 - Eyes off Jesus
 - Try to earn our righteousness
 - Unguarded heart and mind
- Ensure we are rooted in the local church where preaching and teaching are done accordingly to His Words
- Do not get entangled in civilian affairs

John 14:15

"If you love me, keep my commands

- The Lord will reveal and unveil the Truth to us...under new covenant, I will make myself known to you...

Hebrew 8:10

This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

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Numbers 12:1-16 NIVUK

Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses

1 Miriam and Aaron **began to talk against** Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.

2 **'Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?'** they asked. **'Hasn't he also spoken through us?'** And **the Lord heard this.**

3 (Now **Moses was a very humble man**, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

4 **At once** the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, 'Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.' So the three of them went out. 5 Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward,

6 he said, **'Listen to my words:** 'When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

7 But this is not true of my **servant** Moses; **he is faithful in all my house.**

8 With him **I speak face to face**, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. **Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?'** 9 The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.

10 When the cloud lifted from above the tent, **Miriam's skin was leprous – it became as white as snow.** **Aaron** turned towards her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, 11 and he said to Moses, **'Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. 12 Do**



not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away.'

13 So **Moses cried** out to the Lord, '**Please, God, heal her!**'

14 The **Lord replied** to Moses, 'If her father had spat in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.' 15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back. 16 After that, the people left Hazereth and camped in the Desert of Paran.

Closing:

There were 3 things God instructed to be kept in the Ark of Covenant:

1. The Law Tablet: this represents men's rebellion against God's protection (under the Law, they sinned, they died)

2. The Golden pot of Manna: this represents men's rebellion against God's provision (they murmured against God's abundant supplies)

3. The Aaron's Rod: this represents men's rebellion against God's providence (spiritual guidance/leadership) they rebelled against God's appointed leader.

The good news is we are now under the **New Covenant of Grace by the blood of Jesus:** therefore we can pray today for God's unmerited favor upon our lives for His abundant **Provision, Protection and Providence.**

That's worth a shout of Halleluyah and Amen! PTL.