

## Numbers 12:1-2

***Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it.***

I remember many years ago, when a young man who was a new youth pastor at the church I used to go to, would always talk bad things about the pastor, putting him down all the time. He even got others, and even me into it for a while. Eventually this young man left the church because the Lord stopped his ministry there. But I also remember seeing him a few months after he left the church, and he was still the same way. He just didn't seem to have learned at the time that you don't speak against the Lord's anointed.

And this is the type of thing we are reading about in today's devotional verses, where Moses' brother and sister are speaking against, and even judged Moses wrongly. But did you catch the last sentence of verse two?

† ***And the LORD heard it.***

You may not like everything about your pastor or someone else in ministry, but as long as the word of God is being taught, and they are not leading others away from God's word, then we need to watch what we say about them to others, or even to the Lord.

† ***Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.***

If you really have a problem with someone, be it your pastor or someone else in ministry, then take it up with that person, one on one. Because if you don't, then it ends up being gossip in the church, which is a cancer and has destroyed many a church because of it.

† ***Jude 1:16-19 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.***

Also, before you confront someone, make sure you are checking scripture and praying about it first, asking the Lord if we are in the wrong and our hearts need to change, because sometimes, it is us that are in the wrong and not the other person.

† ***Psalm 44:21 Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.***

- † **Matthew 5:23-24** *Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*
- † **1 Corinthians 1:10-11 (NLT2)** *I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your quarrels, my dear brothers and sisters.*