

A person is shown in silhouette, kneeling with their hands clasped in prayer. They are positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The background is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of tall grasses on the left and a dense line of trees on the right. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

LOVE *and*
HONOUR
GOD'S
servants

Bro Peter | Numbers 12:1-9



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.)

Numbers 12:1-9 NIV

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,



Numbers 12:1-9 NIV

**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.**



Numbers 12:1-9 NIV

**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**



Numbers 12:1-9 NIV

The result of an action has some underlying characters, thoughts and assumptions.

Aaron and Mariam spoke against Moses for several underlying factors such as jealousy and familiarity.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

- ✓ The sister of Moses, who was greatly used by God to deliver him at the Nile River.

EXODUS 2:1-10



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

EXODUS 2: 1-4 AMP

1 Now a man of the house of Levi [the priestly tribe] went and took as his wife a daughter of Levi.

2 The woman conceived and gave birth to a son; and when she saw that he was [especially] beautiful and healthy, she hid him for three months [to protect him from the Egyptians].



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

EXODUS 2: 1-4 AMP

3 When she could no longer hide him, she got him a basket (chest) made of papyrus reeds and covered it with tar and pitch [making it waterproof]. Then she put the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

4 And his sister [Miriam] stood some distance away to find out what would happen to him.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

NUMBERS 26:59 NIV

the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt. To Amram she bore Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

- ✓ She was already used to everything surrounding being a Levite and hearing from God.
- ✓ The first prophetess in the bible and an influencing leader.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

EXODUS 15:19-21 NIV

19 For the horses of Pharaoh went with his war-chariots and his charioteers into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea on them, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea.

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron [and Moses], took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her with timbrels and dancing.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Mariam:

EXODUS 15:19-21 NIV

21 Miriam answered them,

**“Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed
gloriously and is highly exalted; The horse and
its rider He has hurled into the sea.”**



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Aaron:

- ✓ Brother of Moses and three years older than him
- ✓ The mouthpiece of Moses – he was very fluent in speaking.

EXODUS 4:14 AMP

"Then the anger of the Lord was kindled and burned against Moses; He said, "Is there not your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks fluently. Also, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be overjoyed"



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Aaron:

- ✓ Aaron was the First Levitical Priest by God's appointment. Exodus 28:1-2
- ✓ He once led the Israelites into Adultery of the golden calf- Exodus 32:1-2,19-24



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Aaron:

✓ Supported Moses hand.

EXODUS 17:10-13 NIV

10" So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.



Characters in the text and their roles in Israel.

Aaron:

✓ Supported Moses hand.

EXODUS 17:10-13 NIV

12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it.

Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword”



Key Lessons from Numbers 12:1-9



- 1. The last can be first and the first can be last.**
 - The sovereignty of God over age
 - The sovereignty of God over how we look.
 - The sovereignty of God over race.
- 2. The danger of over-familiarity Samuel 6: 17-23, Numbers 12:1-9**
- 3. Don't assume leadership, God's calling isn't by your many years of experience.**

Key Lessons from Numbers 12:1-9



4. A prophet has no honour in his "own town".

MARK 6:1-6 NIV

1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?"

Key Lessons from Numbers 12:1-9



4. A prophet has no honour in his "own town".

MARK 6:1-6 NIV

3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."

Key Lessons from Numbers 12:1-9



4. A prophet has no honour in his "own town".

MARK 6:1-6 NIV

5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Key Lessons from Numbers 12:1-9



5. The Man of God in the middle of criticism

2 Samuel 6: 17-23

- Stay focus.
- Stay humble, God is building godly character in you through criticism.
- Pray for your enemies.

How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ Show them Kindness and honour:
Act 28:1-2, 7-10 NIV

1 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.

2 The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ Show them Kindness and honour:
Act 28:1-2, 7-10 NIV

7 There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.

8 His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ Show them Kindness and honour:
Act 28:1-2, 7-10 NIV

9 When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.

10 They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Look for a need in their lives - A case study of Timothy and Epaphroditus**

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

20 I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare.

21 For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Look for a need in their lives - A case study of Timothy and Epaphroditus**

22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

23 I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.

24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Look for a need in their lives - A case study of Timothy and Epaphroditus**

25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Look for a need in their lives - A case study of Timothy and Epaphroditus**

28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

29 So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him,

30 because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ Recognize, acknowledge and respect them.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 AMP

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to appreciate those who diligently work among you [recognize, acknowledge, and respect your leaders], who are in charge over you in the Lord and who give you instruction,

13 and [we ask that you appreciate them and] hold them in the highest esteem in love because of their work [on your behalf]. Live in peace with one another.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Follow their godly examples Heb 13:7 NLT**

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

- ✓ **Be obedient to them Heb 13:17 NLT**

Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.



How do you love and honour God's servant?

✓ Pray for them 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 NLT

1 Finally, dear brothers and sisters,[a] we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.

2 Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Live for God, avoiding eye and lips service for them. PHILIPPIANS 2:12 NIV**

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling”



How do you love and honour God's servant?

- ✓ **Live for God, avoiding eye and lips service for them. EPHESIANS 6:6 NKJV**

"not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,"

- ✓ **Don't form unholy alliance against them.**



The thin line between a servant of God in error and an Apostate.



2 PETER 2:1-3 NIV

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2 Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

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2 PETER 2:1-3 NIV

3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

Only follow a man that is following Christ -

1 Cor 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

God want us to start lifting up the fainting hands of his servant as Aaron did to Moses instead of pulling them down.



CONCLUSION

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