

Loving All of God's People (Numbers 12:1-15)

Four Priorities for Life – Part 5
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Acts 2:5 (NIV) Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

Revelation 7:9 (NIV) After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28a (NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed ...

1. Love all God's people of different _____

Numbers 12:1 (NIV) Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.

1A. Discrimination is rooted in _____

Numbers 12:2 (NIV) "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

1B. God uses _____ people

Numbers 12:3 (NIV) (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

2. Love all God's people with different _____

Numbers 12:4-5 (NIV) 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 came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward,

2A. God _____ people to different ministries

Numbers 12:6-8 (NIV) he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. 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?"

2B. God judges _____

Numbers 12:9-10 (NIV) The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy;

2C. God _____ those who repent

Numbers 12:11-13 (NIV) and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away." So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!"

Numbers 12:15 (NIV) So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

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Intro. What does the birth of the church at Pentecost tell us about the kind of church God desires (Acts 2:5-11)?

How does the church in heaven speak to us about God's value for all kinds of people (Revelation 7:9)?

Why do you think that many churches are segregated by nationality or race? Is this what God desires? Why or why not?

What are differences between God's people based on (1 Corinthians 12:27-28)?

1A. Why do you think that Miriam and Aaron were upset with Moses regarding his marriage to someone of another nationality/race (Numbers 12:1)?

1B. In what ways do you see an attitude of pride behind Miriam and Aaron's attitude toward Moses (Numbers 12:2)?

1C. How was Moses the exact opposite of the accusations of Miriam and Aaron (Numbers 12:3)?

1D. In what ways do some churches and Christians show discrimination today?

1E. How can we grow as a church to embrace people of all nationalities, races and ages?

2A. How were Miriam and Aaron jealous of Moses' leadership ministry (Numbers 12:2)?

2B. Why do you think God confronted Miriam and Aaron's attitude (Numbers 12:4-5)?

2C. How did God explain the unique ministry of Moses as being different from that of Miriam and Aaron (Numbers 12:6-8)?

2D. Why was Miriam judged and not Aaron (Numbers 12:9-10)? What lesson can we learn from this judgment?

2E. What attitude does Moses exhibit toward Miriam regarding God's judgment on her (Numbers 12:11-15)?

2F. What lessons can we learn from this example regarding God's appointment of different ministry positions in the church?