

1. Symptoms of Discontent with God

a) Me-Centredness - v2

- Is your situation always worse? Others have it easier?

b) Superiority to others - v1

- Miriam finds a reason to look down on Moses' Cushite wife

c) Resentment of others

- Resents Moses' gifts and abilities
- Resentment is wrong even when we think it justified!

d) Challenging God's word

- God called Moses (Ex 3) – Miriam challenges what God has said
- Are there parts of God's word which you think don't apply to you? Commands, statements or promises?

e) Grumbling at God

- One of the most dangerous activities in the Bible - see Numbers 11
- Do you look for excuses to justify sinful discontent at God?

2. Seriousness of Discontent with God

a) God takes grumbling very seriously

- Through Exod. & Num – people always grumbling, always punished
- Num 12 – the leaders grumble – all the more serious than ch11
- God doesn't ignore it – its an attack on his character – v8

b) God will humble us

- v14 - the whole community is to witness her rebuke
- Judgment mixed with mercy – only 7 days, not death
- Our greatest problem is our pride – it is a mercy to be humbled

3. Solution to Discontent with God

a) Remember you were rescued by God

- Miriam, once a slave, now free - rescued by God
- She owes God everything, and he owes her nothing
- We were rescued by God at great cost – we owe him.

b) Accept God's right to rule

- v6-8 – God had done more for Moses, but it was his right
- Let God be God – no God worth worship dances to our tunes
- Need to accept the circumstances God in his wisdom places us in
- Need to humble ourselves – his great love will provide Rom 8:32

c) Get your contentment from God not your circumstances or others

- Miriam's worth was found in God's love of her, not in her activities
- Life will always be unfair until Christ comes.
- A me-centred view will breed resentment. A God-centred, cross-focused view will breed trust, contentment & purpose

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Sabbath 22nd February 09

Notices

Sab 22nd Evening service at Mark & Judith's 8pm

Wed Bible Study - Study 2 in 10 Commandments - Pick up a study book on the way out.

Sat 28th Leaflet distribution in Enniskillen - invites to services starting 1st March
Starting meet in Tesco's Car park ennsikeillen at 10.30am. Lunch will be provided for all workers.. Contact Rev Robert Robb if you wish to help.
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March

Sab 1st Evening service in Milford

Sat 7th Young People's Spring Conference
Cloughmills - 6.30pm for tea, 7pm for meeting (over 8.45pm)
Christians in a world that rejects Christ
Rev Peter Jemphrey

Thu 12th Banner of Truth NI Conference for young people
The Book that Changed the World - Can we Trust the Bible?
The Crescent Church, University Road, Belfast.
Speakers Include: Ted Donnelly & Mark Johnston

Sab 15th Church Lunch

Mar 16th Letterkenny prayer evening 7-11pm
Come and go at whatever time suits
The house beside the Open Door Bookshop

21st March Go-relief team meeting - Cloughmills RP Church @ 3.00pm

- Pastoral Congregational Visiting has started - Theme will be 'Treasures that last'
- Matt 6:19-24

Sabbath 1st - Esther (Esther!) & Evening: Gomer (Hosea 1-3,11)

Opening Psalm: 78A:1-4

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