

Deuteronomy 24:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

Analysis

Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt. Miriam's leprosy served as warning against rebellion. When she and Aaron challenged Moses' authority (Numbers 12), God struck her with leprosy, demonstrating the seriousness of challenging divinely appointed leadership.

The command remember makes Miriam's judgment perpetual teaching moment. Future generations must recall that rebellion against God's appointed authorities brings divine discipline. Memory of past judgments should prevent repeating past sins.

The timing by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt emphasizes that even privileged, redeemed people face discipline for sin. Redemption from Egypt did not exempt Miriam from consequences when she rebelled.

This demonstrates that physical affliction can serve as divine judgment and teaching tool. While not all suffering indicates personal sin, some does - Miriam's leprosy directly resulted from her rebellion.

Historical Context

Miriam was Moses' sister and a prophetess who led worship after the Red Sea crossing. Her high position did not protect her from judgment when she

challenged Moses' unique prophetic role.

Aaron participated in the rebellion but escaped leprosy, possibly because he repented more quickly or because his priestly role prevented ceremonial defilement that would halt his service.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does Miriam's leprosy teach about consequences of challenging God's appointed authorities?
2. How does remembering past judgments function as warning against repeating sins?
3. Why did redemption and privileged position not exempt Miriam from discipline?
4. What does this teach about the relationship between some physical afflictions and sin?
5. How should leaders respond when facing inappropriate challenges to proper authority?

Interlinear Text

זָכוֹר	אֵת	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	לְמִרְיָם
Remember			did	what the LORD	thy God	unto Miriam
H2142	H853	H834	H6213	H3068	H430	H4813
בְּדֶרֶךְ		בְּצֵאתְךָ		מִמִּצְרָיִם:		
by the way		after that ye were come forth		out of Egypt		
H1870		H3318		H4714		

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 10:11 (Parallel theme): Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1 Corinthians 10:6 (Parallel theme): Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

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