

# Numbers 12:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

## Analysis

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God distinguishes Moses' unique prophetic ministry from other prophets who received visions and dreams. While these indirect revelations were common, Moses enjoyed face-to-face communion with God. This direct communication established Moses' authority and prefigured Christ, who has seen the Father and makes Him known (John 1:18). The phrase 'if there be a prophet' acknowledges other legitimate prophets while elevating Moses' unparalleled intimacy.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern prophets typically received messages through dreams, visions, or ecstatic states. Moses' unique access to direct conversation with God set him apart as unmatched mediator until Christ, 'a prophet like unto Moses' (Deuteronomy 18:15).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Moses' unique access to God point forward to Christ as the ultimate Mediator?
2. What difference should it make that you have direct access to God through Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	שְׁמָעוּ	נָא	דְּבַרִּי	אִם	יְהִיָּה	נָבִיאֶךָ מֵ
And he said	Hear	H4994	now my words	H518	H1961	If there be a prophet
H559	H8085		H1697			H5030
יְהוָה ה	בְּמַרְאֵה	אֵלַי	אֶתִּידַע			
among you I the LORD	unto him in a vision	H413	will make myself known			
H3068	H4759		H3045			
בְּחֵל וּ	אֲדַבֵּר	בּוֹ:				
unto him in a dream	and will speak	H0				
H2472	H1696					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 46:2** (Parallel theme): And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

**1 Kings 3:5** (References Lord): In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

**Luke 1:22** (Parallel theme): And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

**Luke 1:11** (References Lord): And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

**Daniel 10:8** (Parallel theme): Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

**Ezekiel 1:1** (Parallel theme): Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

**Acts 10:11** (Parallel theme): And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

**Matthew 1:20** (References Lord): But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**Daniel 8:2** (Parallel theme): And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

**Psalms 89:19** (Parallel theme): Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.