

# Numbers 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

## Analysis

An Israelite brazenly brought a Midianite woman to his family 'in the sight of Moses, and... all the congregation' while they mourned. This audacious sin during corporate repentance reveals hardness of heart and contempt for God's judgment. Some persist in rebellion even when warned by others' punishment. Phinehas's zealous response (verse 7-8) demonstrated that tolerating such defiance endangers everyone.

## Historical Context

This incident occurred at the tabernacle door during communal weeping over the plague (verse 8). The man's action constituted deliberate provocation—not hidden sin but open defiance. His social position (later identified as a prince, verse 14) made his example especially dangerous.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to be 'zealous' for God's honor in contemporary context?
2. How do you respond to open, defiant sin in the community of faith?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהִנֵּה הָאִישׁ	וְהִנֵּה הָאִישׁ	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	וְלִזְקֹן בְּ	וְלִזְקֹן בְּ	אֶל	אֶל
H2009	<b>And behold one</b>	H376	<b>of the children</b>	H1121	<b>of Israel</b>	H3478	<b>came</b>	H935	<b>and brought</b>	H7126	H413
אֶחָיו	אֶחָיו	וְלִזְעִינִי	וְלִזְעִינִי	פָּמְדִינִי יְתָ	פָּמְדִינִי יְתָ	אֶת	אֶת	מֵשֶׁה	מֵשֶׁה	וְלִזְעִינִי	וְלִזְעִינִי
<b>unto his brethren</b>	H251	H853	<b>a Midianitish woman</b>	H4084	<b>and in the sight</b>	H5869	<b>of Moses</b>	H4872			
וְלִזְעִינִי	וְלִזְעִינִי	כָּל	כָּל	עַד תָּ	עַד תָּ	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל
<b>and in the sight</b>	H5869	H3605	<b>of all the congregation</b>	H5712	<b>of the children</b>	H1121	<b>of Israel</b>	H3478			H1992
בְּכָ יְמִ	בְּכָ יְמִ	פָּתָח	פָּתָח	אֶת	אֶת	מִזְבֵּחַ	מִזְבֵּחַ				
<b>who were weeping</b>	H1058	<b>before the door</b>	H6607	<b>of the tabernacle</b>	H168	<b>of the congregation</b>	H4150				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joel 2:17** (Parallel theme): Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

**Numbers 22:4** (Parallel theme): And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.