

requires a State to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State.

“Already... you can see the stereotypes shifting. No longer will the world try evangelicals for hypocrisy. Instead, they’re charged with bigotry, our culture’s worst sin. No longer suspected of false moral superiority, they’re accused of real moral inferiority. Rather than Victorian prudes, evangelicals have already been likened to Jim Crow segregationists for opposing gay marriage.”ⁱ

Do Not Miss the Opportunity God Has Given Us

1 Peter 2:12, 16–17, 19, 21–25

¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that *when they speak against you as evildoers*, they may see your good deeds and *glorify God on the day of visitation*.

¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but *living as servants of God*.¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁹ For *this is a gracious thing*, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows *while suffering unjustly*. ...²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.²³ *When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly*.²⁴ *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness*. By his wounds you have been healed.²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now *returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*.

Key Idea:

Fear of God guards us against the fear of men, but the love of Christ drives it out entirely.

ⁱ “Why the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage represents a new era for evangelicals”
The Washington Post · by Collin Hansen

Notes:

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#13 in Series] *The Journey of Evil Desires* – Numbers 11:1–14:45

Part 3, Craving God’s Glory – Numbers 12

Sermon Outline – June 28, 2015

Children’s Sermon/Introduction

❖ **Who are Miriam and Aaron?**

- Who was watching when Moses was pulled out of the Nile River and who led the women who danced & sang after the rescue at the Red Sea?
- Why did God tell Moses to get his brother Aaron to help him at the burning bush?
- Who did the people complain to in the last chapter we studied?

❖ **What is Envy?**

- What two things do we do when we want something our brother or sister has? (We complain about them & puff ourselves up)

❖ **Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses...(1-2a)**

¹ Miriam and Aaron *spoke against Moses* because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman.

² *And they said*, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses?

Has he not spoken through us also?”...

- What did they complain about Moses?
- In what way were they puffing themselves up?
- What do you think Miriam & Aaron want?

❖ (2b) “...*And the Lord heard it*.”

General Idea:

When we crave glory we will be humbled. When we let God put us in our place, we receive honor. (e.g. Luke 14:7–11)

BIG PICTURE: WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT MOSES?

NUMBERS 1-10:10 – GETTING READY TO GO...

NUMBERS 10:11-36 – SETTING OUT FOR THE LAND, LED BY THE LORD

THE JOURNEY OF REBELLION FROM SINAI TO KADESH (11–14)

A. THREE COMPLAINTS (11–12)

1. COMPLAINTS ABOUT HARDSHIP (11:1-3) – **WE CRAVE EASY**

2. COMPLAINTS ABOUT FOOD (11:4-35) – **WE CRAVE THE GOOD LIFE NOW**

IF ONLY WE HAD MEAT! (4-9)

MOSES COMPLAINS ABOUT THE COMPLAINTS (10-15) – **MOSES CRAVED GOD’S HELP**

GOD RESPONDS TO THE FIRST TWO COMPLAINTS (16-23)

SEVENTY ELDERS ANOINTED (24-30)

QUAIL & PLAGUE (31-35)

3. MIRIAM AND AARON COMPLAIN ABOUT MOSES (12:1-16) – WE CRAVE GLORY

B. ISRAEL REJECTS THE PROMISED LAND (13–14)

1 Corinthians 10:6

Now *these things took place as examples for us, that we might not **desire evil** as they did.* ...

God Respond's to this Glory Grabbing (Moses has been Given a Unique Role)

Moses Doesn't: The Humility of Moses (3)

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

- Notice Moses Doesn't Answer His Accusers
- How do you respond when accused unjustly?

A Picture of Jesus:

The humility of Moses foreshadows the humility of Jesus.

The LORD's Response Reveals the Key Point (2b, 4-8)

...*And the Lord heard it.* ...⁴ And *suddenly* the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "*Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.*" ...⁶ And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, ***I the Lord*** make myself known to him in a vision; ***I speak*** with him in a dream."⁷ *Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.*⁸ With him ***I speak*** mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. **Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"**

Key Idea:

Moses so clearly speaks God's word that to speak against him was to speak against God.

Judgment, Mercy & Instruction

The Wrath of God's Judgment (9-10)

⁹ And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he *departed* (turned His back on them).¹⁰ ... (leprosy)

Aaron Repents (11-12)

¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned."¹² ...

Moses Speaks to the Lord (13)

... "O God, please heal her—please."

The LORD's Mercy & Instruction (14-15)

¹⁴ But the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again."¹⁵ ...

A Picture of Jesus:

If it was foolish and sinful to speak against Moses, how much more foolish and sinful is it to speak against Jesus.

Hebrews 3:1-14

...consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,² *who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.*³ For **Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses**—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to *testify to the things that were to be spoken later* (Dt. 18:15, 18, 19),⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house ***if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.***

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "*Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness...*"

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "*today*," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, ***if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.***

Humble Confidence in Jesus, the Word of God Honorable Conduct While Suffering Unjustly

The Supreme Court ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment