

## Numbers 12

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<p>4 Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!” So the three came out.</p> <p>5 Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward.</p> <p>6 Then He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.</p> <p>7 Not so with <b>My servant Moses</b>; He is faithful in all My house.</p> <p>8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?”</p>	<p>God acknowledges Moses pre-eminent position above all other prophets.</p> <p>(Note: it is not until Numbers 20 that we have Moses’ error of doubting God’s help.)</p> <p>v.7 “in all my house” Heb 3:6 “but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.”</p> <p>v.8 “face to face” (Ex 33:11) v.8 “he sees the form of the Lord.” (not the essential nature of God, that is His unveiled glory, which no man can see Ex 33:18)</p>

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