

# The Greatest

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## Introduction

- The Greatest - Mohammed Ali
- The humblest man that ever lived - Moses

## The Passage

- Israel grumbles and incurs the wrath of God
- Miriam and Aaron don't seem to learn from those mistakes
- Moses described as the most humble man who ever lived
- What was the nature of Moses' siblings' complaint?
  - He married a Cushite woman
  - God speaks through us too, so why aren't we part of this prophetic anointing?
- God heard it
- God defended His servant
- Then God got angry; Miriam is afflicted with leprosy
- Aaron appeals to Moses to appeal to God
- Moses prays for an incurable disease to be cured

## Implications of the Passage

- Their pride was built on

- Birth order / birth right
- Martyr complex / spiritual
- Jealousy
- God stepped in
  - God defends the weak
    - Psalm 68.5; Exodus 22.22; Deuteronomy 10.18
    - 2Corinthians 12.9
  - God opposes the proud but exalts the humble/meek
    - The Beatitudes
    - James 4.6; 1Peter 5.5; Proverbs 3.34; Isaiah 66.1-4
- Sin affects the whole community
  - The rebellion of the leaders led to the absence of God
    - Achan's sin and the defeat at Ai
    - The reality of being part of a church / community

## What can we learn from this?

- Humility is key
- God is for us
- What we do matters

## Conclusion

- God exalts the meek but opposes the proud