

how *Miriam* led the people in their grezt song of joy -- the song of Miriam --- the acts? of their going through the Red Sea. She did a great work for God. In this case she fell into this sin of jealousy of Moses, and of criticism and of gossipping about him. But her work was ~~largely~~ largely in the past rather than in the future at this time, and God ~~g~~ brought this punishment upon them. but in its direct aspect it came upon Miriam under the circumstances rather than upon ~~A~~ both of them. It is not always for us to understand the judgments of the Lord. Often we will wonder why He will treat certain individuals in certain way. God is interested in ~~pur~~ welfare. He is interested in our spiritual progress. And he is also interested in what we are to do in His work. And consequently there are factors enter in that we are not aware of. But we can know that God's plan is right. and that in the end when we look back in eternity we will see how God has been just in all that he does.

(2.) Aaron's Intercession. (Being under 5 I think it would be better to call them ~~an~~ (a) and (b) --- (a) Why not Aaron also? (b) Aaron's Intercession. You notice that when Miriam thus was leprous, Aaron said to Moses: Alas, my ~~lord~~^{lord}, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Aaron was very much concerned for his ~~sister~~ sister. He was concerned that she be delivered from this. He prayed for help. Aaron's intercession and his concern for his sister I think was an evidence here of his true repentance.

(c) Moses' Intercession. Moses was the one who had been wronged. Moses saw how God had intervened. Moses had not taken any step in order to answer these calumnies against, him. He had left it ~~in~~ entirely in God's hands. and God had intervened to protect him from the criticism. And I have found through my life that very often it is by far the best thing to do. When false accusations are made and false attacks are made upon one, simply to quite and to leave it in God's hands. Except in so far as the work of God is going to be definitely injured. I think it is important that we defend other Christian workers against false attacks upon them. I think we should defend the work of God, but I think we should learn to leave our own personal con-