

us succeed and some fail. And many a Christian movement goes along excellently to a certain point and then flops completely because people fail to study the Word to get the principles they need or to keep their eyes sufficiently on the Lord. It is only these early stages of the coming out of Egypt in a few crucial stages in the history of Israel and in the early stages of the Christian church that God has very much entered in in miraculous power in order to ensure its success. Now I think we should note

C. Moses' Attitude. Because Moses' attitude here is very interesting. We do not notice Moses saying, Look here, I'm the leader, I'm the head. It's up to you to do what I say. That's not his immediate attitude. We don't find Moses here even talking much about his call. Moses' call was very important, but that was a few years back. Moses directs his attention to immediate situations. We find Moses' attitude brought out in three passages here. In vs. 15-16 we read: (reading text). He called them to appear before the Lord. Let the Lord say who He was going to defend, but first he declares that he has not wrongfully treated any of them. Moses did not feel that his position, his leadership gave him the right to deal personally with any of these people. He was there ~~was~~ to settle their disputes. He was there to help in determining how they should serve the Lord together. He was there to carry out what God ordered him to, but he declares that he had not personally injured them. He felt that this was very important in his relation to them -- to defend his character. There was a standard involved in the question of whether Moses' leadership would continue.

And then in vs. 21-22 we find that the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron, Separate yourselves from among this congregation (reading text of vs. 21-). Now this of course the attitude that a leader is apt to get sometimes. Oh my the thing is hopeless. Let's just forget it. Let's just wash our hands of it. What can we do about it? There's many a man who has done a great work to serve the Lord, and then people have turned against him. $\frac{1}{2}$ People have wrongly treated him and he has just washed his hands of it and gone off and done nothing further to serve the Lord effectively. It is very disappointing when that happens. I've known a number of men who have graduated from seminary in past years who have given graduated men full of fire and enthusiasm and as they step out they immediately see things that are wrong. They see situations among those ~~that~~ who they feel are serving the