

## The resolution of the conflict

### 1. Acknowledgement

The Lord confronted Miriam and Aaron soon after the problem developed. He called a staff meeting in front of the tent of meeting and addressed the parties involved concerning the offense, (verses 4-9).

### 2. Containment

The insurrection was contained because it was immediately dealt with (verse 4a). Also, the Lord dealt only with those directly involved in the problem.

### 3. Cooling.

Verse 9 reveals that "The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them." This, of course, is controlled righteous anger. There was no need for the Lord to cool down.

The indignation evident in Miriam and Aaron toward Moses certainly must have cooled quickly in the awesome presence of an angry God. His word cleared their understanding of their roles in relation to that of Moses. Miriam had considerable time to let her thoughts cool during her confinement.

### 4. Repair

Aaron confessed, "Please, my Lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed." There was evidence of repentance on the part of Miriam and Aaron. God forgave the wrongdoers and made provision for restoration through removing Miriam's disease and confining her for seven days outside the camp.