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| **A Moment with Rabbi Avigdor Miller Zt"l #335 (Understanding Dosonv'Aviram)A**

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| **QUESTION:** |

 How can we understand *Dosonv'Aaviram*, who were always so it seems at odds with *Moshe Rabeinu*? |
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| **ANSWER:** |

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You must understand that *Dosonv'Aviram* stood at *Har Sinai* and they shouted*na'asehv'nishma* with all their heart like everybody else did, and don't be deceived in that. *Dosonv'Avirom* had they been here today they would have been not among the **highest** of our Rabbinical authorities, they would have been glorious *Rosh Hayeshiva*;, they were great men. They were put through a terrible test: You know a great man can live in his own *Yeshiva* and he can flourish, he can be very righteous, because he's not put to the test of being inferior to somebody else.     Imagine you built up a big *Yeshiva* and you're saying glorious *shiurim*, then a Jew moved into your neighborhood and he started davening in your *Yeshiva* and you discover that he can say better *shiurim* than you can. No *Rov*should be faced with such an ordeal. It would be wise to take him in a corner and say, you know you're so good that you should*daven* someplace else. But suppose you can't do it, *Dosonv'Aviram* couldn't tell *Moshe Rabeinu* to go.     *Moshe Rabeinu* was away forty years in *Midyan*, during that time who was the father of the nation? *Dosonv'Aviram* and others were leading the nation! They were the *zikneiYisroel*! All of a sudden an upstart comes back from nowhere, from *Midyan*, he was lost for forty years, he was eighty years old, they were also old and he's telling them what to do.     Of course he's telling them *b'shem Hashem*, and they believed him, but it hurt them to no end. Had we been in their shoes I'm afraid what would have happened to us. I'm afraid we wouldn't have remained above ground. Therefore it was a **terrible** *nisayon*. *Good Shabbos To All* |