

Exodus 33:7-11 **Tabernacle Outside The Camp**

7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. 8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Moses' tent became the temporary Tabernacle of Meeting while the Tabernacle designed by God as shown on the Mountain was being made.
- ✧ God had said that He would not go in the midst of the camp lest He consume the people on the way. [Exodus 33:3] They had become enemies of God [James 4:1-4]
- ✧ Moses took his tent far from the camp so God would not have to come into the camp among the people.
- ✧ Everyone who sought Yehowah went outside the camp to the Tabernacle of Meeting.

God is Holy and He says to His people, "Come out from among them and be separate, says Yehowah." [2 Corinthians 6:17-18, Revelation 18:4]

- ✧ The people acquired a spirit of Respect for God and Moses after they had been plagued for their sin with the golden calf and they saw the price that it had cost them, so now they are watchful and they all stand at the door of their tent as Moses goes out to the Tabernacle of Meeting until he has gone inside.
- ✧ To add to the awesomeness of the occasion, when Moses has entered the Tabernacle of Meeting, the Pillar of Cloud that represents the presence of God would come down and stand at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting in the sight of the people.
 - ◇ This confirmed to the people that God had a special relationship with Moses, and it gave Moses a great measure of authority when he would represent God to the people.
- ✧ Yehowah spoke with Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
 - ◇ This is a promise we have today that speaks of the Kingdom of God when Christ is reigning over all the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, we too will be able to speak to God face to face when we have our new glorified bodies. [1 Corinthians 13:12]
 - ◇ In that day as with Abraham [2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23] and with Moses [Exodus 33:11], God through Christ Jesus will call us friends when we fully do the things He commands. [John 15:14-15]
- ✧ When the people saw the Cloud descend and stand at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting as God spoke with Moses, they would worship from the door of their own tent.
- ✧ After talking with God, Moses would return to camp to the people, but Joshua son of Nun, a young man and servant of Moses did not depart from the Tabernacle of Meeting.