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## **“Tent of Meeting”**

*“You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, LORD, do I seek.’” (Psalm 27:8)*

### **The Reason for Salvation**

**Exodus 19:17** – “Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.”

**Exodus 33:7-11** – (7) “Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought (to search out, to strive after, ask, beg) the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. (8) Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. (9) When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. (10) And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. (11) Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.”

### **Response:**

#### **(1) Come Apart before things Fall Apart**

**Isaiah 26:20-21** – (20) “Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. (21) For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.”

#### **(2) Approach God in Confidence**

**Hebrews 4:16** – “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

**Hebrews 10:22** – “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

### **(3) Make Your Requests Known**

**Exodus 33:12-14** – (12) “Moses said to the LORD, ‘See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’

(13) Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’ (14) And he said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’”

**Key Point: God Favors those who draw near to Him**

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Who does God reward? (Hebrews 11:6)

Do I long to know God & His ways? (Psalm 25:4-5; Phil. 3:10)

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