

Message #1 on Personal Devotions

GOD GOING WITH US

• Exodus 33:7-17 *Moses set up a tent of meeting far outside (a quiet place) the camp. Everyone who wanted to consult with the Lord would go there. When Moses went to the Tent of Meeting, all the people would stand in their tent entrances. When Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud (the visible presence of the Lord out of which He spoke) would come down and over at the entrance while the Lord spoke with Moses. Then all the people would stand and worship at their tent entrance. Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face-to-face as a man speaks to his friend. The Lord said, "I will personally go with you Moses. I will give you rest-- everything will be fine for you." Then Moses said, "If you don't go with us personally, don't let us move a step from this place." And the Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for you have found favor with me, and you are my friend."*

-1- Meet with God every day.

Moses the leader of Israel went into the presence of the Lord so that the Lord would go with them--go before them--to bless and protect them in their pilgrimage to the promised land. It was a wonderful thing for the people to see God in the cloud of glory come to meet with Moses, their leader. Seeing this, they worshiped at the doorway to their tents.

• Likewise, God calls Christians to meet with Him and ask him to go with us in our daily pilgrimage to the promised new earth and skies. However, the cloud of glory (the Holy Spirit) has moved into us, to live in our person, our body and soul.

-2- Become a friend of God.

"I will indeed do what you have asked, for you have found favor with me, and you are my friend."

• John 15:15 Jesus says, *"You are my friends."*

Every Christian is the friend of God since Christ Jesus took away our sin. We can come boldly into the presence of God. Heb. 10:19

-3- We seek to have God go before us. • Psalm 73:23-26 *"Yet I still belong to you; you are holding my right hand. You will keep guiding me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart. He is mine forever."*

