

## JEHOVAH EVERYTHING!

Today I want to talk to you about what it means to pursue the presence of God...

### Pursue Jesus.... More.... Awareness

**Numbers 2:2** – "The Israelites will put up their tents with each family under the flag that symbolizes its household. They will put their tents around the tent of meeting, facing it. (GW)

At the beginning of this series we introduced the concept of facing the tabernacle... the Jewish people after their liberation from Egypt travelled for 40 years and the centerpiece of their lives was the tabernacle... where God lived... they were instructed to pitch their tent facing it.

Now we look a little closer at the Tabernacle. What exactly are we coming face to face with when we say face His presence?

#### Outer court- Brazen altar

- Where the sacrificial lamb was brought...

**Ephesians 5:2** ...walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. (NKJV)

#### Brazen laver

- Washing and purification... symbolizing death to the old life the waters of baptism...separation from the world

#### The Most Holy place

- Made from gold to represent entering the King's presence

#### The Golden candlestick

- Oil in each candlestick for the presence of the Holy Spirit

## Table of Showbread

Symbolizing the Word of God... Jesus the bread of life... dedication to the presence of God... Jesus being the Word made flesh... the priests were to eat it.

## Altar of Incense

- The prayer of the saints... intercession... incense arises to God

**Revelation 8:4** – The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God. (NIV)

## The Ark of the Covenant

- The presence of God

**Hebrews 4:16** – Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)

**In facing the tabernacle** -There is a **deliberate plan** here to make the presence of God the very center of all the activities of our life

## Acquisition of His House

**Numbers 1:50-51** – But you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over **all its furnishings**, and over **all things that belong to it**; they shall **carry the tabernacle** and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle. <sup>51</sup> And when the tabernacle is to go forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. (NKJV)

- **Acquisition is** – HIS house becomes MY house

**Numbers 1:53** – The Levites... are to set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant... The Levites are to be responsible for the care of the tabernacle of the covenant... (NKJV)

**Deuteronomy 18:1-2** – The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: ... **the LORD is their inheritance...** (NKJV)

**Psalms 27:4** – One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life... (NKJV)

TCC- We are those who pursue Jesus and say His house in my house!!

### Integration – Never Leave

**Exodus 33:10** - When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they would stand up and worship, **each one at the entrance to his own tent.** <sup>11</sup>Thus the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, **but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun would not leave the tent.** (ESV)

TCC - Acquaint yourself with His presence.... Acquire His presence... Integrate His Presence into your every day.