

## SUMMER CAMP

### *Pitching a tent*

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#### Spiritualist look at the Tabernacle

##### A Historical look at the Tabernacle

1. The tabernacle was a very functional facility.

Exod Exod. 33:5; 34:9; 35:21

The tabernacle solved the problem of having a holy God dwell in the midst of a sinful people.

2. The tabernacle was a facility which displayed fabulous wealth and beauty.

3. The building of the tabernacle involved all of the people.

4. The tabernacle testified to the character of God.

Ex 28:36.

5. The tabernacle was composed of various elements but “wholeness was emphasized.  
Ex 36:13; Ex 36:18.

6. The functions of tabernacle was designed as a permanent facility. Ex 30:8,16,21,31

7. The tabernacle was God’s idea, God’s initiative, God’s design. Ex 25:9;Ex:  
35:1,4,10.

##### PITCHING A TENT

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

*<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)*

*<sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*

I. Jesus Camps with us.

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#### Images of the Tabernacle.

*God no longer speaks out of intimidating glory that stresses his transcendence and power, but out of the love, gentleness, and humility of Jesus. This is the “glory” of God to us!*

#### Jesus brings Revealing Talk. - Personal.

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#### Contrasting Ideas on God

A move from... Logos, light, Life. Impersonal to He... Him...

#### II. Jesus invades our guilt.

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#### Moses & Jesus contrast

*Moses could only take them to the promise land Joahua takes them in.*

#### Free From sin and Guilt

<sup>9</sup> *This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. <sup>10</sup> They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order. Heb 9*

#### Relating Relationally

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*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit Eph. 2:19-22.*

#### III. Jesus invites us to Camp with others.

<sup>4</sup> *As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house<sup>[a]</sup> to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special*

*possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:4-9*

Priesthood of believers.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. 1Cor 3:16-17