



Bill Burden Opening Message
(Numbers 9)

Message Title = "FOLLOW THE CLOUD"

>>> THE TABERNACLE

- V. 15 - "Now on the day that **the tabernacle** was raised up..."

>>> SEASONS OF CHANGE

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>>> GOD WITH THEM

- V. 16 - So it was always: the **cloud** covered it by day, and the appearance of **fire** by night.

>>> GOD LEADING THEM

- Vv. 17-18 - "Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. At the command of the Lord the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the Lord they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped."

>>> IT AIN'T ALWAYS EASY

- V. 21 - "...when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey."

>>> THE SOUND OF THE TRUMP

- Numbers 10:1-2 - "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Make **two silver trumpets** for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps."

>>> HOW THIS APPLIES TO US TODAY

- Seasons of Change
- God is with us
- God is leading us
- It isn't always easy
- Listen for the Sound of the Trump
- Flexibility & Faith
- The Call to Come Home (2 Cor. 5:1; John 14:2-4; John 14:5-6)

>>> BUT, HOW LONG, LORD?

- Vv. 22-23 - "Whether it was **two days, a month, or a year** that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey. At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the command of the Lord they journeyed; they kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses."