

*Smoke*  
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*Room for Glory*

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- God is a consuming fire.
- We want the smoke – the evidence of God’s presence.
- The presence of God is not passive.
- It leads His people and can be felt by them.

**Summary of Exodus:**

- ❖ Israel suffers in slavery in Egypt and cries out to God for rescue.
- ❖ God raises up Moses as a deliverer to confront Pharaoh.
- ❖ Through miraculous signs and plagues, God forces Pharaoh to let Israel go.
- ❖ Israel is set free through the parting of the Red Sea, escaping their oppressors.

❖ In the wilderness

❖ God makes a covenant with the nation.

In Exodus 40 the first 33 verses are all about setting up the temple, consecrating it, making it holy, setting things in order.

**Exodus 40:2 (ESV)** “On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.”

- “Tent of meeting” – expresses the purpose and the desire.

**1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)** Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

- You are His dwelling place.

How to navigate God’s presence:

1. **Consecration** – coming in repentance of sin.  
Purifying your heart and mind. Making room for God.
2. **Prepare to stay a while** - Is there space in my life where God feels truly welcome, not just squeezed in? Prayer, praise, bible, silence

3. **Be the dwelling** – You are the temple. God isn't coming to meet with a place but with you. It's not about creating a space but becoming one.

**Exodus 40:34-35 (ESV)** 34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

- God descended in that place to meet with His people.
- God owns the dwelling place.
- You receive the Holy Spirit at salvation.
- You walk with the Spirit for the rest of your life.

**Exodus 40:36–38 (ESV)** 36 Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

- Whenever the cloud lifted, Israel moved.
- Whenever it stayed, they stayed.
- The presence of God wasn't a monument—it was their direction.
- Are you following the cloud or just visiting the tent?

God did what Moses asked:

**Exodus 33:15-16 (ESV)** 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

- Glory filled the tabernacle & God's people – Exodus 40 & Acts 2
- Exodus doesn't end with Israel in Canaan. More importantly, it ends with God dwelling among His people.