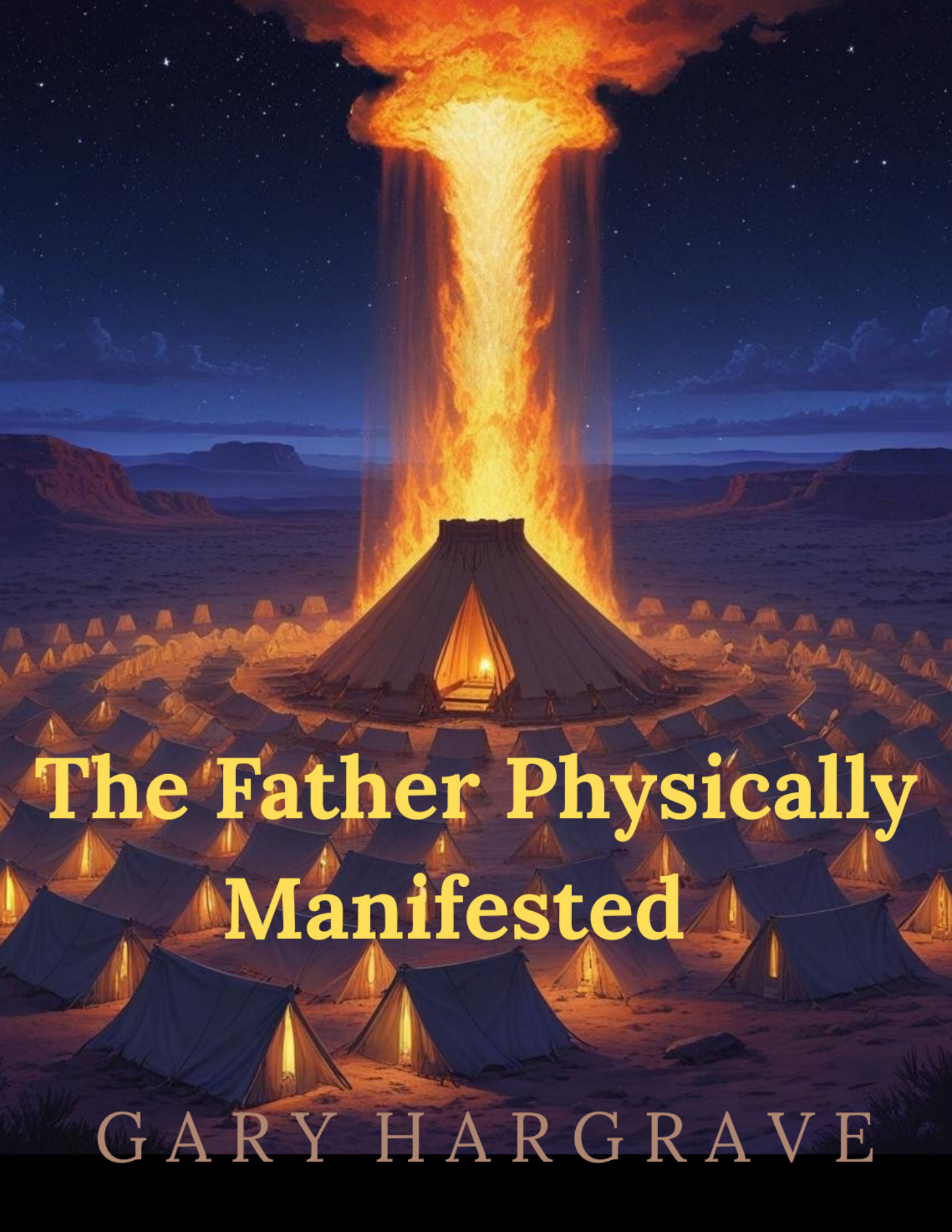
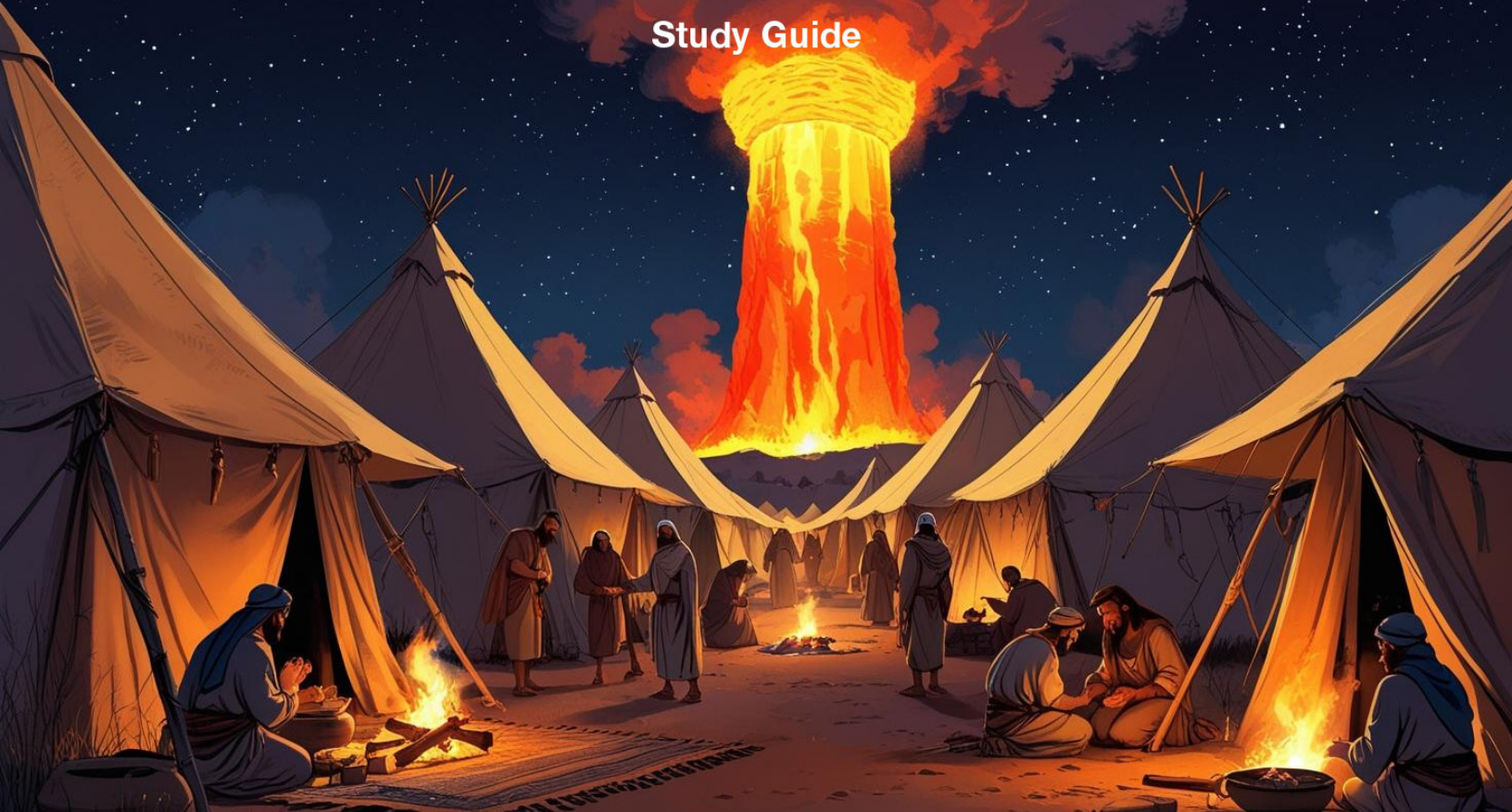




The Father Physically Manifested

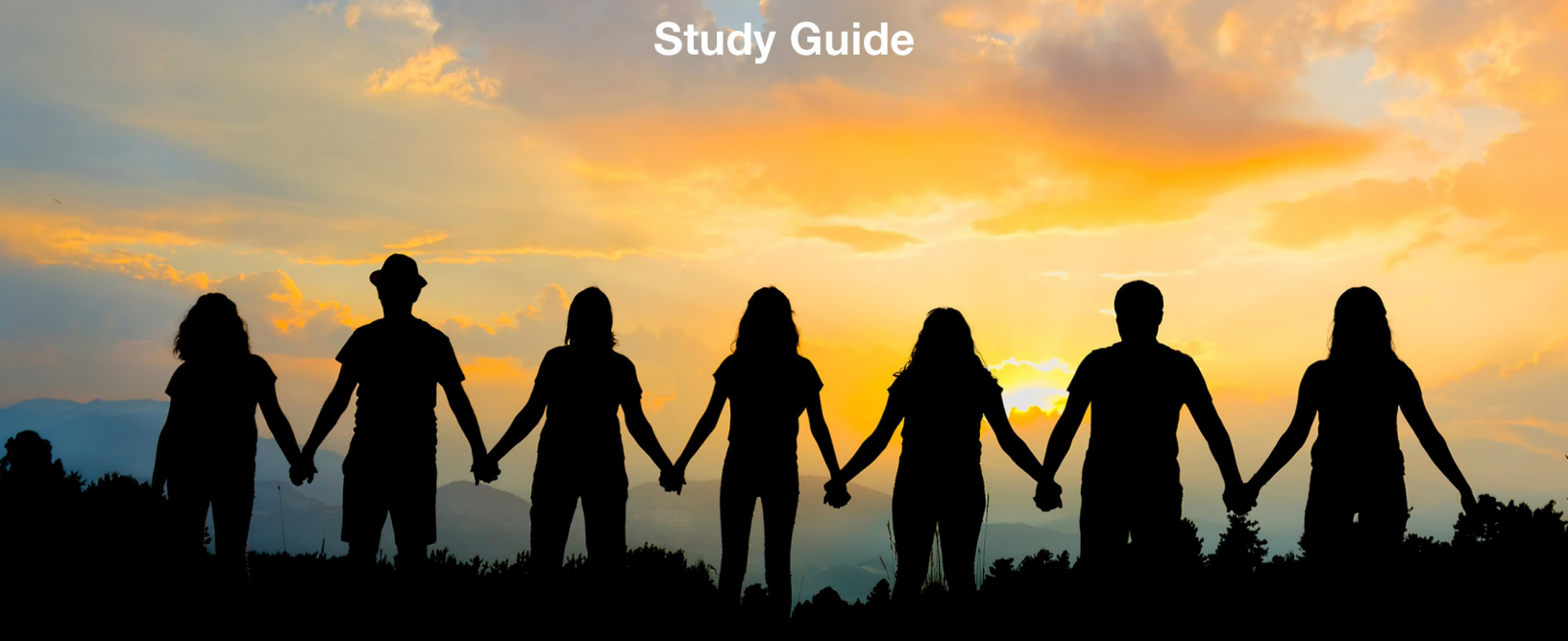
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Tabernacles Is a Time of Remembrance

The Feast of Tabernacles is a time of remembrance. God tells us to come out of our homes for seven days to remember how He delivered His people from Egypt, and how He led them through the wilderness in His great compassion (Nehemiah 9:19). If we look at this picture of Tabernacles, we see the whole encampment of Israel positioned by family tribes in their temporary shelters or sukkahs surrounding the Tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony, in the middle of the camp. The presence of God continually rested over the Tabernacle in a cloud by day, and during the night it was like the appearance of fire over the Tabernacle until morning (Numbers 9:15–16). This is not just a doctrine; we are looking at something that really happened. The presence of God dwelled in His people and among His people in a tangible reality (Exodus 29:45, 31:3). So we celebrate this time because of what we are supposed to have as well.

God's presence must have an impact on our daily lives. So I do not want us to celebrate the feast and walk away with any old conditioning that His presence is always invisible or intangible. The physical presence of God was with the sons of Israel every moment of every day. It was the centerpiece of all that was going on in that community of people. So we should ask ourselves, "Is it possible for the presence of God to be in our lives today and there not be some physical evidence of it?" We are conditioned in our thinking to talk about the presence of God, but without an expectation that it would physically manifest. Instead, we have almost built a religion out of an invisible God. Now I know that God is spirit, and I am not trying to get into a theological discussion here (John 4:24). I am just saying, "Look at the biblical picture of what Tabernacles is all about." What is the picture? You are beholding the cloud that was there by day and the pillar of fire that was there by night. It was a physical manifestation of God's presence with them.



God's Presence Is With Us

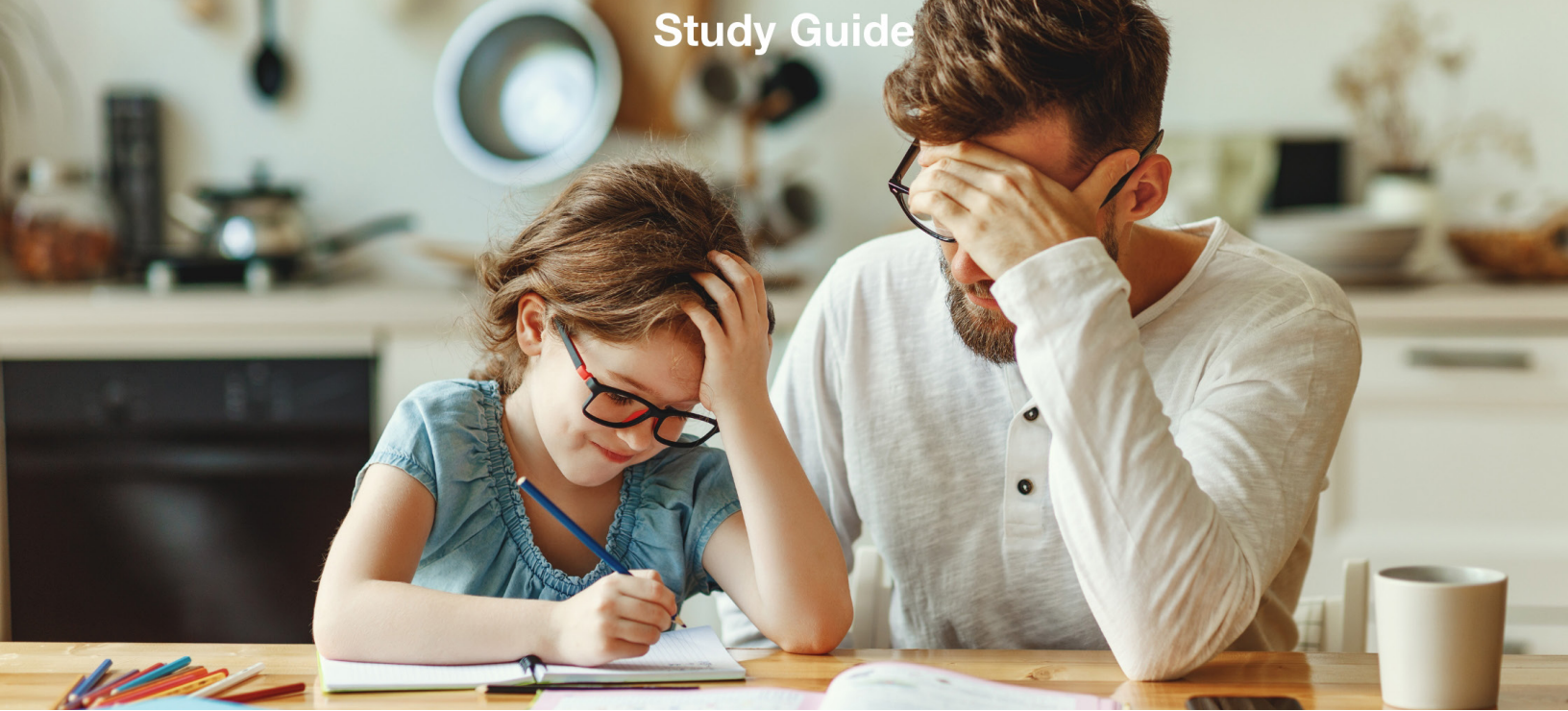
As dramatic as God's presence was in the wilderness, we know that the people, being human, must have gotten used to it. We look at this picture and say, "Oh man! if I had a pillar of fire all night, then I'd really believe! I'd be so dedicated to the Lord because He would be watching me." The sons of Israel had a real sense of awe in His presence. Yet when Pharaoh and his army pursued them, they still had to remind themselves, "It's okay. God is right here with us. We can tangibly see Him" (see Exodus 14:13, 19–20). We are physical human beings. So when the devil comes at us, it is nice to see some physical refresher and say, "Look! Our God is here, and He is much bigger than the enemy."

We should be more aware of the presence of the Lord that is already with us, especially in our worship. I have seen tangible manifestations of God's glory and presence hovering over people as they were worshipping, and it reminded me of when Moses went to the Tent of Meeting and the cloud descended (Exodus 33:9–11). It was a physical sign of His presence. God is enthroned upon the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). We should have an absolute awareness that His presence is with us. And if we are thankful, God will give us more.

Another expression of the presence of the Lord among us is in our oneness. We see this oneness in the way we relate, work together, and fellowship together. There is a tangible reality to our oneness that is the Lord Himself dwelling among us (Matthew 18:20). When Christ prayed to the Father, it was His glory and the glory of the Father that made us one.

"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:22–24)

Whenever you have the presence of Yeshua (Jesus) and the presence of the Father together in His people, oneness and perfection come with it. We are perfected in unity.



The Father Is Training and Maturing His Sons

Another thing you will find while looking at this picture of Tabernacles is the process of being disciplined by the Father. In Deuteronomy 8:2–4, God said,

“You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.”

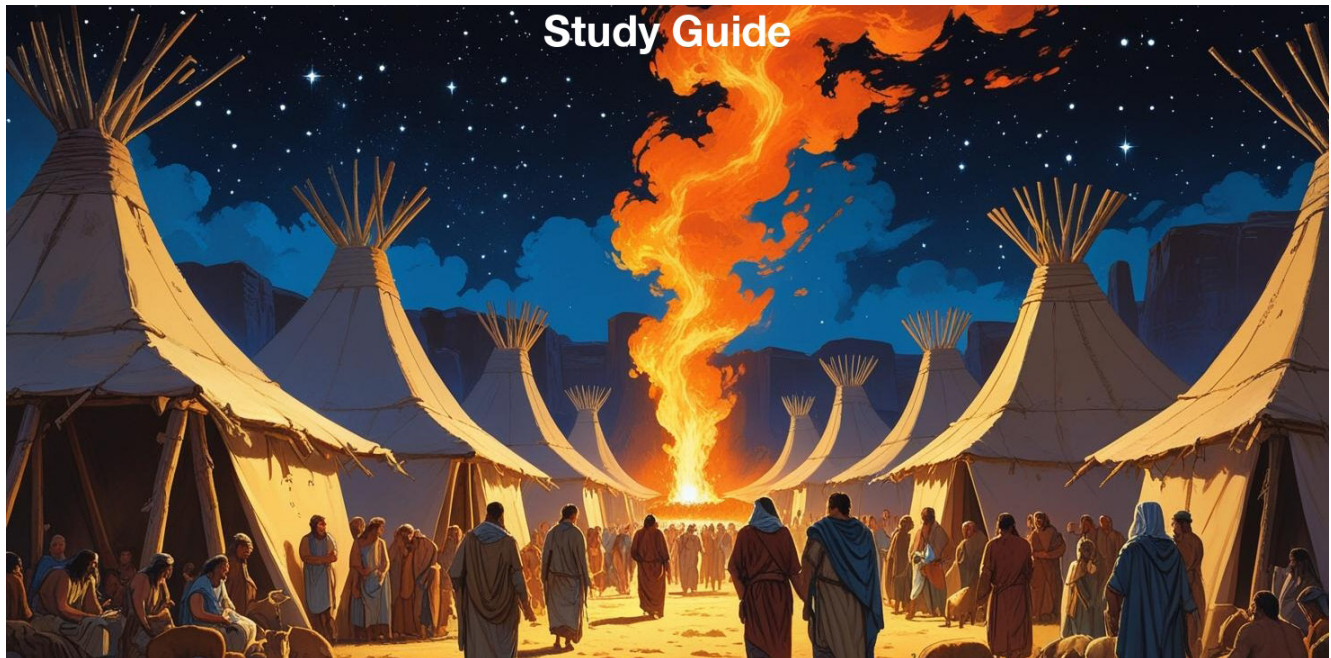
The presence of the Father brings correction, discipline, and growth. The Word is very clear: “I discipline the ones whom I love and scourge every son whom I receive” (see Hebrews 12:6). So if God’s presence is with you, you will receive chastening. That is one way we can absolutely prove without a doubt that God is in our midst when we see His dealings in our lives. That is the truth. When you have the presence of God, He challenges and disciplines you. He trains and matures you. The manifestation of the sons of God will be born out of the increasing presence of God bringing about a maturity in His sons (Romans 8:19, 28–30). So be thankful for His discipline and correction.

God wanted the children of Israel to know that they did not make themselves rich. So He humbled them and made them go hungry. He tested them that He might do good for them in the end. Likewise, the Father makes us go hungry to teach us that man does not live on bread alone, but by “EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD” (Matthew 4:4).

“Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’ But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He

who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” (Deuteronomy 8:16–18)

Our Father is teaching us how to live with Him, and He never wants us to be confused. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:11, “These things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” We may watch each other go through deep dealings by the hand of God, but He is maturing and creating us. And I say, “Thank You, Lord! This discipline is very much a sign that Your presence is with us.”



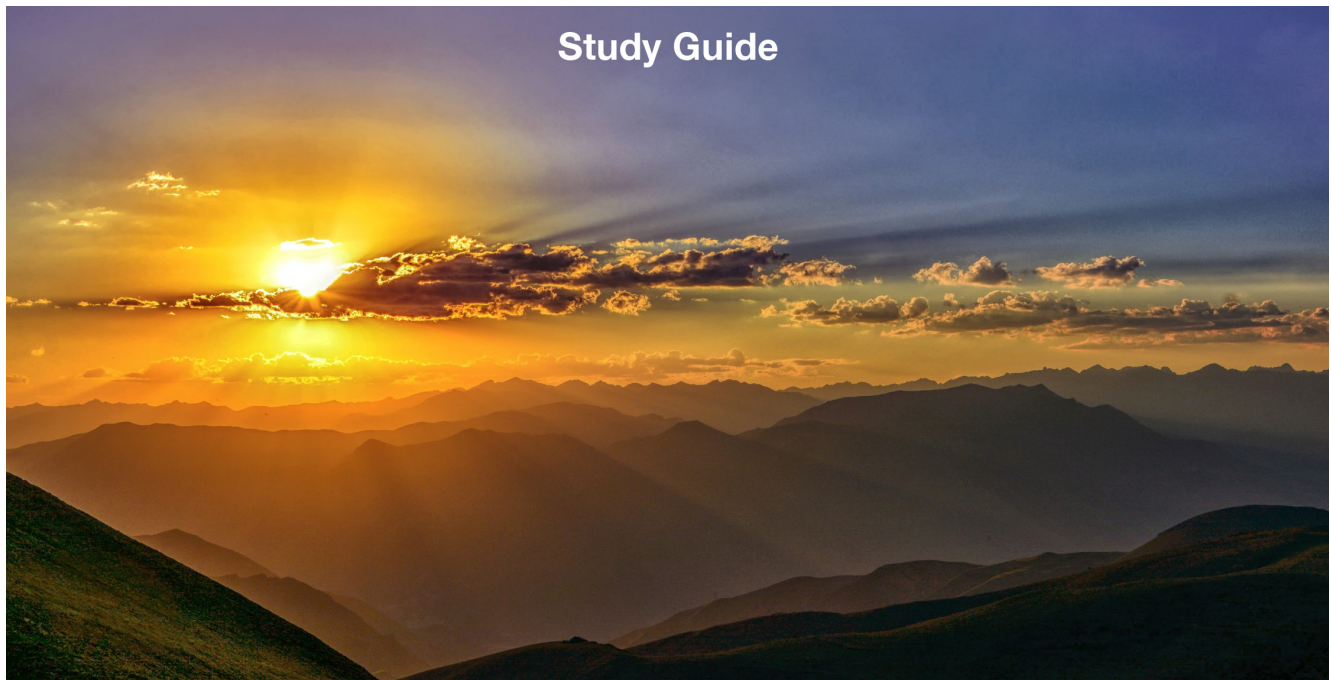
Get Out of Your House

When God gave us a picture of Tabernacles, He said, “Get out of your house.” So we are getting out of our house of dullness to the fact that when God manifests Himself, some type of a physical happening always takes place. When the presence of God was with them in the wilderness, their clothes and shoes did not wear out. Their feet did not swell; they had things because of the anointing. When you think about it in the simplicity of the scriptural reality, it makes sense. Moses cried, “Show me Your glory!” And God answered, “You cannot even see My glory and live” (see Exodus 33:18, 20). How in the world could God show up without something happening? Something is going to happen because He is too powerful. His glory is just too extreme. God is all powerful and in Him exists all authority, power, might, and creativity. How does someone like that really hide? How could God turn off that power? So it should be more amazing to us if God appears and nothing happens.

We cannot talk about Tabernacles without recognizing the reality that God’s presence is very much a part of the picture. We need to be more aware of what we do have, but there are other things that we still need to see manifest. We need to see more in the way of healing and health. Yeshua is the resurrection and the life (John 14:6). So how can we have a manifestation of Christ among us without having life in our midst? How do we allow the life of Christ to be in

us without it affecting our physical bodies with life? Do you see what I am saying? I think there are many biblical manifestations of the presence of God and the presence of Christ healing people, and we should expect that. We should look for healing and ask for it because our health is really necessary for the maintenance of the family of God. When satan attacks us, we end up with physical problems that we totally accept. But it should not be that way.

Part of this Tabernacles picture tells us, “When God is with you, some kind of physical manifestation of His presence can be expected.” Maybe it is a blessing on your finances. Maybe it is health and healing. But something should happen because the Lord wants you to know that He is here. Not only should there be a cloud of God’s presence in our times of worship and fellowship, but there should also be a cloud of His presence in our homes showing us that He is with us. Our homes should be blessed. The things that we own should be blessed. If we are ending futility, then we should not walk around with futility on everything we own (Romans 8:20–21).



The Surpassing Greatness of His Power

Paul talks about the surpassing greatness of God’s power that is beamed toward us who believe (Ephesians 1:19). But what triggers our awareness of that power? That is what looking at this picture of Tabernacles is all about. God wants us to recognize what we should have. Having a family spirit is wonderful, but that is only part of the picture. The other part is the presence of God dwelling among His people, in His people, and through His people. As a result of His presence, we will see physical releases and the blessings that come with it. All this is going to be our experience.

I know we have the presence of the Lord with us, but now we are going to see the results, the blessing, the impartation, and all the things that happen in His presence. Moses was one hundred twenty years old, and his eyes were not dim, nor his vigor abated (Deuteronomy 34:7).

He lived in the presence of God, and his face shone because of the mantle of glory that rested upon him (Exodus 34:29). Moses physically did not lack strength. Caleb said the same thing:

“Now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today. I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in. Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I will drive them out as the LORD has spoken.” (Joshua 14:10–12)

We also live in the presence of the Lord. Don't you wake up thinking about Him, loving the Lord, and worshipping Him? Don't you put Him as number one in everything that is happening and everything that you are doing? Then why are we sick? If we are living in the presence of the Lord as much as the Israelites lived in His presence, then where is the strength? Where is our health? Why are we wearing glasses? Think about it. I know that we do not follow signs; signs follow us. But I want us to start looking for His presence and being more aware of Him.



You Have Not Because You Ask Not

Recently the Lord spoke to me, “You have not because you ask not. Now start asking” (see James 4:2). That is what this message is all about. Start looking. Start finding the physical results of God's presence manifesting and start asking for more of it. Start believing for it. Start expecting it. We bring an end to any impasse. I would like to see us have way more of the mind of Christ. And we should have the experience of transformation that Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 3:16–18.

Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

It is interesting that this whole chapter in 2 Corinthians is talking about the Tabernacles picture. Paul is talking about the wilderness experience and Moses being in the presence of the Lord.

But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? (2 Corinthians 3:7–8)

Paul is looking back at this period and saying, “When we look at the glory they had in the wilderness and the glory that was on Mount Sinai at the giving of the Law, we see all that fading away. But this is now the time of the ministry by the Holy Spirit. So how much more glory should be with us today?”

Again God is saying, “Look at this Tabernacles picture. Do you see the pillar of fire that you are so impressed with? You should have more than that.” That was part of the fading away that happened in another generation. You now have the fulfillment of Christ with you. You have the mantle of God resting on man. You have Christ and the Father taking up Their abode in you (John 14:23). How much more glory should we have today? What kind of expectation should we have to see the physical manifestation of God’s presence? The glory on the face of Moses was a physical manifestation. That is what I am looking for. If you really get into the presence of God, it honestly should be that difficult to hide it.

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More Lord! We Want More!

Lord, we repent of our passivity and for accepting any impasses. We loose ourselves to be the recipients of Your glory and of Your presence. Your presence is with us, and Your glory is manifest among Your people. We thank You and worship You for the things You have already given us. But we have one thing to say: “More, Lord! We need more. We want more.”

In this picture of Tabernacles, we see more of God’s presence than what we have now. Yet according to this Scripture in 2 Corinthians 3:8, we know that we should have more of Your presence now than the children of Israel had then. This expectation of seeing more of You is going to increase in our hearts this year. When we gather together or are at home, we are going to expect greater and greater things to manifest in the physical realm as a result of Your presence abiding in us and with us and among us.

We ask You, Lord, “Show us Your glory.” Let us know Your presence. Let us see You. If Moses could ask to see Your glory, then so can we (Exodus 33:18). You are not a respecter of persons; You do not show partiality (Acts 10:34). We want a tangible relationship with You, in the name of the Lord. Amen.

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