

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I can remember my mother-in-law explaining about a lady who testified that her life had been totally changed because Jesus had come into her heart. She said, "I can't put it in a very precise way, but something has happened. You see, when I sweep the floor when I go to do my job in Mrs. So-and So's house now, I do not sweep the dirt under the mat any more! I find that I bend down and take care of it properly!" You know, there is a sense in which many of us can testify that when Jesus came into our hearts, we found that when we did things, we were doing them unto the Lord. We did them in an orderly fashion. In the Word of God, we read that we are pilgrims and strangers in this world and God has set you and me, if we are believers, totally apart to Him. We are to worship and witness for Him, but the impact always effects the lives around us. After we are saved, God sets up His little tabernacle, as it were, in our hearts. In His very abode inside of us, He is there. It is important to realize that God never dwelt on earth with His people until after they had crossed the Red Sea because that speaks of their redemption. Therefore, people don't understand what we are talking about when we say, "The Lord lives in my heart." We have to come into Christ to realize that things change because He has come to live within.

When God led the children of Israel onward in their journey, He did so by His cloud. He took that cloud and went before them. It was the cloud by day and the fire by night. We read that if the cloud was not taken up they journeyed not until it was taken up, and thereby they very clearly knew the guidance of the Lord. That is how the Lord wants to lead you and me. He wants us to be dependent upon His indwelling Spirit. By His Word, He will show us. He will show us exactly where to be, and it all has to do with the Lord 's plan for our lives day by day. We read that the cloud was over the tabernacle and it was so awesome to everyone who would see it from afar. He literally brought them through all their journeys. Could you imagine? This group of people — over two million — moved in such an orderly manner. Not only were they seen being led by this cloud, but even when they broke camp in their journey, they did it in such a manner that we are told in **Numbers 22:3**, their enemies feared them. In other words, all the surrounding enemy countries were frightened of them. They brought such an awe upon them because they did things exactly as the Spirit of the Lord was leading.

God made the tabernacle and, in so doing, He made it so that it was portable in every little detail. Provision was made so that the outside boards, the coverings, the furniture from the outer court, the holy place, and the Holy of Holies could be carried in perfect assembly. Oh, this was awesome. God knew exactly where everybody would be

and the furniture and the whole of the tabernacle pointed to the Lord Jesus. The ark of the covenant was that holy place where the Shekinah glory of God dwelt. The ark was also portable, but it was made in such a way people were not to touch it. There were two rings at the base on both sides of the ark - four rings. These were of gold. Why rings? A ring is something which continues. Have you ever got to the end of a ring? You go round and round and round! Perhaps a little child has done that and you think, "Isn't he ever going to realize he will never get to the end of that ring?" That speaks of Jesus Christ - in **Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.** It speaks of His constancy. It also speaks of the awesome fact that He says, "I will never leave you; I will never forsake you; I am there for you always." We not only have the rings, but we also have the poles. They were also of gold and called staves. They went through the rings and carried the ark. Where they carried it, it was always speaking of Jesus. I want you to understand that they, amazingly, understood that God had visited them through this ark which was not to be touched by man. It was gathered together by precious gold which was like a crown which included the mercy seat and the cherubim. We read of this crown and we think of Jesus. Jesus said that He was willing to come and to be made lower than the angels for a short time. Men crowned Him with thorns, but we read as we see into this crown, God has crowned Jesus.

Will you crown Him today King of your life, Lord of lords, all in praise to His Holy Name?

*In His precious Name. Amen.*