

Exodus 33:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

Analysis

And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door—The visible proof of God's presence evokes corporate worship. Each person rises and worships 'in his tent door,' unable to approach closer but responding in reverence. This democratized worship shows that though Moses alone enters God's presence, every Israelite has access to worship. The tent doors create a circle of worship around the central tent of meeting, with all eyes toward God's glory. This anticipates the New Covenant where all believers are priests (1 Peter 2:9).

Historical Context

Ancient Israelite tent camps were arranged in organized patterns around the central sanctuary. This worship scene, with thousands standing at tent entrances facing inward, created a powerful communal expression of awe and repentance.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does corporate awareness of God's presence enhance your individual worship?
2. In what ways does the Old Testament pattern of mediated worship deepen your appreciation for direct access through Christ?

Interlinear Text

הָ	כָּל	הָעָם	אֶת	עַמּוּד	הָעָנָן	עֲלֵי	דָּ	פֶּתַח
saw	H3605	And all the people	H853	pillar	the cloudy	stand		door
H7200		H5971		H5982	H6051	H5975		H6607

אֶת־הָאֵלֹהִים:	וַיִּקָּם	כָּל	הָעָם	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ	אֵשׁ
at the tabernacle	rose up	H3605	And all the people	and worshipped	every man
H168	H6965		H5971	H7812	H376

פֶּתַח	אֶת־הָאֵלֹהִים:
door	at the tabernacle
H6607	H168