

# God's Continual Dominant Presence

## Exodus 23:20-33

### 1. God Goes Before His People- Guard & Guide Vs. 20-26

Through Yahweh sending an angel to guard and guide his redeemed people to the promise land, Yahweh will protect them from those who oppose them, and bless them if they faithfully obey and only worship Him as their God.

Through Jesus redeeming us from our sins, we experience the Holy Spirit who guards and guides the redeemed in fulfilling the purpose of making mature and multiplying disciples, if they faithfully worship and live lives of obedience.

### 2. God Goes Before His People- To Make His Name Known vs. 27-30

As the angel goes before Israel, Yahweh will make His name known to every nation that Israel encounters which will instill fear and the nations' reaction will be one of leaving the land through God's perfect timing. (Exodus 15:14-16)

As the Holy Spirit goes before us, God's name will be made known through convicting unbelievers of their sin, understanding that they are condemned and that salvation is only through Jesus Christ. (John 16:5-16)

### 3. God Goes Before His People- Establishes His Kingdom vs. 31-33

If the Israelites faithfully live as the redeemed and obey Yahweh's direction, He will establish them with the land He has promised.

Jesus has established a place in His kingdom for those who are redeemed, as He has ascended to heaven to prepare a place for them. (John 14:2-4)

#### Main Idea:

Those redeemed through Jesus Christ, experience God going before them by guarding, guiding, making His name known, and establishing the redeemed in His kingdom.

#### Questions:

- i) God knew that Israel's great temptation after entering the land was mixing with its inhabitants and assuming some or all of their religious practices. To help limit those influences, the angel will wipe those influences away. What great temptations in your life has the Holy Spirit guarded you from so that you can faithfully live for God? (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- ii) God goes before His people and expects them to follow. In fulfilling His purpose of making mature and multiplying disciples, God uses His people's words and actions to make Himself known to those who do not live for Him. Who has God been placing on your heart to share your faith with?
- iii) Through Jesus Christ, we have become citizens of God's kingdom. Being citizens to King Jesus' kingdom (Philippians 2:9-10), we are blessed with His preparations. While we live out our lives, God has prepared in advance good works that we were created for (Ephesians 2:10), and He is preparing a place for us in heaven (John 14:1-4). How might this reality strengthen your confidence in living for the one true God?