

## The Pillar

Exodus 13:17-21

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- The Nature Of The Cloud

- Exodus 19:10-11, 16-18 – “a thick cloud on the mountain”
- Exodus 40:34-35 “Moses was not able to enter”
- Leviticus 16:2 “I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.”

- It Was A Constant And Unfailing Guide

- God never left them alone
- Isaiah 54:10 – “... my steadfast love shall not depart from you”

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- It Was The Defense Of Israel

- Exodus 14:10-11, 18-20 – “... the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them”
- Psalms 46:1-3, 7 – “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress”

- It Was The Joy And Confidence Of Israel

- What greater joy can we have than the confidence of God’s presence?
- Deuteronomy 31:6 – “He will not leave you or forsake you”

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- It Was Where God Spoke To The People

- Exodus 33:9 – “... the Lord would speak with Moses”
- Psalms 99:7 – “In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them”

- God Is Our Rock (“Pillar”)

- Deuteronomy 32:3-4 – “The Rock, his work is perfect”
- I Corinthians 10:4 – “... the Rock was Christ”
- John 7:37 – “... come to me and drink”
- John 6:35 – “I am the bread of life”

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The pillar symbolized the true character of Christ

- The Symbol Of God’s Presence

- Matthew 1:23 – “God with us”
- John 1:14 – “... dwelt among us”
- Colossians 2:9 – “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily”

The pillar symbolized Christ’s redeeming work

- Matthew 1:21 – “... he will save his people ...”
- Luke 19:10 – “... to seek and to save the lost”
- I Timothy 1:15 – “Jesus came ... to save sinners”
- I John 3:8 – “... to destroy the works of the devil”

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The pillar symbolized Christ as the light and guide of mankind

- John 12:46 – “I have come into the world as light”
- John 1:4 – “... the life was the light of men”
- John 8:12 – “I am the light of the world”
- John 14:6 – “I am the way, and the truth, and the life”

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The pillar symbolized Christ's presence with His church

- He is our guide, protector, the one through whom God speaks to us
  - Matthew 17:5 – "listen to him"
  - Hebrews 1:1-2 – "... in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son"
- Matthew 28:18-20 – "I am with you always, to the end of the age"

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Will we embrace the pillar which is Christ today?

Or fall because of unbelief, as Israel did in the wilderness?

- Hebrews 3:7-13 – "... do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness ... But exhort one another every day"

## Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message

- Hebrews 11:6 – "... whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

## Obeying The Gospel

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Matthew 10:32 – "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven."

## Obeying The Gospel

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"