

The Veil Was Torn

Hebrews 10:1-25

Exodus 26:31-34

Matthew 27:45-54



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Pressing Forward

- Catechism
- Memory/Meditation
 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matt 5:8)

We Are Living in Dangerous Times

- A serious call for revival. (2 Thess 2:3; 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:3-4; Judges 17:6; 21:25; Proverbs 14:12; 30:12; Ecclesiastes 11:9; James 1:22; Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24)

Eternal Purpose

What We Have Learned

- A walk through the Tabernacle so far.
- **THEN we come to a BARRIER! A veil preventing anyone access to God Himself!**

The Most Holy Place

- Its dimensions and description
- CUBE - just like in the Temple; just like the New Jerusalem.
- Two pieces of furniture: The Ark **and** the Mercy Seat
- Definition: The Shekinah Glory "resided" in this room. This Shekinah Glory is the visible manifestation of God's presence on earth! The Hebrew for "Shekinah" means "He caused to dwell".
- "Glory" - The glory of God is the infinite beauty and greatness of God's manifold perfections - His holiness; His righteousness; His power; His justice; His mercy; His love; His sovereignty.
- Here in the MOST HOLY Place is where "GOD" "dwelt" - consider 1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 2:6; 6:16; Jeremiah 23:23-24.
 - YET, God "dwelt" with His people!!! (Exodus 25:22; 1 Tim 3:16; John 1:1, 14; Matthew 1:21-23 - His name shall be IMMANUEL)
- The Shekinah glory of God in the Bible
 - (Exodus 13:21) Divine protections and leadership
 - (Exodus 24:16-17) . . . as a consuming fire on Mount Sinai.
 - (Numbers 9:15-23) Divine direction

- (Exodus 40:34) God's presence with His people.
 - (Leviticus 16:2) Over the Mercy Seat.
 - (1 Samuel 4:21) "Ichabod" - "no glory"
 - (1 Kings 8:6-11) The glory of the Lord filled the Temple
 - (2 Chronicles 7:1-3) . . . fire consuming the burnt offering and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.
 - (Ezekiel 8-11) Departure of God's glory from His people.
 - (Luke 2:9) At the announce of Christ's birth.
 - (Matthew 17:1-6) Transfiguration (with 1 John 1:1-4)
 - (Acts 1:9) Christ ascending in heaven.
 - (Hebrews 1:3) "who (Christ) being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person"
 - (Revelation 15:8) The temple (in heaven) was filled with smoke from the glory of God - no one was able to enter the temple.
- ★ (Psalm 33:8) Are we standing in AWE of God? Do we tremble? (Psalm 99:1)

The Veil - Its Description

- Colors - same as gate and door - RED, BLUE, PURPLE
- Cherubim - "guards" to God's Holy of Holies. Remember Genesis 3:24
- Four pillars of gold; Four sockets of silver
- BARRED people from approaching God
 - God's "OTHERNESS"
 - Creator

The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16)

- Once a year the High Priest went behind the veil to make atonement for all His people's unintentional sins.
- There was no atonement for intentional sins - (Number 15:30-31; Isaiah 22:14; Jeremiah 18:23)
- Two goats - one for the Lord; one a scapegoat

Christ Is the Shekinah Glory

- The Shekinah Glory of God was present at His birth.
- (Colossians 2:9) "in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form".
- (John 1:14) "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- (John 14:9) "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 10:30)
- (Hebrews 1:3) "who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power."
- (Matthew 24:30) While on earth His glory was "hidden" but when He comes a second time He will come with power and great glory.

- ABSOLUTE FOOLISHNESS OF MAN: Exchanging the glory of the immortal glory of God for images for a mortal being, birds, animals and reptiles! (Romans 1:22-23; Psalm 106:20)

Christ Is the Veil (Hebrews 10:20; Matthew 27:51)

- **The Veil is His flesh - His humanity.**
 - Hebrews 2:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:1, 14; Philippians 2:6-7.
 - The Veil was Christ “flesh” but with the fullness of God “veiled” in Him.
 - “hiding God” - John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:19; **2:3, 9** with Isaiah 53:1-2.
 - The Veil was a picture of Christ’s actual PERFECTION and an example of only a PERFECT person is allowed into the presence of God. (1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 Peter 3:18)
 - **BUT “in the fullness of time** (meditate on that statement) **GOD SENT** forth His Son . . . to redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons” (Galatians 4:5) or in Romans 3:25, “whom GOD SET FORTH as a propitiation by His blood. . . .”
 - NOT TORN in the Tabernacle - see Hebrews 9:8
- **“It is finished”** - John 19:30 - Christ was sent into the world to do GOD’s WILL and when Christ completed that work . . .
- The Curtain was torn **by God**, as it was God who “tore” (crushed, crucified) His Son! And in so doing accepted Christ’s blood sacrifice on our behalf. (Isaiah 53:10; Zech 13:7; Psalm 38:2; 42:7; 88:6-7)
- GOD, having had His justice satisfied, tore down the barrier and now allows access for all whom Christ died!
- “top to bottom” = two teams of oxen; never repaired.
 - Just as the veil was torn while it hung between “heaven” and “earth”, so was Christ lifted up between “heaven” and “earth” when He made the way to God. (John 3:14-15)
 - “once for all” - Hebrews 7:27; 9:12, 26, 28; 10:10
- Christ went behind the Veil *for us* to appease the anger of God and to bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:13; Romans 3:25; **HEBREW 9:11-12**)
 - Precious Blood (1 Peter 1:18-21)
 - Blood of infinite worth - consider the number of sins it paid for! (Romans 6:23a)
- (Ephesians 2:13) We who were FAR OFF (with no access) have been brought NEAR by the blood of Christ!
- “through Him we have access” (Ephesians 2:18) THEREFORE . . .

DOING GOD’S WORD (Hebrews 10:19-25)

- (Hebrews 10:19) WE, God’s special people, can now CONFIDENTLY enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.

- (Hebrews 10:20) By a NEW and LIVING way - which Christ consecrated for us. THEREFORE . . .
- ❶ (Hebrews 10:22) "Let us draw near with a TRUE HEART in FULL CONFIDENCE having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." One draws near to God to worship. We are saved to "proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9)
- ❷ (Hebrews 10:23) Let us hold fast the **confession** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. We are not to waiver in the midst of persecutions. (BEWARE: Matthew 13:20-22)
- ❸ (Hebrews 10:24) Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. We are to do the works that God foreordained for us to walk in (Ephesians 2:10); we are to be zealous for good works (Titus 2:14); God-given faith always WORKS (James 2:14-26).
- ❹ (Hebrews 10:25) We are not to forsake the assembling ourselves together. We are not to forsake the local church. We are to be gathering together even more as we see the day of Christ's returnt approaching. A New Testament Church worships **TOGETHER**, studies **TOGETHER**, prays **TOGETHER**, and grows **TOGETHER**. (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:16; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 2:19)