

## **It Was Torn – God Has Given Us Access To Him**

[Mat 27:50-51 NASB95] 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

### **Introduction:**

- What we need was behind the curtain.
- Temple was center of Jewish religious life.
- There was a curtain separated Holy of Holies (earthly dwelling place of God's Presence) from everything.
- [Heb 9:1-9 NASB95] 1 Now even the first [covenant] had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which [were] the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. 3 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 and above it [were] the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail. 6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, 7 but into the second, only the high priest [enters] once a year, not without [taking] blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. 8 The Holy Spirit [is] signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing, 9 which [is] a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,
- [Exo 26:31-33 NASB95] 31 "You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet [material] and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. 32 "You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks [also being of] gold, on four sockets of silver. 33 "You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.
- The veil was about 60 ft high and 4 inches thick. (<https://www.gotquestions.org/temple-veil-torn.html>)
- When Jesus died on the Cross, the veil was torn. This is historical fact that is corroborated by other sources.
- To say that this is other than supernatural happening is intellectual dishonesty.

What did the veil represent and what does the fact that it tore at Jesus' death on the cross mean for us today?

The veil represented our separation from God due to sin and the fact that it torn at Jesus' death on the cross means that He has given us access to Himself.

### **I. The veil means separation from God due to sin.**

- a. [Isa 59:1-2 NASB95] 1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden [His] face from you so that He does not hear.
- b. [Rom 6:23 NASB95] 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- c. In our culture we have a hard time with sin and shame. We compare ourselves to each other.
- d. Why does God get to make the rules and determine what sin is? The Creator has authority over the created.
- e. Some need to understand “unrighteousness by faith”. God determines what is sin.
- f. Submit to God’s determination of sin. Repent (turn to Jesus and away from a life of sin.)

### **II. The tearing of the veil means access to God due to Jesus’ death on the cross.**

- a. [Heb 4:16 NASB95] 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- b. Therefore... because of Jesus.
- c. We have confidence... no more shame!
- d. God has predetermined “throne of Grace”.
- e. We will “receive mercy (not getting what we deserve) and find grace (getting what we don’t deserve)
- f. To help! “Divine solutions.” ~ Pst. Bill Johnson

### **Conclusion**

- The veil represents: How bad our sin is!
- The tearing of the veil represents: How good Jesus is!
- Because of Jesus, let’s access the throne!
- Answered prayer comes because of Jesus’ death, and subsequent resurrection and ascension.
- The veil speaks: you are a failure. You will never be free. God hates you.
- The torn veil speaks: God wants you. God loves you. God will help you.
- Write your requests on a paper. Ushers will place them on the Cross.