

Continual Access through the Veil!

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Continual access through the veil into God's presence is far more important than we may think at first. Due to our tendency to sin in thought, word, or deed—unlimited access to approach God's throne of mercy and grace is always needed.

Many times in a day—we can falter in our faith and fail in our commitment to remain within the parameters of God's written will. Our *intentions* do not always line up with His Word—or our *thoughts* can wander onto forbidden territory—and Satan makes it easy to trespass outside the parameters of God's expressed will and plan for the believer.

Knowing of this—we must continually maintain a repentant attitude—taking advantage of the *Continual Access* through the Veil—which is now an open way into the presence of God. Had this been the Old Testament, we would need a *priest* and an offering as a sacrifice before even thinking of approaching the veil and going into the very presence of God.

A multicolored *veil* embroidered with cherubim, was between the holy place and the most holy place—separating the priest from God. These cherubim made the priest aware of the holiness of his office, and reminded him of how suddenly divine judgment fell on Nadab and Abihu when they were disobedient and lost their lives because

they Numbers 3:4 “Offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.”

The curtains of fine linen were interwoven with threads of *blue*, *purple*, and *scarlet* Exodus 38:18—and although beautiful to view, this *veiled* entrance was not for *admiration* but for *separation*. The Hebrew word for *veil*—*paroketh*—means *to separate*. The veil was a *barrier* between God and man—separating them—closing God in and keeping man *out* Leviticus 16:2. The curtains permitted access to worship only *after* the priests offered a sacrifice of atonement for their sins.

The *first* curtain separated the *people* from the *court*—The *second* curtain—a “*Hanging for the door of the tent*” Exodus 26:36-37, was held by five pillars with gold hooks. This curtain separated the priests in the court area from the holy place—and only *after* cleansing at the brazen altar and laver, could the priest *enter* this holy place.

The *third veil* divided two rooms inside of the Tabernacle—the holy place and the most holy place Exodus 26. This veil separated the priests from the holy of holies, where the presence of God dwelt. Only the high priest could enter that sacred place—and only once a year on the day of atonement—to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat for *his* sins and those of the *people*.

This veil was a “*Cunning work, [skillfully embroidered]*” Exodus 26:31, done by workers who were gifted with this skill. The *cherubim* were a high order of angelic beings—their appearance and power is difficult to describe. They symbolize God's protective presence over the holy of holies—like a continuous guard before the entrance—*No trespassing beyond this point!*

The veil *portrayed* Jesus' life and ministry. As the veil in the Tabernacle *hid* the glory of God, so Jesus' glory was *hidden* during His ministry on earth. John 1:18 “*No one has ever seen God. But his only [begotten] Son, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart; he has told us about him.*”

The Lord Jesus, with the same nature as God, took on *humanity* without surrendering any of His *deity*. Jesus revealed His glory on earth—Matthew 17:2 “*He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*”

At other times, glimpses of His glory were seen, like: John 2:11 “*This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*” After the resurrection, Jesus prayed John 17:5 “*Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*”

The *colors* of the *veil* are *symbolic* of Christ's deity, ministry, and Second Advent. The *White* linen speaks of *purity* and *righteousness*—a Lamb without spot 1 Peter 1:19. The *Blue* denotes Jesus' coming from heaven as the Son of God—John 8:23 “*I am from above.*” *Scarlet* symbolizes the shedding of His Blood for the sins of the world Romans 3:25, and *Purple* means His royalty as the King of kings and Lord of lords Revelation 19:16.

Prior to the rending of the *veil* there was no direct access into God's presence—yet with one profound and perfect sacrifice, God *removed* the barrier that had separated Him and mankind for over 1,500 years. When Jesus died, the veil divided. Matthew 27:51 “*Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.*” The veil was now in two equal halves.

When that happened, the priests were in the temple preparing evening sacrifices—while hundreds of people in the temple area witnessed the miraculous event. All were amazed when the huge *veil* was torn. God was proclaiming to the world that the Jewish priesthood had ended. Jesus, as the *true* high priest, had opened a new and *living way* for everyone. Hebrews 10:19 “*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.*”

Continual access means our continual privilege of kneeling in prayer to God at any *time*, any *day*, and without any doubt that He will hear and accept our requests. We enter Hebrews 10:20 “By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” It is new because we no longer need a priest or an offering; and it is *living* because every day and any moment we can repent and confess our sins to God.

Jesus is presently interceding for us at the right hand of God—every moment of any day—providing us the *privilege* and the *responsibility* to admit our sins and wrong attitudes of the *past* and forsaking them concerning the *present*. 21-22 “And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

His sacrifice for our sins was a *one-time* for *all-time* event—performed long ago—but the sacrifice continues to apply to all who accept it. The shed Blood of Jesus is a continual fountain of cleansing for all who accept it in faith for any sin in their life. Jesus converted the veil from a *wall to a way*—into God’s presence.

Any time we sin by resenting; complaining; acting impatient; snapping back at insults; being upset when offended; telling others of our needs, or failing to admit our wrong attitudes, we are to take advantage of the *Continual Access* into the *living way*—approaching God in prayer to obtain His mercy and grace.

Since we always have the privilege of entering God’s presence through the *veil*, we are reminded of four *conditions* to meet—**First**, we take the initiative Hebrews 10:22 “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.” We do not stand far off as Israel did Numbers 18:22 “Lest they bear sin, and die,” but we are to “*Draw near*”—in sincerity of heart.

Second, we make a commitment to *do* the will of God, which is to *trust* Him in faith for the answer we need—Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)” We are not to compromise our faith on God because we are in trial or facing persecution. He will *not* forsake us, so we must ask Him for the ability to remain steadfast.

Third; we encourage others when given the opportunity and reminding them of the need to keep their faith in God. Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”—because we are concerned for their spiritual welfare when they are going through a difficult time. Philippians 2:4 “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Fourth; we make the effort to attend services with other believers to listen, pray, and sing praises to God; Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Many people use online churches or stay at home to study Scripture, but God wants us to join in actual fellowship, encourage one another, sing praise to God, and listen to a message of His Gospel Truth—a message that tells of our *responsibility* to sacrifice our *will* to be *His* will—especially as the *Day* of His return comes ever closer.

All true believers then, have the privilege of approaching God personally through a *living way*, enabled by a sinless sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. The hymn lyrics remind us—*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live*—daily live through the continual access we have through the veil.

It is all too easy to be all too guilty of—*lost love* for the Lord; *cooling commitment* to His Truth; *faulty faith* in God; *slackness of service* for

the Savior; or *forsaken fellowship* with other believers—by *not* making the *effort*, and instead making *excuses* why not to attend services.

The question we can ask ourselves through the day—Are we taking advantage of this *continual access* into God’s presence when facing a difficulty; being oppressed or lacking something? God’s will and plan is that we be *led* to a position of total dependence on Him for everything—not just material things we *might* need, but for a right standing we *all* need!

God has promised to never forsake us—even if we are not yet fully trusting Him. We just need a willingness to *learn* from Him. Matthew 12:20 “A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.” We just make a decision to give our life totally to God, and to be willing to follow His will in everything when we are shown. We are to allow Him to lead us to where we are depending on Him for all things in this *temporary life* as He prepares us for an *everlasting life*.

The New Testament Gospel of Christ teaches that we are to make an uncompromising decision to trust God in faith and depend on Him for all things. Any less commitment, lack of faith, or no trust on God—is no spiritual life at all.

There is no such thing as good and poor *grades* of righteousness; or good and poor *standards* of salvation—as there is only *one* atoning sacrifice whereby we can enter Heaven’s gates—it is taking advantage of our *Continual Access through the Veil* and through a sincere *faith* in the *Lord Jesus!*



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