

Through the Veil

II Corinthians 3:12-18

The indication of the word “veil” suggests a covering or to conceal something which cannot yet be seen. The Greek word..”Kal’-oo-mah” is used in this passage these 4 times. While we understand the veil worn by Moses screened the glory gleaming within from his encounter with the Holy God on the mount Sinai; it is characterized also here that the veil of unbelief upon the heart will hide the Grace of God which is displayed only through Jesus Christ.

While the veil of the tabernacle concealed or came between the priests and the glory of the divine presence which rested upon the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies, we recognize that a concealing veil is still in place for those who read the old testament without going through the prism and perspective of the atoning work through Jesus Christ.

It is a type and shadow of the body of the Lord Jesus for we see in Romans 8:3 “God sending his

own son in the likeness of sinful flesh”. This flesh, just like the veil, concealed the glory of his divine character as the Son of God but when we look at instances like his transfiguration on the mount, there is this incidental outburst of the hidden glory within that shown to those disciples who were near and who believed.

The divine majesty was always there but the weak body of the flesh veiled or concealed it.

So today, we look at character is this veil and recognize that we must not just look on the surface, for if we do, we will miss the divine glory within so we look at the commandments of Moses and closer at the veil he was instructed to erect for the tabernacle.

(Exodus 26:31-32) “And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: And thou shall hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.”

Fine twined linen – here we see the moral purity of Jesus Christ as a man. His character, was fine linen, pure and spotless. Even though he was tried in the wilderness by Satan, yet the garment of his life was still without spot or blemish. Not just fine linen but “twined”. While the other curtains of the tabernacle were embroidered, THIS veil was intricately, carefully and crafted together with a texture like no other.

How wonderful the example of the divine and human natures coiled and integrated together so closely that they were unified into one tapestry that John the Baptist shouted to the people....Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world” (John 1:29)

Cunning Work – The veil was to be expertly textured and we see this only manifested in the mystery of his virgin birth as the incarnation.

“God with Us” - It is truly a cunning or intricate work of the Holy Ghost. Because we uncover it in what the Angel told Mary. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest

shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35)

Who but God could ever suggest such a tapestry of existence that it can only be described as a cunning work and as Paul expands to describe this type as an unrefutably “great mystery of godliness: that God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory!” (1Tim. 3:16)

Additionally, even the pigment of this veil would signify the life of Christ even deeper, for it was made Blue, Scarlet & Purple. It was the same colors that appear in the gate AND in the door of the tabernacle because it is the same DIVINE MAN leading us all the way into to the mercy seat. The blue signifies of Him who came from Heaven, The Scarlet, speaks of him who was born of a woman.

But this Purple?!?!?! The purple is not a primary color but is only existent when the scarlet & blue

are mingled together. Only when the Heavenly & Earthly are fused together do we see the expression of God and Man in One Person, the mediator between God & Man, The Royal Priest, The Wonderful, Counsellor, The everlasting Father, The Emmanuel – GOD WITH US!!!

Now we look to WHERE this veil was positioned...It hung right in front of the mercy seat. It was the ONLY wall of separation between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The only thing that kept the priests alive from the judgement of God while they went about during the daily activities of ministering in the tabernacle. It was ONLY through the veil that the High Priest would enter but he had to present blood for himself and for the entire nation. So by revelation we understand that it is ONLY through Jesus Christ, our high priest, AND Lamb, And Blood Sacrifice can we even approach or have access to God. This is why it is so much more paramount for us to believe Jesus' words when he said..."I

AM THE WAY, I AM THE TRUTH, I AM THE LIFE...No man comes to the Father but by ME!"
(John 14:6)

Jesus confirmed, established and reiterated this same truth throughout his teachings. He said... I am the door...I am the gate...I am the good Shepherd...I am the bread of life...I am the light of the world...I am the true vine...I am the resurrection and the life. All throughout his teachings, Jesus is reaffirming that he is the foreshadow of this same veil and it is only through this veil that we can come into God's presence. Access AFTER the rending....

As soon as Jesus gave up the ghost, "the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom" (according to Matt. 27:51) The veil of the tabernacle is supposed to be the same veil of the temple just like the death of Jesus on the cross and the rending of the veil signify the same thing....That we have liberty to enter into the holiest. How do you know that?!?!

Heb 10:19-20 – “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which HE hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, the veil of his flesh!...Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...”

It was DIVINELY Rent... It was rent from the top...Rent from above, and rent by God alone. If it was the work of man, it would have been rent from the bottom, but this deep meaning in all of this....For with wicked hands they crucified and had him slain (Acts 2:23) but Jesus said...”No man taketh my life, but I lay it down of myself.” (John 10:18)

But here is the point.... When we ask who crucified Jesus...

“It pleased the Lord to bruise Him, He hath put Him to grief, (Isah 53:10)

In Psm 22:1 We see the cry of David saying.. “My God, My God, why has though forsaken me?

Yet it is the same words Jesus cries from the cross in (Matt. 27:46 & Mark 15:34).

The veil was rent from the TOP, therefore, it was the hands of God that were stretched forth and took hold of it and opened it up, indicating that the death of Jesus met every righteous claim and that the holy Judgement of Wrath was satisfied in the death of the Son of God and granting Grace to all who would believe and walk THROUGH THAT VAIL!

Jesus himself set before us an open-door allowing access to boldly enter the throne of Grace!

The veil wasn't rent along the edge or pushed aside like we would a curtain, but it was torn in the midst (right down the middle) right in front of the mercy seat sitting in the center. To enter the veil unworthily was once an act of disobedience and defiance which was met with swift judgement and death. But now, the death of Jesus and the rending of the veil of His Flesh brings all who will believe through the veil, into immediate touch with (Not a Judgmental Wrath) but a merciful and graceful God.

Finally, the veil was rent completely...

No thread was left in the way, nothing to hinder, block or inhibit the entrance of all who would believe. Grace began the work and Grace has finished the work. That's why Jesus' last words on the cross was "It is Finished!" Every difficulty in redeeming sinful mankind has now been appeased and the path made clear and free. God's way of saving man was removed and it was removed by him alone, for He was the only one that could make it happen.

This is why John the Baptist declared in the wilderness..."Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29)

Now that the veil is rent all human pretensions are worthless and it is by His Grace ye are saved. Believe on (Walk through the veil of) the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Finally, every person will walk through that veil. One way or another. Either we voluntarily believe or when we die we MUST walk through that veil.

(Heb 9:27) And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement:...

So we either walk through the veil through our belief in Him or when we die we walk through that veil for judgement at that time.

We either choose to accept Jesus' sacrifice as the judgement of God or we must face the Judgement of God without that Blood Covering. For to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD.

We either face him as covered in the Blood of Jesus or Bare to the wrath and judgement which kept Jesus on the Cross.