

The Message of the Torn Veil, Mark 15:33–38
GCC, Morning Worship, 4/7/19

Introduction

- A. Moses was commanded to make the Tabernacle precisely as commanded (Heb 8:5)
 - B. Every detail of the Tabernacle/Temple pointed to the person and work of Christ
 - C. What message does the hanging veil and the torn veil have for the Christian?
- I. What is the Message of the Hanging Veil?
- A. Basic Facts about the Veil
 - B. What did this hanging veil communicate? (Heb 9:6–8)
- II. What is the Message of the Torn Veil?
- A. The Torn Veil is to be Interpreted in the Context of Three sayings of Jesus from the Cross
 - 1. The Cry of Dereliction (Matt 27:46)
 - 2. The Shout of Triumph (Jn 19:30)
 - 3. The Dismissal of His Spirit (Lk 23:46)
 - 4. The Splitting of the Veil (Mk 15:38)
 - B. What does the torn veil tell us?
 - 1. Because of the work of my Son, all now have access to me!
 - 2. All have confidence to enter into the most holy place (Heb 10:19–20)
- III. The Application of the Torn Veil
- A. God Dismantled the Levitical System Forever When He split the Veil
 - 1. The Veil was the type and the Shadow. The Substance is in Christ
 - 2. What is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away (Heb 8:13)
 - 3. Red Ribbon on the Scapegoat no longer turned white (40 AD)
 - 4. Judgment on Jerusalem (70 AD)
 - 5. The Gospel must never revert back to the types and thereby denigrate the work of Christ
 - B. The Veil has been torn for you. COME!
 - 1. All are free to come
 - 2. Your obstacle to coming is not your sin, but your refusal to come
 - 3. Children of God have Boldness (Heb 10:19–20)
 - 4. Is your approach to God more like that of an Old Covenant priest? Or do you have the holy boldness of a New Covenant priest?
 - C. Beware of Aberrant Theological Stitchery
 - A. What God has separated, let no man join together!
 - B. Beware of the Theological Stitchery of Naval Gazing
 - C. Beware of the Theological Stitchery of Rome
 - D. Beware of the Theological Stitchery of a Future Veil
 - D. Follow the lead of Priests who became obedient to the Faith (Acts 6:7)

Questions for Review and Application:

1. What was the message of the hanging veil? (Heb 9:6–8)
2. What was the message of the torn veil?
3. How does the torn veil give Christians confidence to enter in to God’s presence?
4. Does the torn veil mean that we come flippantly or irreverently to God? What is the difference between “coming flippantly” and “coming confidently?”
5. How does “coming confidently” before God, through Christ, magnify the message of the torn veil?
6. What are some ways in which we might be tempted to “stitch” the veil back up, either in our private or public worship of God?
7. What is “navel-gazing?” What is good and right about it? What is potentially harmful about it? How much is too much?
8. What is the remedy against these efforts to “stitch back up” the veil which has been torn?