

# Hebrews 6.19

## Beyond the Veil

We talked last week about hope as an anchor of the soul. We have a hope that allows us to see beyond the veil; it is a hope that will sustain us in the midst of the fiery trials of life. It is true that fear is a powerful foe; but in the end is nothing but a toothless lion. As humans, our greatest danger is separation from God. But this has been removed in the sacrifice of Jesus, and understanding that death itself is powerless to harm us grants us peace and power to endure and emerge triumphant.

### I. THE POWER OF FEAR

#### A. The veil of the unknown

1. The fear of what might be
2. Death and beyond
3. The shadow of darkness is its greatest strength
  - a) What we fear holds no power after we have experienced it
  - b) The back side of the monster always reveals the façade

c) We can look back on painful times and know, that although they did hurt, the fear we had on the front end is now powerless and the reality was nowhere near as bad as the fear made us believe.

4. The emptiness of fear

a) Fear plays on emotion

b) Fear plays worst case

c) Fear uses our imagination against us

5. The promise of God brings light to the darkness

B. Death disarmed

**1Corinthians 15.51-57**

C. Inherent danger disarmed by the presence of God

**Psalm 91**

D. Evil transformed into blessing

**Romans 8.28 - 39**

## II. ENTERING THE VEIL

A. The picture

1. The veil of the temple

2. Representative of the presence of God in the heavens

3. The tabernacle not made with hands

4. Where Christ Jesus continues to intercede and administer grace for His bride.
- B. The limitation
1. We cannot fully understand what is going on there
  2. We cannot see it
  3. We are not fully told
  4. We can taste it by hope
  5. But we CAN KNOW it by faith
  6. The anchor does not hold in the water, but must sink all the way to the bottom and there dig deep
- C. We enter with our hope, which is the opposite of fear; it is both the down payment and fiduciary of faith. And there, behind the veil, we are presented that which we hope for...

*Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*Romans 8:24–25 (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for*

*what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

D. We enter by the rule and the measure of Scripture. Our hope is founded and empowered there, and we DO NOT depart from that line.

Period

1. Any expansion from our imagination casts us out
2. Any refusal to believe sets us adrift
3. We hold fast to the promise of God
4. We cling with all we are to the One who both secures and who IS the very promise of God
5. We know that despite our hold, despite our clinging to Him, the thing that really matters is that HE holds on to us... for this the very Word of God and God never fails to keep His promise!

E. We go all the way in to that which is inside

1. Not an ark
2. Not a man-made mercy seat
3. Not tables of stone, nor jars of manna, nor budding rods

F. But to that which those things signify

1. God Himself on a throne of Grace
2. Jesus Christ, the High Priest of the church
  - a) Alive forever even after death
  - b) Feeding His people the life of God
3. God the Father as the author of the promise of grace
  - a) Revealing Himself to us despite our sin and rebellion
4. Jesus Christ the purchaser of all mercy
5. The covenant of peace alive between them
6. HERE our hope rests and HERE our anchor holds

### **III. TEARING THE VEIL**

- A. Because we have passed in with Christ into the real, the shadows have passed away
- B. The obscure representations have ceased
- C. The barrier that kept us out of the presence of God has been removed
- D. The threat of our deserved punishment has been banished by the acceptance of Christ's atonement for our sin.

*Romans 4:23–25 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.*

E. We need no other intercessor, we need no other mediator, which is good for there are none.

*1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

F. We deal with God alone, through Christ alone, by grace alone

G. Without this anchor we die,

1. and dying we are lost forever,
2. separated from God,
3. from love, from happiness
4. from all good things
5. for all eternity...

H. But with it, we are secure and safely delivered into the very presence of God forever!