**Upon This Rock**

**You Are Invited - The Veil Is Torn in Two: Part 1**

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**Questions**

1. What do they need to know?

* That they have been granted access to God and His treasures.

1. Why do they need to know it?

* Their salvation and inheritance depend on it.

1. What do they need to know?

* The Throne of Grace is open, and all are welcome.

1. Why do they need to know it?

* So they can know God and be all that God has called them to be.

# **Central Truth**

Through Christ, God removes every barrier and grants us access to His greatest treasure Himself. But does anyone really want Him?

# **Main Passage**

**The Father to the Son: *“Ask of Me”***

**Psalms 2:7**

"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

**Matthew 27:50-54**

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

*The veil was torn from top to bottom so that “whosever can come”. All are invited.*

# **Main Points**

**The Veil Is Torn in Two**

1. **God invites us into His richest treasure – Himself**
2. The greatest treasures that God possessed in Israel were always held behind the veil.
3. Only one person, once a year, could have access to the treasures of God.
4. Through Christ, God opens up His greatest treasures to us – whosoever can come
5. God’s greatest treasure is Himself

* Moses said, “What shall distinguish us from all the other people of the earth – God’s presence”
* David said, “In God’s presence there is fullness of joy”.

1. **Access has been granted to all**
2. The veil was torn from top to bottom: Whosoever

* All can come
* All are invited
* The blood of Christ covers all sins once and for all.

1. Once a year the high priest would go into the Most Holy Place

* They were to put a rope around his ankle and bells around his robe
* If the priest died in the presence of the Lord, the bells would stop ringing and they would pull him out
* No one would dare go into the Most Holy Place
* The question is: Is God that mean that He would just kill people, or is the glory so strong that no human flesh that is sinful can remain in His presence? The sacrifice of Jesus provides protection in the presence of the Lord and His glory.

1. The Centurion received the revelation of Christ at the cross

* The Centurion said, ***“This was truly the Son of God”***
* The signs were undeniable
* His identity could no longer be hidden
* The events of the day of His crucifixion.

1. Access granted

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1. **At the throne we obtain mercy and find grace**

Positioned for Grace:

* The Bible communicates that grace in the form of a position (standing or state) for the believer
* All grace flows from the very power source of God – His Throne. Christ’s followers are encouraged to approach the Throne of Grace with boldness in a time of need because access has been provided through the sacrifice of Christ
* Consider the descriptive language that various writers of the Bible use to communicate this “spiritual position” with respect to grace:

**Hebrews 4:16**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

* MERCY is obtained – that we RECEIVE
* GRACE is found – as in a free gift – empowerment to live out the Christian life.

# **Conclusion**

**2Corinthians 3:16-17**

16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Through Christ we are born-again and granted access to Him, His Throne, and His inheritance.

**Family Blessing 2022 - Four Things to Pray Over People for 2022**

1. As the mountains surround Jerusalem so the Lord surrounds His people

**Psalms 125:2**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

1. Living life according to God’s script
2. “Another” spirit – the anointing of Caleb

**Numbers 14:24**

But My servant Caleb, because he has a **“different”** spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

**“Another” Spirit: What Is It?**

* Valiant – the sound of being valiant
* Great awakening – be valiant – be bold, be brave – courage that comes from the Spirit of God, fearless
* Fearless and Unapologetic – your argument is not with me it’s with God
* Longevity – strength for war – as strong today as I was
* Place a demand on your strength - be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might
* And they do not know their God shall be strong and do great exploits
* UNDIVIDED - Wholly follow – our heart full and fixed on the Word of the Lord
* Don’t let your heart melt.

1. May the Lord prosper you…

**3John 1:2**

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

**Questions & Discussion**

1. What were some of the treasures that were hidden behind the veil?
2. If God is love, why do sinful priests die in His presence behind the veil?
3. Why is it significant that the veil was torn from top to bottom?
4. How did the Centurion know that Jesus was the Son of God? What led them to that conclusion?
5. Explain Hebrews 4:16 in greater depth. In particular, what do the words “obtain” and “receive” mean?
6. How is God’s presence His greatest treasure?
7. What does it mean that *“access has been granted”* to the believer by faith? Why is faith always the key?