

“WHAT YOU ARE TO GOD”

MATTHEW 27:51 “AND BEHOLD THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT IN TWAIN FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM...”

- KNOWING THAT THE TEMPLE IN WHICH GOD DWELT WAS TO BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY, WHY WOULD GOD RIP THE VEIL?
- THE ANSWER IS VERY SIMPLE: TO MOVE THE PLACE OF DWELLING!

LEVITICUS 21:16-24

LEVITICUS 22:1-2

- HERE WE SEE WHERE GOD CONSIDERED IT A SIN OF IGNORING HIS WORD, WHILE SHOWING NO CONCERN FOR HIS COMMANDS AND ACTING AGAINST HIS LAWS.
- AS A PREIST THIS WAS NOT TO BE TOLERATED AND THE PREISTLY DUTIES WERE NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

? QUESTION: WHY WOULD GOD TELL THE PRIEST TO RESPECT THE TEMPLE OF GOD? – GOD LIVED THERE, RIGHT?

? QUESTION: WHY HAVE MAN CREATE THIS INNER VEIL OF BEAUTY ONLY TO TEAR IT DOWN?

“THE VEIL”

EXODUS 26:31-35

- **BLUE**: COLOR OF JEHOVAH; A SYMBOL OF THE REVEALED GOD AND DEVINE REVELATION.
- **PURPLE**: MAJESTY, COLOR THAT ROYALTY AND KINGS WORE. REPRESENTS MESSIAH IN HIS ROYAL ESTATE OF KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- **SCARLET:** SYMBOL OF PROSPERITY: CONQUEST. WORN BY WARRIORS IN BATTLE, THEY COVERED THEMSELVES IN SCARLET TO DISGUISE ANY INJURIES OR WEAKNESSES FROM THE ENEMY.

“MOVING THE TABERNACLE”

NUMBERS 4:5

1. THE VEIL COVERED THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY (COVENANT)
2. A VEIL OF BLUE COVERED THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD, THE CANDLESTICK, AND THE GOLDEN ALTAR.
3. A VEIL OF SCARLET ALSO COVERED THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD AFTER THE BLUE.
4. FINALLY A PURPLE VEIL WAS PLACED ON THE BRAZEN ALTAR.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YOU AND ME?

- WE KNOW THAT ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES FOUND IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS. GOD REVEALED A NEW AND BETTER COVENANT FOR HIS PEOPLE THAT MADE THE OLD OBSOLETE.
- AT THE VERY MOMENT THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, THE VEIL WAS RIPPED CREATING AN OPENING OR ANOTHER WORDS A DOOR FOR MAN TO ENTER THE HOLY OF HOLIES.
- BUT, WHY? GOD NO LONGER DWELLS THERE?

WHO WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES?

ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST

1. YOU MUST REALIZE WHO YOU ARE TO GOD:

“BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AND HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR (PURCHASED) PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT:” 1 PETER 2:9

2. YOU MUST REALIZE WHAT YOU ARE TO GOD:

“DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU YOURSELVES ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU.” 1 COR. 3:16

“IN HIM THE WHOLE BUILDING IS JOINED AND RISES TO BECOME A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. AND IN HIM YOU TOO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER TO BECOME A DWELLING IN WHICH GOD LIVES BY HIS SPIRIT.” EPH. 2:21-22

PSALMS 99:1 “THE LORD REIGNS, LET NATIONS TREMBLE HE IS ENTHRONED BETWEEN CHERUBIM.”

- YOU AND I MUST REALIZE THAT WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD.
- THE VEIL HAD TO BE TAKEN DOWN BECAUSE THE TEMPLE WAS BEING MOVED!

EVERYDAY WE LIVE AND GROW IN CHRIST WE ARE BUILDING THE TEMPLE OF GOD NOT FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

WE DO THIS IN ORDER TO BRING PEOPLE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE.

GOD LIVES IN YOU AND ME THROUGH HIS SPIRIT AND THE RIGHTEOUSE OF THE HIGH PRIEST...OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

ACTS 17:14 “LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH DOES NOT LIVE IN TEMPLES BUILT BY HUMAN HANDS.”

1 COR. 6:19 “DO YOU NOT KNOW YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT WE LOOK AFTER OUR BODIES. WE ARE TO HONOUR GOD WITH OUR BODIES. EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU AND I SHOULD BE ABOUT HONOURING GOD.

- PAUL SAID THAT WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED. A STUMBLING BLOCK TO THE JEWS AND FOOLISHNESS TO THE GREEKS.
- WHY DID PAUL SAY THIS?
- BECAUSE WE NO LONGER HAVE NEED FOR BUILDINGS IN ORDER FOR GOD TO DWELL IN.
- YOU AND I CAN ENTER THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

EPH. 2:19 – “CONSEQUENTLY YOU ARE NO LONGER FOREIGNERS AND ALIENS BUT FELLOW CITIZENS OF GOD’S PEOPLE...WITH CHRIST JESUS AS CHIEF CORNERSTONE...WHOLE BUILDING JOINED TOGETHER RISES TO BECOME A HOLY TEMPLE...YOU ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER TO BECOME A DWELLING IN WHICH GOD LIVES BY HIS SPIRIT.”

WHAT EXACTLY DOES THIS MEAN?

- YOU AND I HAVE TO RESPECT GOD AND HIS COMMANDS JUST AS AARON AND HIS SONS.

5 TEMPLE TIPS

1. LET THERE BE WORSHIP IN THE TEMPLE. **2 CHRONICLES 7:3 – “WHEN ALL ISRAELITES SAW FIRE COMING DOWN THEY KNELT AND WORSHIPPED.”** WORSHIP IS NOT JUST A SUNDAY THING, IT IS A 7 DAY A WEEK THING. IT IS A LIFESTYLE NOT AN ACTION.
2. LET THERE BE JOY IN THE TEMPLE. **2 CHRON. 7:10 – “ON THE 23RD DAY HE SENT PEOPLE HOME JOYFUL AND GLAD IN HEART.”**
3. LET THE TEMPLE BE SIGNIFICANT. **2 CHRON. 2:9 – SOLOMON SAID, “THE TEMPLE I BUILD MUST BE LARGE AND MAGNIFICENT.”** GOD IS COMING BACK FOR A SIGNIFICANT AND RESTORED CHURCH. WHY NOT GIVE GOD YOUR VERY BEST? YOUR VISION OF YOURSELF AND OF GOD HAS TO BE LARGE AND WITHOUT LIMITATIONS.

4. LET THE TEMPLE BE A PLACE OF WORK. **1 PETER 4:7 – “THE END OF ALL THINGS IS NEAR THEREFORE BE CLEAR MINDED AND SELF CONTROLLED SO THAT YOU CAN PRAY...OFFER HOSPITALITY...USE GIFTS TO SERVE OTHERS...SPEAK AS IF SPEAKING THE WORDS OF GOD...EVEN WITH THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES.”** NEVER GET SETTLED. LOVE EACH OTHER DEEPLY. AFTER ALL IT WAS LOVE THAT ALLOWED THAT VEIL TO BE RIPPED.
 5. LET THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILL THE TEMPLE. **“IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THIR LAND.”**
- ONE DAY THE TEMPLE SHALL BE MOVED AGAIN. **REV. 21:22 – “I DID NOT SEE A TEMPLE IN THE CITY BECAUSE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE ITS TEMPLE.”** (NEW JERUSALEM)
 - THE TEMPLE WAS MOVED FROM BEING A BUILDING IN THE OLD COVENANT TO BEING IN US IN THE NEW COVENANT, BUT FOR THE FINAL AND THIRD TIME IS WILL BE MOVED INTO ETERNITY TO BEING THE LORD. IT GETS BETTER AND BETTER.
 - IN ETERNITY NOTHING AT ALL CAN KEEP US FROM THE PRESENCE OF GOD. WE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN HIS PRESENCES.