

Through The Veil

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**Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
~Hebrews 10:19-22 (NASB)**

1) The Construction Of God's Tabernacle

- A) The place where God would “dwell” amongst His people (Exodus 25:8) was known as the tabernacle, a portable structure which reflected the throne room of Heaven where God dwells (25:9).
- B) The instructions for building the tabernacle began with the ark of



the covenant (25:10-22), and finished with the court of the tabernacle (27:21) and some of the key objects of the tabernacle and courtyard which were used by the priests (through 30:38).

- C) While care should be applied to over-allegorizing the text, each object of the tabernacle points to Heaven, salvation, and the sacrificial atonement (at-one-ment) of Jesus Christ.

2) Limited Admittance To The Tabernacle

- A) Despite the fact that the tabernacle was the place where God came to meet with His people, there was almost no way for the people to come into God's presence!
- B) Only the priests could come into the courtyard of the tabernacle, and even fewer could come into the Holy Place (within the tent), and only one person (the High Priest) could enter into the Most Holy Place (the Holy of Holies), and only once a year!
- C) The priests wore ornate outfits, especially the High Priest, all described by God and designed for service in and around the tabernacle (Exodus 28-31).



3) The Veil Separating The Holy Of Holies

- A) In some of the primary rabbinic teachings of Judaism (known as the Jewish Talmud), the veil which separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place (both within the tent) was a full four inches thick and took more than one hundred priests to simply move from one location to the next!
- B) Jesus Christ's death tore away the veil between mankind and God (cf. Matthew 27:45-54; Hebrews 6:19-20). When we anchor our souls in Jesus Christ, our hope is no longer in rules and regulations, but in Jesus. We eagerly look forward to His return (9:24-28), and to active ministry until then!