

The Tabernacle Veil
 "A Wall of Separation Comes Down"
 Exodus 26:30-35

The Tabernacle had two rooms --- the Holy Place (15 ft by 30 ft) and the Holy of Holies (15 ft by 15 ft). A veil that hung from the ceiling to the ground separated these two rooms. This veil, according to the writer of Hebrews, pictures the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath newly made for us, **through the veil, that is to say, His flesh**" (Hebrews 10:19,20).*

I. The Splendor of this Veil (v. 31)

(A). The Colors --- blue, purple, and scarlet

Blue --- is the color of heaven; "*blue as it were the body of heaven*" (Exodus 24:10).

Christ is called "*the Lord of heaven*" (I Corinthians 15:40).

Purple --- is the royal color; the soldiers placed on Christ "*a purple robe*" (John 19:5).

The wise men said, "*Where is He that is born King of the Jews.*"

John calls Christ in Revelation, "*The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*"

Scarlet --- color of suffering (blood). Scarlet in the text is actually "scarlet worm."

In the great Old Testament Messianic Psalm 22 Christ is the "*scarlet worm.*"

Blue, purple and scarlet are also all the colors for being bruised and beaten.

"He was bruised for our iniquities . . ." (Isaiah 53:5).

(B). The Cloth --- the veil was made of "fine twined linen" which speaks of righteousness.

"There is none righteous" (Rom. 3:10). In Christ "*there was no guile*" (I Peter 2:22).

Christ Jesus is made unto us righteousness (I Cor. 1:30) (Cross-reference Rev. 19:8).

(C). The Cherubim --- speak of judicial authority and they bar entrance into His presence.

In Genesis 3:24 the Cherubim bar entrance into the garden (See Leviticus 16:2).

II. The Support of this Veil (v. 32)

Pillars, hooks and sockets supported the veil. The veil stretched from ceiling to ground.

4 Pillars made of acacia wood overlaid with gold to spread the curtain --- four gospels.

Hooks made of solid gold supporting the veil from on high: "*I of myself can do nothing.*"

Sockets of silver from atonement money; Jesus came to earth to atone for sins (John 6:38).

III. The Splitting of this Veil (v.33)

In the Old Testament there was a great distance between God and man. Only one tribe was allowed to camp immediately around the Tabernacle, only one family chosen as priests, and only the High Priest by sprinkling blood could come into the Holiest (Lev. 4:6; 16:15).

He did not pass admiring the beauty of the veil; the priest passed only by blood (I John 1:7).

Matthew 27:45-52

The Veil

- (1). Was rent while hanging.
- (2). Was rent from top to bottom by God.
- (3). Was completely rent.
- (4). Was rent in the middle (Luke 23:45).
- (5). Was split when Christ died (Matt. 27:50).
- (6). When split gave newness to the Temple.
- (7). When split opened the graves.

Christ Jesus

- (1). Was smitten while hanging on the cross.
- (2). Was smitten by God (Psalm 38:2, 88:6,7).
(See also Isaiah 53:10; and Psalm 42:7).
- (3). Was a complete atonement for sin.
- (4). Is the only way to God (no round about way).
- (5). Tore down the barrier between man and God.
- (6). Is a new and living way to God (Heb. 10:20).
- (7). Christ's death is the reason there is eternal life.