

Intro.

- A. The rending of the veil of the temple = 1 of several miracles on Calvary.
 - 1. Remember the earthquake, the hrs. of darkness midday, the opening of the tombs.
 - 2. The Supernatural nature & seen in *timing* & in *being torn f/ top to bottom*.
- B. Veil was regarded with the utmost reverence by the Hebrews.
 - 1. Very pivot of religious economy of the Jewish Age.
 - 2. There is no record of any desecration of the veil!
 - 3. What is the true spiritual meaning of this event?

Discuss.**I. THIS RENDING SYMBOLIZED LIFTING OF BLINDNESS FROM ISRAEL.**

- A. Many O.T. prophecies can be understood only in reference to Christ (c. **1 Pet. 1:10**)
 - 1. *Seed of Abraham*, (If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, & heirs according to the promise)
 - a. Son of David, **Mt. 20:30**
 - b. **John 6:14** *Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.*
 - 2. *Elijah to come* = the forerunner of Christ, **Mt. 11:14**
- B. The sacrificial system loses its purpose except when understood in reference to Christ.
 - 1. O. T. *types* = faint pictures of N.T. *anti-types*
 - a. Man has tremendous difficulty in trying to comprehend the infinite, Spirit of God (c. **Job 23:3**)
 - b. Apparently God used the Tabernacle to furnish a *house* where his people could tangibly associate God's presence, power & glory. (see **Ex. 25:8 & 2 Cor. 6:16**)
 - 2. Ex. = *table of shewbread* (literally, *table of the presence-bread*)
 - a. Every Sabbath, 2 rows of 6 large loaves of bread were placed = food for priests (**Lev. 24:5-9**)
 - b. Symbolized a *well-furnished house* full of abundant provisions => representing sp. food for Christians, each of us being a priest to God, **1 Pet. 2:5, 9**
 - c. Illustrate w/ a rubber stamp & the imprint made.

II. THIS RENDING SYMBOLIZED DESTRUCTION OF DEATH. Isa. 25:7-8

- A. Until Jesus' death, we were held captive by death. **Heb. 2:14; Eph. 4:8**
 - 1. Veil beautifully typifies the mystery that is between the church & heaven, **Heb. 6:19**
 - 2. Ancients had some hope of immortality, **Psa. 23; Dan. 12:2**
 - 3. But no way of release had been provided!
- B. Christ's death ransomed people f/ the grave. **See 2 Tim. 1:10** - Christ...abolished death, & brought life & immortality to light thru the gospel:

III. THIS RENDING SYMBOLIZED REMOVAL OF AN EARTHLY HIGH PRIEST. Heb. 9:11

- A. Veil = line of separation between high priest & the lesser priests.
 - 1. Once @ year, the h.p. went behind the veil into the Most Holy Place w/ blood of a sacrifice, **Heb. 9:7-8**
 - 2. The veil obstructed a free & direct approach to God's presence on the Mercy Seat.
- B. Today, this line of distinction between high priest & common priest is removed, **1 Pet. 2:5, 9**
 - 1. When an earthly priest gets between true priest, he is guilty of *patching up* the old veil.
 - 2. There's always an obvious inconsistency when such is attempted, yet there's no offering of a bull's blood

IV. THIS RENDING SYMBOLIZED THE RENDING OF JESUS' BODY.

- A. Just as veil was rent, so was the body of Christ.
- B. Just as the Hebrews gained access to Holy of Holies thru the veil, now Christians have access to heaven thru Christ flesh.
 - 1. **1 Cor. 12:13**
 - 2. **Gal. 3:23-28**

V. THIS RENDING SYMBOLIZED END OF THE LAW OF MOSES.

- A. Veil = very center of Hebrew ritual.
 - 1. Its supernatural destruction would typify its end.
 - 2. N. T. affirms this many times.
 - a. **Col. 2:14**
 - b. **Mt. 17:1-5**
- B. O. T. Is no longer authority for many religious practices today.
 - 1. Incense, polygamy, animal sacrifices, instrumental music, divorce for any cause...
 - 2. When veil's earthly function was no longer needed, God removed it!

Concl.

- A. Ancient worshipper drew near thru the veil when the H. P. representatively into M.H.P. before the Mercy Seat to offer the blood of a bull for his own sins & the sins of the people on the Day of Atonement.
- B. **Heb. 10:22** explains how that has been accomplished every since Jesus died on the cross, & the church est.
 - 1. *W/ a true heart* – sincere, honest heart
 - 2. *Full assurance of faith* – full confidence & faith in Jesus Christ, for He is the Son of God.
 - 3. *Hearts sprinkled f/ an evil conscience* – this is one way repentance is described
 - 4. *Bodies washed with pure water* – describes baptism for the remission of sins.