

SERMON NOTES

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Between our own humanity and the ploys of Satan, there are many hindrances to our experiencing God's Presence.

1. WE FAIL TO REALIZE THAT GOD HAS PROVIDED THE ONLY WAY.

In the early history of the Hebrews the **Tabernacle** was the place where the presence of God was encountered.

The Tabernacle had an outer court, the "**holy place**," and an inner court, the "**Holy of Holies**."

Between the two courts hung a **thick curtain** representing the impassable gulf between God and man.

In the Holy of Holies sat the **Ark of the Covenant**.

The high priest came into the Holy of Holies once a year to offer a **blood sacrifice** for the sins of the people.

He was required to follow a **strict regimen** before entering the place where God's shekinah glory dwelt

² The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. Leviticus 16:2

The Tabernacle was the **forerunner** to the Temple that Solomon built. At the very moment of Jesus' death, the curtain in the Temple, that separated the holy place from the Holy of Holies, was **torn** from top to the bottom.

The **height and thickness** of this veil made it impossible for any human being to tear it.

God tore it to make it clear that God was doing away with the **division** between Himself and His people. Through the **blood** of Jesus, God was making a way for the intimacy in His relationship with humankind to be restored.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith....." Hebrews 10:19-22.

Jesus was the "once and for all" **sacrificial** lamb.

"God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" I Corinthians 1:9

2. WE ARE HINDERED BY GUILT AND CONDEMNATION.

There are those who are absolutely convinced that God could never **accept** them because of all the things they've **done wrong**.

Our acceptance depends on **Christ's work on the cross** not our good deeds or sinlessness. Salvation is a work of God not a work of man.

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5

In Leviticus the first thing that the priests did when approaching the presence of God was to deal with their **guilt**.

Our relationship with God is based on what **He did** for us at Calvary not on anything **we've done** or could do.

The blood of Jesus has **opened** the holy of holies to us.

What about our Sin? We **confess** it.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness 1 John 1:9.

In the Tabernacle the blood of bulls and goats was offered as a sacrifice **to atone** for our sin and guilt.

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." Leviticus 17:11

Without the **shedding of blood**, there is no covering of our sins and there is no forgiveness.

When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, in order to save their households from death, they were to **sacrifice** a lamb, and dip **hyssop** into the blood, putting it on the door frames of their houses (Exodus 12:21-23).

The blood of Jesus, the spotless Passover Lamb, is over the life of the believer and causes **judgment** to "pass over" you.

The blood of the Passover Lamb, is applied by the hyssop, which is our **testimony**.

The saints, "overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony..." Revelation 12:11.

Our Testimony is our **story** that praises God for what **He has done** in our life.

"...the accuser of the brethren, who accuses us before God day and night". Revelation 12:10

The way to overcome Satan is to **testify** to what the blood of Jesus has done for us.

It's Jesus' blood that has brought about three changes in the fundamental nature of the believer.

- 1) "In Him we have **redemption** through his blood." Ephesians 1:7
- 2) You have "been **justified** by his blood".

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.... Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." Romans 8:1 & 33

- 3) The blood of Jesus **sanctifies** you.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" 1 Corinthians 6:19

Knowing the power of Jesus' blood and that it has **redeemed, justified, and sanctified** you gives you the basis for victory over the enemy and the ability to come into the very presence of God without guilt or condemnation.