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- Nothing New Under the Sun
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There is nothing new under the sun. It happened before and it will happen again. But that is not a fatalistic position, rather one of optimism and expectancy. You see, there was once a restriction to enter the Holiest of Holy Places, but there was also a way in! What was in that Most Holy Place? In the natural it was called the "ark of the Testimony." And what acted as the great barrier? A massive veil, a fifteen-foot high, fifteen-foot wide, four-inch thick curtain. And at the time of Christ the curtain was twice as large. What was sealed behind that veil? Man's deepest connection with God.

Yes, what was hidden behind the curtain, just waiting to be revealed, was His testimony, which was ultimately symbolic of your testimony. Consider this a portrayal of your heart toward God, or your potential intimacy with Yahweh. There was a thick veil between

you and a deep authentic connection with your Creator. In heart terms we might even call it a hard heart or scar tissue.

For entry behind the veil, to access the full testimony and every blessing and promise from Yahweh, that veil must be torn.

Much like scar tissue needs to be broken to reveal the soft, renewed tissue below, your heart must be rent in an act of circumcision to uncover the soft and pliable home in which God can dwell.

Once your heart beats with the life of God, your testimony will be available for all to see. Moses erected a veil to separate the testimony from the people. Y'shua dismantled that veil to expose the light of life hidden within. Your privilege is to enter beyond the veil with Christ, and to let the light of your heart shine before men as a testimony that glorifies God. What not to do: don't stitch the torn veil; don't seal off the testimony; don't cover up what God has done; don't return to your old ways; don't hide your light under a basket!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy." Exodus 26:33

"and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat." Leviticus 16:2 NKJV

"and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All," Hebrews 9:3 NKJV

"But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing." Hebrews 9:7-8 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, **the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split," Matthew 27:50-51 NKJV

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:19-20 NKJV

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

- 1. This Portion depicts God speaking to Moses and giving him detailed instructions about all that is needed for the construction of the Tabernacle, and its contents and furnishings. The details are so intricate, like a blueprint, that they should not be overlooked or dismissed as nominal.
- 2. As we will see, four times interspersed throughout the instructions, Yahweh pauses from the narrative and emphasizes to Moses that he must follow every minute detail, without compromise, as he is actually receiving a pattern or blueprint!

Exodus 25

3. First, He tells Moses to speak to the children of Israel that they may bring an offering to Him. He tells Moses that the offering or contribution must be offered from a willing heart.

- 4. The contribution is for the building of a holy place (the tabernacle), the Ark and all of the instruments and furnishings.
- 5. Moses is told what the contributions should consist of: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.
- 6. Then in a beautiful moment Yahweh delivers these two prophetic treasures in Exodus 25:8-9, the second being our first peek into the critical importance of patterns:
 - (a) "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25:8 NKJV
 - (b) "According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Exodus 25:9 NKJV
- 7. Moses is then instructed in detail about the materials and specifications for the Ark of the Testimony and the Mercy Seat. And he is told in both Exodus 25:16 and 21 that he is to place the Stone Tablets (the Testimony) into the Ark when it is complete.

- 8. Yahweh tells Moses that it is from that Mercy Seat He will meet with and speak with Moses and tell him all that he will give him in commandment for the children of Israel.
- 9. Next up are the detailed instructions for the table of showbread and all of its dishes, pans, pitchers and bowls.
 - (a) "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always." Exodus 25:30 NKJV
- 10. Another beautifully prophetic piece and its instructions are next, the Gold Lampstand. This seven-branched menorah shows up in prophetic themes all throughout the Scriptures. Let me remind you that even Pharaoh's Dreams that Joseph interpreted both had elements of seven in them (seven cows and seven stalks of wheat). And, of course, if we fast forward all the way to the end, the menorah is instrumental in Revelation (See Revelation 1).
- 11. There are six branches coming off each side of the Menorah and Moses is told to make seven lamps, the seventh in the center.

 Hint: the lamps give light, the light of the world (See: Y'shua is the light in John 8:12 and you are the light in Matthew 5:14-16.)
 - (a) "You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it." Exodus 25:37 NKJV

- 12. And then for the second time we see this exclamation-type verse about patterns:
 - (a) "And see to it that you make them according to **the pattern** which was shown you on the mountain." Exodus 25:40 NKJV

Exodus 26

- 13. As we enter chapter 26, Moses gets detailed instructions for the building of the Tabernacle itself, all the materials and measurements.
- 14. And then for a third time Yahweh speaks of the importance of patterns:
 - (a) "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to **its pattern** which you were shown on the mountain." Exodus

 26:30 NKJV
- 15. Moses is told that he is to separate the tabernacle space by hanging a veil (the curtain) and to place the ark behind the veil:
 - (a) "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy." Exodus 26:33 NKJV
- 16. And then he is given instructions on how to arrange everything:
 - (a) "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy." Exodus 26:34 NKJV

(b) "You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side." Exodus 26:35 NKJV

Exodus 27

- 17. And finally, in chapter 27, Moses receives the instructions for the Altar of Burnt Offerings and the Court of the Tabernacle.
- 18. After the details for the Altar, for a fourth time in this portion, Yahweh emphasizes the importance of strict adherence to the patterns for building:
 - (a) "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it." Exodus 27:8 NKJV
- 19. In the end, after the instructions for the Court of the Tabernacle, Moses is told:
 - (a) "All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze."

 Exodus 27:19 NKJV
- 20. Last year's teaching on this portion has many critical prophetic takeaways. It would be well worth your time this week to hear it again: The Volume of the Scroll

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

1. According to the Pattern

A. As it was shown in ancient times on the mountain...

- (1) Everything is a pattern!
 - (a) "According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Exodus 25:9 NKJV
 - (b) "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." Exodus 25:40 NKJV
 - (c) "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to **its pattern** which you were **shown on the mountain**."

 Exodus 26:30 NKJV
 - (d) "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was **shown you on the mountain**, so shall they make it." Exodus 27:8 NKJV

B. See, this is new!

- (1) Wrong, it's just a pattern!
 - (a) "That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us." Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 NKJV

- (2) Why was the pattern on the mountain so critical?
 - (a) "Now this is **the main point** of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore **it is necessary** that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are **priests** who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises." Hebrews 8:1-6 NKJV

C. Summary: Nothing New Under the Sun

(1) Four times Moses was instructed to make sure everything he made had to be exactly like he was shown. The idea that emerges from this cannot be ignored. He is following a pattern or a blueprint.

- (2) If you think you can do your own thing, or come up with a better way, a new or better plan, think again. Things must be repeated from ancient times. Why, you might argue?
- (3) The main reason is this. Everything you see Moses building and the entire position of the High Priest serves as a copy or shadow of heavenly things!
- (4) And those heavenly things are the real things, better things. But, don't ever forget that there is a permanent connection between the shadows and the real, so you cannot simply remove the copies!

OPEN HEART SURGERY

2. The journey to the curtain and beyond...

A. Make a veil and then make a way!

- (1) Separate the most Holy Place and then place the Testimony of God in its chamber.
 - (a) "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim. You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver. And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the

- veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy. You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy."

 Exodus 26:31-34
- (b) What's in the ark? "And you shall **put into the ark the Testimony** which I will give you." Exodus 25:16 NKJV
- (2) Access is limited. You cannot come anytime you want, just once per year, and even then there are things you must do, all sorts of sacrifices for yourself and the people.
 - (a) "and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat." Leviticus 16:2 NKJV
- (3) Covenants have conditions, all of them. The first one had specific stipulations about who could enter, when, and how. It's the Holiest of All places, it contains the Testimony of God, the inner chambers of the heart of Yahweh.
 - (a) "Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the

part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All," Hebrews 9:1-3 NKJV

- (4) The first covenant allowed entry of the High Priest one time per year, after he made a sacrifice for his own personal sin. The reason for these ordinances was because they were symbolic of what was coming, a way in paved by the High Priest in who there was no sin. This is the way in which we can share entry, and even when that begins, it will build towards something even more magnificent. We too will share in His perfection at the time of reformation.
 - (a) "Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— concerned only with foods and drinks,

- various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation." Hebrews 9:6-10 NKJV
- (5) On the cross, our High Priest tore open the veil and made a way for us to enter, without the normal restrictions.
 - (a) "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split," Matthew 27:50-51 NKJV
- (6) His presence behind the veil acts as a forerunner for us, so we too can follow.
 - (a) "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:19-20 NKJV
- (7) As the veil is torn, we must have boldness to step into the glorious presence of God in the most intimate place. This can only happen with hearts that have been circumcised, as if they too have been torn, making a place for His testimony to enter our inner chambers.
 - (a) "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way

which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

(b) See: Yom Kippur: Shadows of Things to Come

B. <u>Diagnosis</u>, Surgery and Prognosis

- (1) Diagnosis: Prayer/Fruit/Obedience
 - (a) **Prayer:** "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV
 - (b) Good/Evil/Proof: ""For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Luke 6:43-45 NKJV

- the Sight of God... "For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." Romans 2:12-16 NKJV
- (d) Deeds of Law (obeying with the wrong heart) = not just in the sight of God... "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:19-20 NKJV

- (2) Surgery: Remove the scar tissue on the heart with a spiritual circumcision, with a scalpel that is sharper than a two edged sword, the Word of God!
 - (a) **Heart Circumcision!** "And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

 Deuteronomy 30:6 NKJV
 - (b) Remove the hard ground, the scar tissue, and get to the soft fertile soil! "For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.""

 Jeremiah 4:3-4 NKJV
 - the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight,

- **but all things are naked and open** to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV
- (3) Prognosis: Obedience motivated by sincere love for God that is activated by authentic faith.
 - (a) You will obey! "And you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today." Deuteronomy 30:8 NKJV
 - (b) Circumcision is indeed profitable when it is the right type—Heart Surgery!... "For circumcision is indeed **profitable if you keep the law**; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God." Romans 2:25-29 NKJV

- considered circumcised in the heart by faith! Does this in any way make void the law? How could that be when it is the law itself that allows this possible in the first place! "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law." Romans 3:27-31 NKJV
- C. <u>Post Surgery Outcome: What does it look like as Yahweh</u> enters the chambers of our surgically repaired hearts?
 - (1) Moses says—Yahweh will dwell **AMONG** and walk **AMONG** them!
 - (a) "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may **dwell AMONG** them." Exodus 25:8 NKJV
 - (b) "I will **dwell AMONG** the children of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of

- Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God." Exodus 29:45-46 NKJV
- (c) "I will walk AMONG you and be your God, and you shall be My people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright." Leviticus 26:12-13 NKJV
- (2) Paul says—Yahweh will dwell **IN** and walk **AMONG** them!
 - (a) "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell IN them And walk AMONG them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."" II Corinthians 6:16 NKJV

D. Why IN and not AMONG?

- (1) Because you are God's Building, the Temple of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit!
 - (a) Whose house we are: "but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end." Hebrews 3:6 NKJV
 - (b) **God's building:** "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, **you are God's building**." I Corinthians 3:9 NKJV

- (c) The temple of God: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" I Corinthians 3:16 NKJV
- (d) The temple of the Holy Spirit: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV
- (2) Edifying the Church Body—architectural terms—edifice...
 - (a) Edifying the edifice: "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what

every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, **causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love**." Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

E. Summary: Open Heart Surgery

- (1) Separate the most Holy Place and then place the Testimony of God in its chamber.
- (2) Access is limited. You cannot come anytime you want, just once per year, and even then there are things you must do, all sorts of sacrifices for yourself and the people.
- (3) Covenants have conditions, all of them. The first one had specific stipulations about who could enter, when, and how. It's the Holiest of All places; it contains the Testimony of God, the inner chambers of the heart of Yahweh.
- (4) The first covenant allowed entry of the High Priest one time per year, after he made a sacrifice for his own personal sin. The reason for these ordinances was because they were symbolic of what was coming, a way in paved by the High Priest in who there was no sin. This is the way in which we can share entry, and even when that begins, it will build towards something even more magnificent. We too will share in His perfection at the time of reformation.

- (5) On the cross, our High Priest tore open the veil and made a way for us to enter, without the normal restrictions.
- (6) His presence behind the veil acts as a forerunner for us, so we too can follow.
- (7) As the veil is torn, we must have boldness to step into the glorious presence of God in the most intimate place. This can only happen with hearts that have been circumcised, as if they too have been torn, making a place for His testimony to enter our inner chambers.
- (8) Diagnosis: Prayer/Fruit/Obedience—Pray and examine the fruit of someone's life and you will know the condition of their heart. The first order of business is to do it for yourself. Those who obey God with the right heart are "just in the sight of God." Those who claim they obey God, but have the wrong heart are not just in the sight of God.
- (9) Surgery: Remove the scar tissue on the heart with a spiritual circumcision, with a scalpel that is sharper than a two edged sword, the Word of God!
- (10) Prognosis: Obedience motivated by sincere love for God that is activated by authentic faith.
- (11) Post Surgery Outcome: What does it look like as Yahweh enters the chambers of our surgically repaired hearts? We go from God walking among us to God dwelling in us!

BEYOND THE VEIL

3. The Inner Champers

A. How do we get there!

- (1) The Veil is Torn
 - (a) Again—Y'shua paved the way on the cross as His Body was torn, so was the veil! "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split," Matthew 27:50-51 NKJV
 - (b) His broken body is the rent veil that opened the way into the Holy of Holies! That is way "and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."" I Corinthians 11:24 NKJV
 - that suffering... "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:10 NKJV
 - (d) **He was obedient unto death!** "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and **became**

- **obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8 NKJV
- (e) He became perfect in His death! "who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,"Hebrews 5:7-9 NKJV
- (2) The Veil is Taken Away
 - (a) So, in Y'shua the veil is not only torn but it is gone!

 "Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the

- Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:12-18 NKJV
- (3) Now that the veil is gone...you are permitted, and more so ordered, to enter beyond the veil with boldness and assurance!
 - (a) He paved the way with His wounds! "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ... Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand." Isaiah 53:5, 10 NKJV
 - (b) His body was the veil! "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts

- **sprinkled** from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV
- ahead of us we we can be bold in going beyond the veil! "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV

B. Treasures of the Heart

- (1) What do you do now? What are the new treasures of your heart? What are you new priorities. THE KINGDOM
 - (a) ""Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV
 - (b) ""No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to

the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For **after all these things the Gentiles seek.** For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." Matthew 6:24, 31-32 NKJV

- (c) "But **seek first the kingdom** of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV
- (2) Even back when the patterns were being established, we see Moses separating those who had the Kingdom in their hearts from those who who could not part with the "things of the Gentiles. The test: Give with a willing heart! And if you do, you will reap bountifully!
 - (a) It is the heart that determines if you will give willingly. "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering." Exodus 25:2 NKJV
 - (b) How you live is how you give! "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is

able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." II Corinthians 9:6-8 NKJV

C. The Soil of the Heart

- (1) Parable of the Four Soils: a story of the competing desires of the heart!
 - (a) "On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. **Some fell on stony places**, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on **good ground and yielded** a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let **him hear!**" And the disciples came and said to Him,

"Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to **know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown **dull.** Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Matthew 13:1-17 NKJV

(2) Parable Explained: its all about the heart!

- (a) ""Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on **stony places**, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in **himself**, but endures only for a while. For when **tribulation or persecution arises** because of the word, immediately **he stumbles**. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."" Matthew 13:18-23 NKJV
- (b) Remove the hard ground, the scar tissue, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and get to the soft fertile soil! "For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, And take away the foreskins of your hearts,

You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.""

Jeremiah 4:3-4 NKJV

D. Let the Light Shine

- (1) No More Divider; Nothing to block the light!
 - (a) Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy." Exodus 26:33 NKJV
 - (b) **The veil is torn...** "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, **the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split," Matthew 27:50-51 NKJV
 - (c) **Beyond the veil...** "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, **and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us**, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

 Hebrews 6:19-20 NKJV
 - (d) **Draw near to the inner chamber...** "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the

blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, **let us draw near with a true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

- (2) What is in your inner chamber!
 - (a) Is the Lamb what lights your heart? "But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light." Revelation 21:22-23 NKJV
 - (b) ""You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV
 - (c) "How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" Romans 6:2 NKJV
 - (d) "For if, **after they have escaped the pollution**s of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."" II Peter 2:20-22 NKJV

(e) "Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth." Hosea 6:1-3 NKJV

E. Summary: Beyond the Veil

- (1) The Veil is Torn—Y'shua paved the way on the cross as His Body was torn, so was the veil!
 - (a) His broken body is the rent veil that opened the way into the Holy of Holies!

- (b) He suffered as the sacrifice and was made perfect in that suffering...
- (c) He was obedient unto death!
- (d) He became perfect in His death!
- (2) The Veil is Taken Away—So, in Y'shua the veil is not only torn but it is gone!
- (3) Now that the veil is gone...you are permitted, and more so ordered, to enter beyond the veil with boldness and assurance!
 - (a) He paved the way with His wounds!
 - (b) His body was the veil!
 - (c) He understands our weaknesses, and He has passed ahead of us so we can be bold in going beyond the veil!
- (4) What do you do now? What are the new treasures of your heart? What are you new priorities. THE KINGDOM
 - (a) Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth—For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 - (b) No one can serve two masters. Pick a side!
 - (c) Do not worry—Chasing after all the things of the world is what the Gentiles do!
 - (d) Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all the things of the world you truly need shall be available to you.

- (5) Even back when the patterns were being established, we see Moses separating those who had the Kingdom in their hearts from those who who could not part with the "things of the Gentiles". The test: Give with a willing heart! And if you do, you will reap bountifully!
 - (a) It is the heart that determines if you will give willingly.
 - (b) How you live is how you give! He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. God loves a cheerful giver.
- (6) Parable of the Four Soils: a story of the competing desires of the heart!
 - (a) Some seed fell by the wayside—some fell on stony places—some fell among thorns— some fell on good ground...
 - (b) Why parables? It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. And with the right heart you will uncover those mysteries.
 - (c) Whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
- (7) Parable Explained: its all about the desires of your heart!
 - (a) Wayside—wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.

- (b) Stony places— he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root—tribulation or persecution arises and he immediately stumbles.
- (c) Thorns— he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.
- (d) Good ground— he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit!
- (e) Remove the hard ground, the scar tissue, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and get to the soft fertile soil! Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, And take away the foreskins of your hearts.
- (8) No More Divider; Nothing to block the light!
 - (a) The ark of the Testimony is behind the veil.
 - (b) The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom at the cross!
 - (c) Beyond the veil...enter the Presence behind the veil, where Christ the forerunner has entered for us.
 - (d) Draw near to the inner chamber...through the veil, do so with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
- (9) What is in your inner chamber! Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us!

- (a) Is the Lamb what lights your heart?
- (b) You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- (c) Don't light a lamp and put it under a basket!
- (d) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- (e) Don't escape the pollution of the world and then go back to it.
- (f) Don't return to lap up your vomit!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Four times, Yahweh instructs Moses to make everything according to an exact pattern and blueprint. (See Exodus 25:9, 40, 26:30, 27:8)
 - A. The deep meaning behind such demands is revealed in Hebrews 8:1-6. Please explain.
 - B. How does Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 support this idea of ancient patterns?
- 2. Moses was instructed to separate parts of the Tabernacle for different purposes... (See: Exodus 26:31-34; Leviticus 16:2; Hebrews 9:1-10)
 - A. What was in the Most Holy Place?

- B. What was used to the divide the holy place from the Most Holy Place?
- C. Who was permitted in the Most Holy Place and when?
- D. What is the Most Holy Place symbolic of?
- 3. Something happened that affected who could enter that Most Holy Place, as Christ died on the cross...(See: Matthew 27:50-51; Hebrews 6:19-20; Hebrews 10:19-22)
 - A. What happened that broke the partition between the holy place and the Most Holy Place?
 - B. What did Y'shua do for us as an example?
 - C. What are we then called to do in response?
 - D. What does that mean for you and your relationship with God?
- 4. It is important to examine your own heart to see on which side of the partition you reside...
 - A. What are some good diagnostic tools? (See: Psalms 139:23-24; Luke 6:43-45; Romans 2:12-16, 3:19-20)
 - B. What type of Surgery does God use to change your heart and what is His surgical instrument? (See: Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 4:3-4; Hebrews 4:12-13)
 - C. Should you choose the surgery, what can you expect to be a good prognosis? (See: Deuteronomy 30:8; Romans 2:25-29, 3:27-31)

- D. What will be the ultimate outcome? (See: Exodus 25:8; II Corinthians 6:16; I Corinthians 3:9-16, 6:19-20)
- E. What is the role of the Church in the process? (See Ephesians 4:11-16)
- 5. Once your heart is changed, everything else changes with it...
 - A. Contrast your old and new priorities using Matthew 6:19-33.
 - B. How will those priorities manifest (See: Exodus 25:2; II Corinthians 9:6-8)
- 6. Y'shua used parables to teach about the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven... (See: Matthew 13:1-23; Jeremiah 4:3-4)
 - A. Describe the four soils and what each represents.
 - B. They all point to one thing, the condition the $____!$
 - C. Focus on the seed planted among thorns. How does this influence your personal life?
- 7. It should be clear by now that the torn veil is the equivalent of the circumcised heart...
 - A. As you draw near beyond the veil with a true heart, what should manifest in you? (See: Hebrews 6:19-20, 10:19-22; Revelation 21:22-23; Matthew 5:14-16)
 - B. What is the ultimate goal of your transformation?
 - C. What will shipwreck that goal?