

REVIVAL WEEK - MASENO UNIVERSITY

DATE: 20-26-2015 THEME: THE SANCTUARY TEXT: PSALMS 77:13 SONG 430: JUDGMENT HAS SET



"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "PRESENT TRUTH" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. {EW 63.1} But such subjects as the SANCTUARY, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. {EW 63.2}

Exodus 26: 31-33

-And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: (32)And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. (33)And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

Evangelism pg 221 -"The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith."

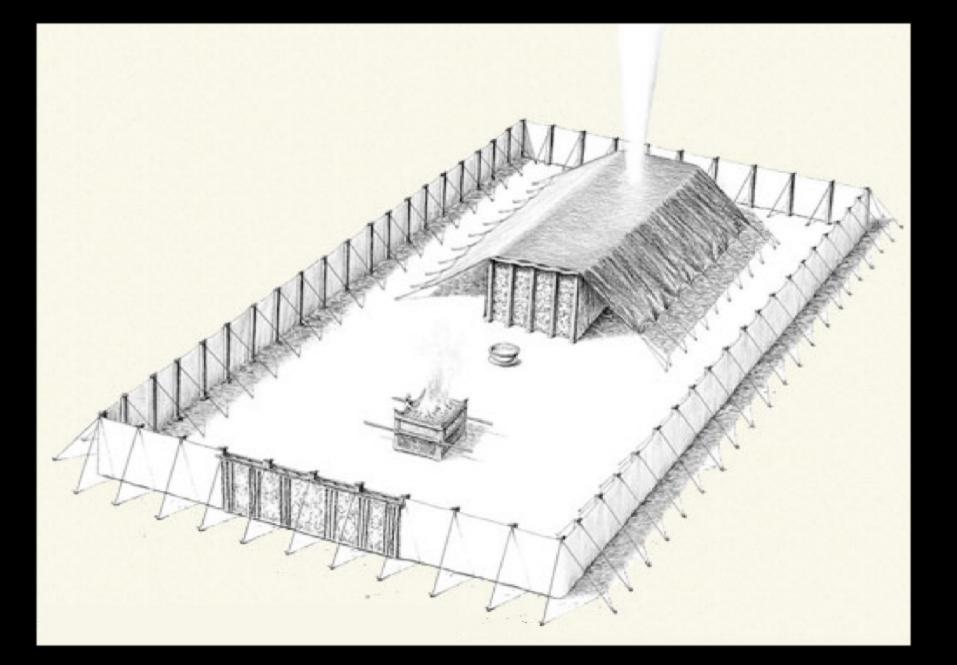
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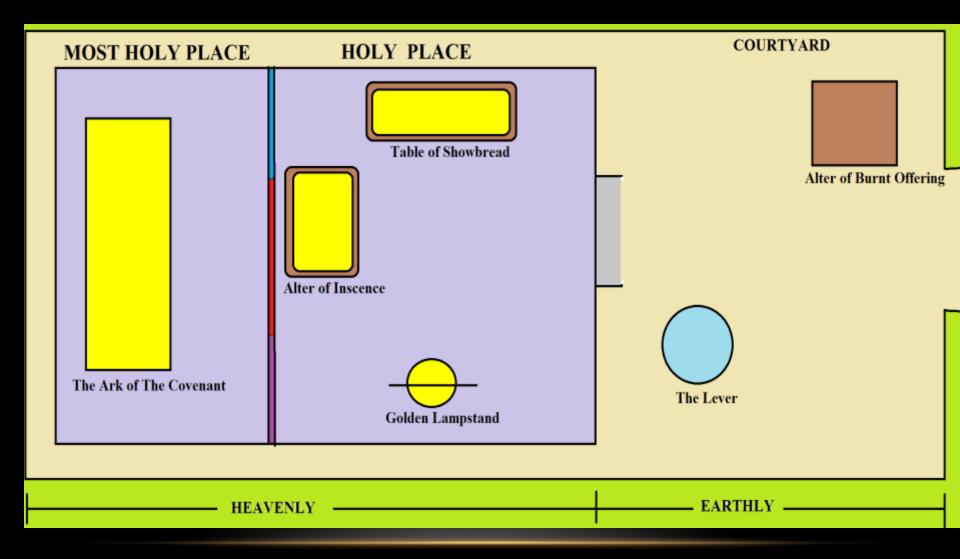
- "We are in the great day of atonement, and the sacred work of Christ for the people of God that is going on at the present time in the heavenly sanctuary should be our constant study."

GC 488,489

- "The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to Every individual has a soul to save or to lose.... fill. All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects and be able to give an **answer** to everyone that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them.

The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above **is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross**. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. We must by faith enter within the veil, "whither the forerunner is for us entered." Hebrews 6:20.





There were two veils in the sanctuary. One was at the entrance to the Holy Place and the other was at the entrance to the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 9:1

- Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.(2)For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. (3)And after the **second veil**, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

Early Writings pg 32

"The Lord gave me the following view in 1847, while the brethren were assembled on the Sabbath, at Topsham, Maine. We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things and was wrapped in a vision of God's glory. I saw an angel flying swiftly to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered. I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the holy place. Here I saw the altar of incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the showbread. After viewing the glory of the holy, Jesus raised the second veil and I passed into the holy of holies."

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE TWO VEILS...



We are now going to look at seven things pertaining to the inner Veil.

THESE ARE:

- 1. Its Meaning
- 2. Its Colors
- 3. Its Material
- 4. Its Cherubims
- 5. Its Position
- 6. Its Supports
- 7. Its Rending

1. ITS

1. ITS MEANING

• Hebrews 10:20-

By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;

- 1.It symbolized the humanity of Christ, the Son of God incarnate.
- 2. One side seen by men (the priests ministering in the Holy Place) and the other side seen only by God (from the Shekinah glory at the mercy seat). Christ covered His Divinity with humanity so that we could be able to behold Him.

- 3.Christ was 100% man and 100% God.
- 4.None could behold God face to face, it's the only begotten Son that could do that on our behalf and thus we need to be hid in Christ when we come before God

2. ITS

And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet...

GC 412 (1888 edition) - After the settlement of the Hebrews in Canaan, the tabernacle was replaced by the temple of Solomon, which, though a permanent structure and upon a larger scale, observed the same proportions, and was similarly furnished. In this form the sanctuary existed...

2. ITS COLORS

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE ALSO HAD THE SAME DESIGNS INCLUDING EVEN THE COLORS... 2 Chronicles 3:14

And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon...

Exodus 26:1

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

Exodus 26:31

And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

These three colors were also used in...

•Hanging for the main gate entrance to the court

Exodus 38:18

- And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court. • Were among the offerings offered by Israelites for making of the sanctuary.

Exodus 25:3-9

- And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair...And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. • Used in making of the Ephod and its Girdle.

Exodus 28:6-8

- And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

It shall have the two shoulder pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together. And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. • Pomegranates upon the hem of the robe.

Exodus 28:31, 33

- And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod...And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about...(Exd

Cloths of service.

Exodus 39:1

- And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

2. ITS COLORS

BLUE

Numbers 15:38-40

- Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

That ye may remember, and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your God...

Color blue symbolizes..

"THE 10 COMMANDMENTS"

2. ITS COLORS

Psalms 97:6

- The heavens (which are blue in color) declare His righteousness Law, and all the people see his glory.

2. ITS COLORS

GC 639 (1911 edition)

- While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet: "The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." Psalm 50:6. That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth.

When starting a journey, the Israelites were to follow the following requirements:

Numbers 4:4:5-16

4:5 And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall <u>take</u> <u>down the covering veil, and cover the ark of</u> <u>testimony with it:</u>

4:6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth **wholly of blue**, and shall put in the staves thereof.

2. ITS COLORS

4:7 And upon the <u>table of showbread</u> they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:

4:8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

4:9 And they shall take a **cloth of blue**, and cover the <u>candlestick of the light</u>, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:

4:10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

4:11 And upon the <u>golden altar</u> they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

4:12 And they shall take all the <u>instruments of ministry</u>, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a <u>cloth of blue</u>, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar:

4:13 And they shall take away the <u>ashes from the altar</u>, and spread a <u>purple cloth</u> thereon:

4:14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the flesh hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it....

PURPLE

Esther 1:2-6

- That in those days, when the **king** Ahasuerus sat on the **throne** of his **kingdom**, which was in Shushan the palace, (3)In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: (4)When he showed the **riches** of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even and hundred and fourscore days. (5)And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the **king's palace;** (6)Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of **red**, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

Esther 8:15

- And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in <u>royal apparel</u> of <u>blue</u> and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and <u>purple</u>: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

Song of Solomon 7:5

-Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like *purple*; the *king* is held in the galleries.

Judges 8:26

-And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and **purple raiment** that was on the **kings** of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.

Luke 16:19

- There was a certain <u>rich man</u>, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Out of the above verses, we can conclude that the color purple is used to symbolize; •*Throne/Kingdom* •*King/Ruler* •Authority •Dominion •Power •*Riches*

In mockery, the soldiers put a purple robe on Christ...

John 19:2

-And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe...

Mark 15:17, 18

- And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about His head, And began to salute Him, Hail, <u>King of the</u> **Jews**!

The Roman Catholic Church Power is said to be clothed in purple...

Revelation 17:3-4

-So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a <u>woman</u> sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,

full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication...

Revelation 18:16

-And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!



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- "The head of every man is Christ." God, who put all things under the Savior's feet, "gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 1:22, 23. The church is built upon Christ as its foundation; it is to obey Christ as its head. It is not to depend upon man, or be controlled by man. Many claim that a position of trust in the church gives them <u>authority</u> to dictate what other men shall believe and what they shall do. This claim God does not sanction. The Saviour declares, "All ye are brethren." All are exposed to temptation, and are liable to error. Upon no finite being can we depend for guidance. The Rock of faith is the living presence of Christ in the church. Upon this the weakest may depend, and those who think themselves the strongest will prove to be the weakest, unless they make Christ their efficiency. "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm." The Lord "is the Rock, His work is perfect." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." Jeremiah 17:5; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 2:12.

Numbers 4:11,13

- And upon the **golden altar** they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put [them] in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar: And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

The only one through whom we should pass our prayers is CHRIST, for He alone is the Mediator between God and Man. (2Tim 2:5)

SCARLET (RED)

Leviticus 17:11 - For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Red symbolizes LIFE, and in this case it symbolizes the Life of Christ and how it was given to save us and cleanse us. Remember we must all wash our robes in the blood of the Lamb.....

Leviticus 14:49-52

- And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and <u>sprinkle the house seven times</u>: And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet.

Hebrews 9:19

-For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the **blood** of calves and of goats, with water, and **scarlet** wool, and hyssop, and <u>sprinkled both the book</u>, and all the people,

Joshua 18-21

- Behold, when we come into the land, thou (Rahab) shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and <u>whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his</u> <u>blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him</u>.

And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

Revelation 6:4

-And there went out another **horse** that was **red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Revelation 17:3-4

-So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw <u>a woman</u> sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,....And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color,....

Proverbs 31:21

- She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

3. ITS MATERIAL

• Exodus 26:31and fine twined linen of cunning work....

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"fine" twined linen

This term is similar to the ones used in reference to: •fine flour- Lev 2:1 •*Refined gold*- 2Chron 28:1 •Lamb without spot or blemish- 1 Pet 1:19

This pointed out to the purity of the life of Christ in His thoughts, words, and acts.

(Christ's Righteousness) Just like the blood carrying the sin of the sinner was sprinkled onto the veil, so Christ was made sin for us ..

2 Corinthians 5:21

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Lets put together these verses and quote from the spirit of prophecy.

Ephesians 2:8

-For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God.**

Revelation 3:18

- I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; **and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed**, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. Ephesians 5:22-26 -(25)Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.

Acts of Apostles pg 9 - The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world.

3. ITS MATERIAL

Therefore...

The church,

(which is God's agency for the salvation of men and also called the bride/ or the virtuous woman) Through preaching, Are "selling freely" this fine linen.

Proverbs 31:24

- She <u>maketh fine linen, and selleth</u> it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.



CHERUBINS

4. ITS CHERUBIMS

• Exodus 26:31

....with cherubims shall

it be made

Patriachs and Prophets pg 65

- "The angels prostrated themselves at the feet of their Commander and offered to become a sacrifice for man. But an angel's life could not pay the debt; only He who created man had power to redeem him. Yet the angels were to have a part to act in the plan of redemption. Christ was to be made "a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death." Hebrews 2:9. As He should *take human nature* upon Him, His strength would not be equal to theirs, and they were to minister to Him, to strengthen and soothe Him under His sufferings. They were also to be ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who should be heirs of salvation. Hebrews 1:14. They would guard the subjects of grace from the power of evil angels and from the darkness constantly thrown around them by Satan."

Psalms 34:7 - The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

1Pet 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Heb 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? 5. ITS

POSITION

• Exodus 26:32

And thou shalt hang it...

If it was hanging, then it means it was not extending to the top of the tabernacle....there was a space left at the



Patriarchs and Prophets pg 353

- "As the inner veil of the sanctuary did not extend to the top of the building, the glory of God, which was manifested above the mercy seat, was partially visible from the first apartment. When the priest offered incense before the Lord, he looked toward the ark; and as the cloud of incense arose, the divine glory descended upon the mercy seat and filled the most holy place, and often so filled both apartments that the priest was obliged to retire to the door of the tabernacle. As in that typical service the priest looked by faith to the mercy seat which he could not see, so the people of God are now to direct their prayers to Christ, their great High Priest, who, unseen by human vision, is pleading in their behalf in the sanctuary above...

....The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, and which can alone make the worship of <u>sinful beings acceptable to God</u>. Before the veil of the most holy place was an altar of perpetual intercession, before the holy, an altar of continual atonement **By** blood and by incense God was to be approached-symbols pointing to the great Mediator, through whom sinners may approach Jehovah, and through whom alone mercy and salvation can be granted to the repentant, believing soul."

The Story of Redemption pg 154 - "Within the second veil was placed the ark of the testimony, and the beautiful and rich curtain was drawn before the sacred ark. This curtain did not reach to the top of the building. The glory of God, which was above the mercy seat, could be seen from both <u>apartments</u>, but in a much less degree from the first apartment. "

What could this symbolize???

5. ITS POSITION

2 Corinthians 4:6

-For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:3

- Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person...

That I May Know Him pg 131 - "The glory of God is His character. . . . This character was revealed *in the life of* **<u>Christ</u>**. That He might by His own example condemn sin in the flesh, He took upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Constantly He beheld the character of God; constantly He revealed this character to the world. Christ desires His followers to reveal in their lives this same character."

Just as the Glory of God from the second apartment (the Most holy place) could faintly be seen from the first apartment (Holy Place), so the Divinity of Christ, though clothed in humanity could sometimes flush out and people could see it..

5. ITS POSITION

Prophets and kings pg 712 - "Unwittingly they had pronounced their own doom. Jesus looked upon them, and under His searching gaze they knew that He read the secrets of their hearts. His divinity flashed out before them with <u>unmistakable</u> power. They saw in the husbandmen a picture of themselves, and they involuntarily exclaimed, "God forbid!" (COL 295)

6. ITS

SUPPORTS

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Exodus 26:32 ...upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

6. ITS SUPPORTS

...upon FOUR pillars...

The four pillars served to display the veil in all its beauty. Without them, the veil would have folds and the loveliness of its embroidered designs would not have appeared.

6. ITS SUPPORTS

Since we are talking of the veil, which is Christ's body, then we can see a representation of <u>THE FIRST FOUR BOOKS IN THE NEW</u><u>TESTAMENT</u>:

- •Mathew •Mark
- •Luke
- •John

...in which the life of Christ on earth is clearly displayed (His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension)

6. ITS SUPPORTS

...of shittim wood overlaid with gold...

Not only were the four pillars holding the veil made of shittim wood overlaid with gold, but also...

6. ITS SUPPORTS

• The Altar of Incense and its staves. Exodus 37:25-28

- And he made the **incense altar** of **shittim wood**: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. (26)And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about. (27)And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal. (28)And he made the *staves* of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

• Table of Showbread and its Staves Exodus 25:23-28

- "Thou shalt also make <u>a **table** of shittim wood</u>: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. (24)And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of *gold round about. (25)And thou shalt make unto it a border* of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. (26)And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. (27)Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table. (28)And thou shalt make the **staves** of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them."

• The Ark of the Covenant and its Staves Exodus 25:10-14

- And they shall make an <u>ark</u> of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. (11) And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. (12)And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. (13)And thou shalt make *staves* of shittim wood, and overlay them with *gold.* (14)And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

So what could this be representing???

(1)

Wood is perishable, that is, it can be destroyed easily. But gold is not!

Therefore we see a unity of the perishable with the imperishable. A unity between God and Man **EMMANUEL! "GOD WITH US"**

6. ITS SUPPORTS

Ephesians 2:13-16

- But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14)For he is our peace, who hath made **both one**, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (15)Having abolished **in his flesh** the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (16)And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having *slain the enmity thereby:*

11 MR (1990) pg 344

- "The nature of Christ was a combination of the divine and the human."

(2)

In order for the wood to be used "IN" the sanctuary, it had to be overlaid with gold.

This would make the Holy Place and Most Holy place to shine since the gold could reflect back the light from the candlestick and the light of the Shekinah Glory.

Therefore!

For man to reflect the Glory of God, he has to be <u>'COVERED'</u> or else BE <u>'IN' CHRIST</u>!

(3)

It also represents the Character of Christ which we all need to have.

1 Corinthians 3:11-13

- For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.(12)Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13)Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

19 MR 316 Words of Counsel to Ministers. - "Do deep ploughing that you may realize the very best harvest. Labor to bring to the foundation imperishable material--gold, silver, and precious stones. If you bring hay, wood, and stubble, these will be consumed, and you may be consumed with them. The salvation of your soul is precious."

...their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

The hooks were made of pure gold. In the bible Gold symbolizes Faith. Jesus was held up by the faith He had on His Father. Never at one time did He depend on Himself.

He depended on God 100% and that was the secret of His success.

John 8:28

-Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 5:19

-Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

2 Corinthians 5:19

- To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself...

Wee too cannot depend on ourselves to accomplish anything. In fact our own righteousness is like filthy rags before the eyes of God. We need to have a firm

dependence upon Christ as He had to His Father.

"We need to have the faith OF

RENDING

7. ITS

Mathew 27:51 - And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

The veil was rent while hanging between heaven and earth. Thus Christ was smitten while suspended from the cross. He was between heaven and earth.

God's wrath towards sin is revealed in the rending of the veil, and much more His love towards the sinner is revealed too! Had the veil not been rent, man would not have access to God.

Isaiah 53:10

- Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him (Jesus); He hath put Him to

grief: when thou shalt 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.

Confrontation (1971) pg 19 - "The wrath of God still hung over Adam, but the execution of the sentence of death was delayed, and the indignation of God was restrained, because Christ had entered upon the work of becoming man's Redeemer. Christ was to take the wrath of God, which in justice should fall upon man. He became a refuge for man, and, although man was indeed a criminal, deserving the wrath of God."

God's Amazing Act (1973) pg 168 - "The sword of justice was unsheathed, and the wrath of God against iniquity rested upon man's substitute, Jesus *Christ*, the only begotten of the Father." {5BC 1102.8}

God's wrath is not like man's wrath. James 1:20 -For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

God's wrath involves 'turning away' or 'hiding His face' towards the sinner who has chosen to follow the road to destruction and death.(Sin)

Romans 6:23

- For the wages of sin is death....

Isaiah 54:8

- In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Isaiah 59:2

-But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that he will not hear.

Psalms 51:9
- Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

7. ITS RENDING Ezekiel 39:23

- And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for **their iniquity**: because they trespassed against me, therefore **hid I my face** from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

Deuteronomy 31:17

- Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? and I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

Desire of Ages pg 764

- "This is not an act of arbitrary power on the part of God. The rejecters of His mercy reap that which they have sown. God is the fountain of life; and when one chooses the service of <u>sin</u>, he separates from God, and thus cuts himself off from life. He is "alienated from the life of God." Christ says, "All they that hate Me love death." Ephesians 4:18; Proverbs 8:36. God gives them existence for a time that they may develop their character and reveal their principles. This accomplished, they receive the results of their own choice. By a life of rebellion, Satan and all who unite with him place themselves so out of harmony with God that *His very presence is to them a consuming fire. The glory* of Him who is love will destroy them."

Therefore, Since Jesus Christ was made sin for us (2 Cor 5:21), the wrath of God had to fall upon Him.

Desire of Ages 753-754

- "In that thick darkness God's presence was hidden..... In the thick darkness, God veiled the last human agony of His Son.....Then "Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" As the outer gloom settled about the Saviour, many voices exclaimed: The vengeance of heaven is upon Him. The bolts of God's wrath are hurled at Him, because He claimed to be the Son of God. Many who believed on Him heard His despairing cry. Hope left them. If God had forsaken Jesus, in what could His followers trust?"

So after God withdrew His presence from Christ, (which in the Bible language means Christ was smitten by God),

SIN KILLED HIM!!

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death.. **James 1:15** -...Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Desire of Ages pg 772

- "But it was not the spear thrust, it was not the pain of the cross, that caused the death of Jesus. That cry, uttered "with a loud voice" (Matthew 27:50; Luke 23:46), at the moment of death, the stream of blood and water that flowed from His side, declared that He died of a broken heart. His heart was broken by mental anguish. He was slain by the sin of the world."

The veil was rent from "top to bottom" So the atoning work of Christ was a complete one. Nothing was left for the sinner to do or add.

The veil was rent "in the Thus the mercy seat in the Most Holy Place could be seen by all. This was to signify that now all had a direct access to God through His Son Jesus Christ.

The veil was rent at the moment that Christ died (Mathew 27:50) showing that the barrier between God and the contrite sinner was gone!

Hebrews 10:20-22 - By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (21)And having an high priest over the house of God; (22)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 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need