



Joshua 1:2 Fellowship

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**Matthew 21:51-53**

“Then, behold, **the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.” The Tabernacle of Moses and the high priest duties. Moses stood on a mountain waiting for God to pass because he wanted to see the glory of God. Moses wanted more of God’s presence and was not content where he was in his walk with God. Exodus 33:18-23 says, “**And he said, Show me, I pray thee, thy glory.** And

he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of Jehovah before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. **And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for man shall not see me and live.** and Jehovah said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: **and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand until I have passed by: and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back; but my face shall not be seen.**” When Jesus died on the cross, “...the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...” and opened the

door for all Born-Again Christians to enter with confidence into the Most Holy place to spend time with Almighty God. Hebrews 10:19 says, “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by **the blood of Jesus**, Jesus has paid the price with His blood for us to enter the most holy place but many Christians don’t bother to enter. They are too busy to enter the Most Holy Place and spend time in His presence. **GOD IS CALLING ALL SOLDIERS TO BOLDLY SEEK HIS FACE** There are three phases that Jesus had to accomplish for the Door to be open for all Christians to be able to enter into the Most Holy Place. What were the three phases?

## **PHASE 1- HIS PAINFUL DEATH ON THE CROSS**

All the prophecies of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was being fulfill as He was nailed to the Cross two thousand years ago. Jesus was beaten and mocked before He was crucified and suffered so much because of His love for us. He was paying the price so that we could receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Mark 15:17-20 says, “They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” **Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him.** Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ”Jesus was whipped 39 times, Matthew 27:26 says “Then he released Barabbas to

them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.” Jesus is then led to be crucified at the place called Golgotha. John 19:17-18 says, “Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There **they crucified him**, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.” Jesus was nailed to the cross at 9 in the morning, and He died at about 3 in the afternoon. Therefore, Jesus spent about 6 hours on the cross. Then He died! (Mark 15:22-25, Luke 23:24-46) “With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. **The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.** And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” Mark 15:37-39 When the curtain (veil) was torn from top to bottom, Jesus paid the full price for every Born-Again Christian to be able to enter the Holy of Holies with confidence because He shed His precious blood to atone for all our sins. Hebrews 10:19 says, “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,” So, the Door to enter the Most Holy Place and spend time with God has been opened to anyone who is washed in the precious blood of Jesus.

## **PHASE 2 - HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD**

If Jesus is not raised from the dead then the Door to enter the Most Holy Place is not open to us. Jesus trusted God for Him to raise Him from the dead as it was prophesized. We must

understand that Jesus did not come as God but as perfect man without sin to pay the price on the Cross. Philippians 2:6-8 says, “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something **to be used to his own advantage**; rather, **He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**” Jesus predicted His Resurrection. Matthew 17:22-23 says, “When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” **They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.**” And the disciples were filled with grief.” King David prophesied the resurrection of Jesus. Psalms 16:8-11 says, “I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.** You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.” As a perfect man, Jesus had to trust God that He would raise Him from the dead. Psalms 31:5 speaks this truth of Jesus’ faith in God, “**Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.**” We see Jesus’ faith in God on the Cross before He died; “Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit My spirit.**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.” Luke 23:46

Phase 2 is accomplished and Jesus is resurrected on the Third Day! (Matt. 28:5-6) An angel of God tells of His resurrection, “He is not here; he has risen” 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 says, ‘For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once**; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.”

### **PHASE THREE HIS ASCENSION TO HEAVEN TO PRESENT HIS BLOOD ON THE ALTAR OF HEAVEN**



Acts 1:9- says, “**After he said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into

heaven.” Jesus mission on earth was fulfilled and now He had to offer His own blood on the altar of heaven for God to accept his sacrificed on the cross. This Phase is confirm to Mary after the resurrection John 20:16-17 says, “**Jesus said to her, “Mary.”** She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). **Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.** Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Jesus had to ascend back to the Father so that he could offer His perfect blood on the mercy seat in Heaven and satisfy God’s demand for the penalty of the sins of all mankind. Hebrews 9:22 says, “In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” Jesus is our Great High Priest Hebrews 4:14 says, “Therefore, since we have **a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,** Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.” We can now enter the Most Holy Place with confidence. Hebrews 4:16 says, “**Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,** so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” God accepted the perfect blood sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. Hebrews 9:11-12 says, “**But when Christ came as high priest** of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; **but he entered the Most Holy Place once**

**for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.”** (Heb. 9:24-26)

As High Priest, Jesus qualified to sprinkle His own perfect blood for the forgiveness for all the sins of the whole world and opened the Door to the Most Holy place for every Born-Again Christian.

Hebrews 9:7 says, “But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.” In the Old Testament only the high priest could enter the Most Holy Place and only once a year. Because Jesus paid the full price for the penalty of sin, He has given all Christians access to go daily to the Holy of Holies through the Blood of Jesus. Hebrews 7:27 says, “Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. **He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.**” BUT SADLY, AFTER JESUS FULFILLING ALL OF GOD’S REQUIREMENTS TO GIVE US AN OPEN DOOR TO HIS THRONE ROOM, MANY CHRISTIANS DON’T ENTER The Door is opened for any Christian to enter boldly into His throne room. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, was resurrected and ascended back to heaven to sprinkle His own blood on heavens altar to satisfy God’s demands for the penalty of sin. Today, God is saying, ‘**Come In**’; for the price has been paid by My Son for you to spend time with Me in my Most Holy Place. But many do not go in!

