

Outline #10 Jesus, the Open Way Through the Veil

Bless the LORD, O my soul – Psalm 103:1-4

1. In The Presence of God for Us

- a) What significant event occurred 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus? Acts 1:9-11
- b) Hebrews 9:23-24 What is Jesus doing since His ascension to heaven?
- c) What two other important events will occur as a result of Christ's saving work on our behalf? Hebrews 9:25-28, Revelation 19:11-15

2. God's Invitation to enter into His presence

- a) How did the children of Israel respond to the manifestation of God's presence on Mount Sinai? Exodus 20:18-21
- b) In contrast, how does the LORD want us to respond to His invitation to come into His presence because of what Jesus has accomplished for us? Hebrews 4:14-16
- c) Consider the experience of Peter, James, and John on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus. Mark 9:2-8 Mark tells us "they were greatly afraid" when the glory of Jesus was revealed, but they did not run in terror or plead for permission to leave. Why?
- d) When did you come to the realization that our great and awesome God is to be revered, not feared? 1 John 4:17-19, Hebrews 12:28-29

3. Entering Beyond The Veil

- a) Why did the LORD instruct Moses to place a veil between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place in the earthly sanctuary? Exodus 26:31-33

- b) Who was permitted to go beyond the veil into the Most Holy Place in the earthly sanctuary? Leviticus 16:11-14
- c) What amazing privilege is given to followers of Jesus? Hebrews 10:19-22
- d) Who is waiting for us there, beyond the veil, on the right hand of the throne of God? Hebrews 6:19-20
- e) Share your experience of entering beyond the veil.

4. Already, but not yet

- a) By faith in Jesus, we have already entered the throne room of heaven. Ephesians 2:4-8, Colossians 3:1-4 How should this heavenly reality affect the way we view life on planet earth?
- b) While seated already with Christ in heavenly places, we are still living on this sin-ravaged planet. How can we stay focused on our heavenly home amidst all the distractions of this world? Hebrews 12:1-2
- c) Think of a time when you became distracted by the pleasures of this world. (1 John 2:15-17) How was God able to catch your attention and remind you to stay focused on Jesus and your heavenly home?

