

THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

Part 6: ACCESS TO GOD

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“Access” means approach. It means *“a leading, or bringing to the presence of anyone. Then, freedom of access.”* (E.W. Bullinger’s Lexicon and Concordance) Jesus Christ brought us into the presence of God, in whose presence we now have freedom to enter at any time.

“And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen; in skilled work shall it be made, with cherubim; 32 and you shall hang it upon four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, upon four bases of silver. 33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in thither within the veil; and the veil shall separate for you the holy place from the most holy.” (Ex. 26:31-33 RSV)

The “*most holy*” (the area called the holy of holies) represented the presence of God. The veil of the temple was to separate the holy place (where only the priests were allowed) from the holy of holies (where only the high priest would meet with God once a year).

“Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services; 7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing;” (Heb. 9:6-8 ASV)

When Jesus Christ died, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom (Mt. 27:50-51), representing that the barrier of sin separating man from God was destroyed and direct access into the presence of God was now available.

“And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent;” (Mt. 27:50-51 ASV)

In Biblical culture, this term “access” was used when someone was escorted into the presence of a prominent one (such as a king) to petition him regarding an issue. Our access to God is never based on our behavior. Jesus Christ made available open access to God by sacrificing himself for our sins. On account of this, we can boldly and confidently approach God as our Father at any time.

“Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.” (Heb. 4:16 ASV)

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus,” (Heb. 10:19 ASV)

“For through him (Jesus Christ) we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” (Eph. 2:18 ASV)

“in whom (Christ Jesus our Lord) we have boldness and access in confidence by the faith of him.” (Eph 3:12 Darby)

God has an “*open door policy*” toward us because of Jesus Christ’s death. His death gave us “*bold and confident access*” to God. Now, God’s ears are always open to our prayers (1 Pet. 3:12).