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Introduction To The Three Veils

I. The Importance Of Walking In God's Presence

- A. Step One – New Birth/Water Baptism
- B. Step Two – Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- C. Step Three – Being Ever Filled (Learning how to walk in His presence)
- D. There is no Fullness of Joy without walking in His presence.
 - 1. I was not a contented Christian. I was always searching for that ONE THING that would satisfy my soul.

II. One Thing Have I Desired, And That Will I Seek After.

- A. Psalm 27:4 – One thing
- B. Psalm 16:11 – Fullness of joy
- C. Exodus 33:14-15 – His presence brings rest.
- D. Psalm 51:11 – David cried, “Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.”
- E. Presence (defined/Hebrew) – Face (intimacy), countenance, favour.

Presence (Webster's) – The state or fact of being present.
A supernatural influence felt to be close at hand.

- F. **John 15:7** – Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be in **CLOSE FELLOWSHIP** with you – intimate and personal.
1. Intimate (defined) – Marked by close association, marked by privacy and informality, very personal; PRIVATE. A close friend.

III. What Separates Us From His Presence?

- A. The Veil of the World
- B. The Veil of the Flesh (includes sin)
- C. The Veil of the Law

The Veil Of The World

I. Veils

- A. Signifies separation
 - 1. The temple veil separated the Holy Place from The Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies).
- B. The temple veil was torn at the time of the Crucifixion to signify that all men could now have free access to God.
- C. Betrothed maidens wear the veil while in the presence of their future husbands; then at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony, the veil is lifted.
 - 1. Now they may be intimate.
- D. The temple veil – The greatest factor for Israel was that Jehovah was there – **a Presence was waiting within the veil.**
 - 1. A mysterious thing, a secret
- E. **Ephesians 3:12** – Free access without fear – freely means “at will” and “without cost to us.”

**THERE IS NOTHING ON GOD’S SIDE TO PREVENT US
FROM LIVING IN HIS GLORIOUS PRESENCE.**

II. The Veil Of The World

- A. **Proverbs 4:23** – Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the issues of life.
 - 1. What your heart is full of is what you feed upon.

2. If your heart is full of the world and the things in the world, that is all you have to nourish you.
- B. Beware of being worldly.
- C. Do not allow the “spirit of the world” to get on you.

III. Crucified To The World

- A. **Galatians 6:14** – Paul said, “I am crucified to the world, and the world is crucified to me.”
1. **I Corinthians 6:12** – Paul had no addictions.
- B. **Colossians 3:1-3** – Set your minds on things above, not on things upon the earth, for (as far as this world is concerned) ye are dead and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.
1. WHAT DO YOU HAVE YOUR MIND ON?
 2. A new house, car, more clothes, things, a boat, a vacation, a promotion at the job, prestige in the church or community, or excelling in some sport? Do you have your mind on yourself and what you want?
 3. **Psalm 37:4** – *Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.*
- C. **Romans 12:2** – Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the entire renewal of your mind.
1. Satan wants us to “conform” to the system of which he is god or prince. In **John 12:31** and **John 16:11**, he is referred to as the prince of this world.
 2. **Psalm 50:12** – The world and all its fullness are Mine (the Lord’s).
- D. **John 17:16-18** – His own are in the world, but not of it!

IV. Satan Tempts And Lures With “The World.”

- A. **Luke 4:5-8** – Satan offers us “the world.” But we have to worship him (his system) to get it.
1. You can get a position by playing up to the right people through pretense, lying, and dishonesty.
 2. Many must sin against their own heart to keep their job.
 3. This equals worship of Satan because we are bowing down to his system, his way of doing and being.

JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY.”

- B. Who will you worship?
1. **John 4:23-24** – Jesus will have a people who worship Him in Spirit and Truth. WORSHIPERS!
 2. There is a battle for your worship!
- C. **Deuteronomy: Chapter 8** – The Israelites had to learn to **worship in the wilderness**.
1. When we learn who and when to worship, then and only then can God safely add the things of this world, which He has created for our enjoyment.
 2. Satan wants to give you things before your character is developed, knowing they will destroy you and control you.

V. The Love Of Money Is The Root Of All Evil.

- A. **I Timothy 6:10** – The **LOVE** of money is evil, not money.
1. Love people and use money to bless them – do not use people and love money. Don’t use people to get to more money. Don’t form insincere relationships because you are using the person to get something you want.

- B. **I John 2:15-17** – Do not love the world or the things in it. **THEY ARE PASSING AWAY.**
1. Worldliness and the spirit of antichrist are one in the same (**Verse 18**).
 2. **II Thessalonians 2:7-8** – The spirit of rebellion is the spirit of antichrist.
- C. Enjoying things and loving them are two different principles.
1. **I Timothy 6:17** – He richly gives us all things to ceaselessly enjoy.
- D. He tests us; and even after we graduate, He keeps us tuned up.
1. **Tests** – He does not give us an abundance of things until we prove we love Him without them. He meets our needs, but keeps us needy.
 2. **Tuned up** – After our “things” increase, He will require us to “give them” from time to time. A thing may be permitted by God to be lost or damaged to test our attitude toward the thing.
- E. **Mark 4:18-19** – Caring for worldly things crowds God out.
1. What we own we must take care of.
 2. It may be time to “**prune**” your possessions.
 3. If I am frustrated because my closet is so full (it is a mess), I prune it!

VI. Things And Strife

- A. **James: Chapter 4** – People try to obtain.
1. They have not due to not trusting God.

- B. God is jealous (**James 4:4-5, 8**).
1. **I John 5:21** – *Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods) – [from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life] . . .*
 2. People can crowd God out. We are in danger of being people pleasers when we should be God pleasers.
- C. **Psalm 37:1-11** – Things can cause great fretting and upset.
- D. **II Peter 1:4** – We escape the agony of lust through His promises.
1. Chase God, and things will chase you.

VII. Thou Shalt Not Covet.

- A. **Covet** – To long for and lust after (to want so much that you cannot be happy without it). Seeking things and losing joy and peace in the process. To stretch out after, reach for, envy, jealousy, a desire for more.

GRATITUDE IS THE FOOD FOR CONTENTMENT.

- B. Ministers beware!
1. I have often called for ministers who are frustrated and not enjoying their ministries.

THE ALTARS ARE FULL! Why? They want more!!
 2. Learn to be content where you are while you are pressing on to the next level.
 3. I was guilty of “coveting” growth and opportunities to the point of “lusting.”
- C. **THE DESIRE FOR MORE CAN STEAL THE JOY OF NOW!**

1. **Luke 12:15** – Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the greedy desire to have more) for man’s life does not consist in obtaining more.
- D. The Church is warned about coveting.
1. **Ephesians 5:5** – The Church at Ephesus
 2. **I Corinthians 6:10** – The Church at Corinth warned
Greedy graspers
 3. **Colossians 3:5** – The Colossian church warned
- E. “Thou shalt not covet” is one of the Ten Commandments.

Without Christ as the center of our lives, we will be filled with things.

Do not let things push Him off His throne (your heart).

**Take off the veil of the world
and enter into the fullness of His presence!!!!**

The Veil Of The Flesh

I. No Flesh Shall Glory.

A. **I Corinthians 1:29** – No flesh shall glory in His presence.

1. He purposely chooses people who will make mistakes, who have weaknesses and inabilities, and those who will have to lean on Him.

B. **Genesis 17:11** – To circumcise means to cut off.

1. The Old Testament ceremony of circumcision is a shadow and type of the new command to circumcise the fleshly ways, attitudes, hearts, and minds.
2. **Colossians 3:1-5** – Kill It! We died when He died. I am crucified with Christ. Positionally and legally are different than experientially. WALK IT OUT!

C. **Galatians 2:20** – I am crucified with Christ; it is no longer “I” who live.

1. No longer what “I” want
2. No longer what “I” feel
3. No longer what “I” think

D. **Hebrews 9:8** – Must no longer recognize the outer portion of the tabernacle (us) in order to live in the Most Holy Place.

(Read **Hebrews 9:1-8**.)

E. **Luke 5:4** – Come out in the deep. (Read **Luke 5:1-6**.)

1. Learn to live in the Spirit, not the flesh (soul) or (body).

F. **Exodus 30:22-33 (Verse 32)** – No anointing oil was permitted to touch the flesh.

1. The flesh cannot be anointed or sanctified; it must be killed and crucified.

Song:

After the flesh is busted
After the pain is gone
Then the flesh is ready
To receive the blessings that come.

Oh what a painful experience
When we don't get our own way
Our spirit stands and rejoices
At the price our flesh must pay.

At last the struggle is over
The screaming and fighting have ceased
Our flesh is pushing up clover
It's dead and lies in peace.

II. Are You Minding The Flesh?

A. **Matthew 16:21-24** – One cannot mind their flesh and walk in the Spirit.

B. **Romans 8:8** – Are you catering to your flesh?

1. **Cater** – To serve.

Romans 6:16 – Choose whom you will serve.

C. We die to the flesh – the flesh does not die.

1. **Romans 6:1-13** – Shows repeatedly that we are legally and positionally dead to sin; experientially, we must consider (see) it that way.

2. **Verse 13** – Yield all your faculties and bodily members to God. (See also **Romans 12:1**.)

3. The mind is extremely important – We cannot think sinful things and walk in holiness.
4. **Romans 8:5** – Those who live according to the flesh have “set their minds on and pursue” the things of the flesh.

D. **Romans 6:5** – We are to share “a death like His.”

1. His was a death of choice (He chose to obey the Father, knowing that it meant death).
2. **Luke 22:47-51** and **Matthew 26:49-54** – He could have avoided the Crucifixion – but He would have missed the Resurrection.
3. **I Peter 5:6** – Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you.

Humble – Stay under God’s leadership.

4. **Philippians 2:7-10** – He stooped low, and God exalted Him. He chose obedience.

E. How shall we die? By what power is it accomplished?

1. By the power of decision?
2. Will power alone? Determination?
3. **Romans 8:13** – The flesh is put to death by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God does not do it for you – but you cannot do it without Him.

REMEMBER, “NO FLESH SHALL GLORY.”

4. **Luke 22:39-46** – Pray that you come not into temptation.

Many wait until they have already fallen into the temptation before they seek God for help.

5. **Psalm 62** shows the importance of seeking God.
(See also **Psalm 59:16-17**.)

III. Our “Good Works” Must Also Die!

- A. Good works must die as well as evil works!
 1. **Isaiah 40:6** – All flesh is as frail as grass.
- B. **John 3:6** – What is born of the flesh is flesh.
- C. **John 6:63** – . . . *the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it] . . .*
- D. **Galatians 3:3** – Will you reach perfection by dependence upon the flesh?
- E. **Romans 7:18** – *I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh . . .*

IV. Looking At Ourselves Distracts Us From Looking At Jesus.

- A. **Hebrews 12:2** – Looking away from all that will distract unto Jesus Who is the Author and Finisher.
- B. What “I” think “I” have in “myself” must die before I can completely depend on God.
 1. My strength, my thoughts, my feelings, my will, my ideas, my ways, my attitudes, my timing, my talents, my abilities
- C. **Romans 7:18** – In my flesh dwells no good thing.
 1. Any good thing that occurs through me is really God flowing through me. **HE USES CRACKED POTS!!!**

2. They called Jesus “Good Master.” He replied, “Why do you call Me good; there is none good but God.”

He was speaking as “the Son of man.”

- D. **I Corinthians 4:7** – Whatever you have or can do, it is only because God gave it to you.
- E. **John 3:27** – One can claim nothing except what has been granted to him from heaven.
- F. **Esther 2:15** – She knew that nothing she took with her would impress the king. She was in faith that God would give her favor.
- G. **II Kings 4:2-6** – Once we fully know that we have **NOTHING** in us of value except the Holy Spirit, the oil will flow freely for the task at hand.

The Veil Of The Law

I. It Is Finished!

- A. **John 19:25-30** – The will of God was finished; the task Jesus was sent to do was finished. THE LAW WAS FINISHED.
1. People no longer had to suffer the burden of trying to keep the Law and failing.
 2. They no longer had to offer continual sacrifices for their sins.
 3. They no longer had to fear the presence of God.
 4. They no longer had to be separated from His presence due to their sins.
- B. **Matthew 27:51** – When Jesus died, the veil in the temple that separated the Holy Place from The Most Holy Place was ripped open.
1. This signified that the way was now open for the people to come into the presence of God.
- C. **II Corinthians 3:13-16** – Those who live under the Law have on a veil, and a veil always separates and prevents intimacy.
1. A bride may wear a veil until the minister says, “You may kiss the bride”; but then it is lifted (usually by the groom) and intimacy begins.

II. We Must Die To The Law.

- A. **Die** – Cease to exist or to have relationship with.
- B. The Law does not die; we must learn to not respond to it.

- C. What is the Law? *Shoulds, oughts, expectations, cannots, rules, regulations* – **it is man’s idea of God’s expectations.**
 - 1. Those who live under the Law (depend on keeping the Law as their salvation) must keep the whole of the Law.
- D. **Galatians 2:19** – Paul died to the Law and all its demands.
- E. The Law kills.
 - 1. **Romans 7:9-10** – Before children learn about “the Law,” they are quite alive – joyous, carefree, and trusting.
 - 2. **II Corinthians 3:6** – The Law kills, but the Spirit makes alive.
- F. **Romans 3:19** – The Law only speaks to those “under” the Law.
 - 1. A man may be known as a tyrant, a boss, or an employer – but if I am not under his authority, it has no effect on me.
 - 2. If I work for him and decide I do not like that type of living, I can get out from under the oppression by learning a new way of living.

III. Rules And Rule Keepers

- A. The Law is a list of rules, and those who keep the Law are rule keepers (Pharisees).
 - 1. What do the rules say?
 - a. If you keep me, God will love you.
 - b. If you keep me, God will approve of you.
 - c. If you keep me, you will go to heaven.
 - d. If you keep me, you can earn blessings; you will deserve to be blessed!

e. If you keep me, you will feel good about yourself.

2. Keeping the Law does us no good. (See **Romans 3:20, 28; 5:14.**)

If keeping the Law justifies me, then faith is useless. I can stop teaching faith, rewrite the Bible, and throw away the entire New Testament.

B. **Pharisee** – A “self-righteous” sect of the Jews who depended on all their “good works” and who looked down on and judged those who did not follow their rules concerning how to get to God.

C. Self-righteousness causes judgment.

1. The Pharisees judged others continually, yet their own motives were extremely impure

(**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18; 7:1-5;** and **Romans 2:1.**)

D. Self-righteousness causes accusation.

1. **Matthew 12:1-8** – Jesus wanted them to honor the day, but to realize that honoring Him was more important.

They were so hung up on “the day” (the rule) that they would not move to meet a need.

2. **Matthew 12:10-14** – Jesus healed a man with a withered hand; they accused Him because it was the wrong day.

3. **Matthew 15:1-20** – The Pharisees accuse Jesus because His disciples ate without washing their hands. Jesus said, you wash your hands but you mistreat people.

E. **Matthew 22:15-46** – They were so caught up in trying to keep the rules that they had forgotten about God.

F. **Matthew 23:1-31** – Woe to the Pharisees.

IV. Follow The Spirit – Not The Law.

- A. **Romans 8:2** – The law of the Spirit replaces the law of sin and death.
 - 1. The Law only acquaints me with sin. If I follow the Spirit, I will be free from sin.
- B. **Romans 7:6** – We die to the Law and serve God now by living in obedience to the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. This kind of life is both exciting and crucifying.
 - 2. We never know exactly what the Spirit may lead us to do, or what He may tell us we should not do.
- C. **Romans 8:14** – Those led by the Spirit are the sons of God.
- D. Be bold enough to be led by the Spirit.
 - 1. **II Corinthians 3:17** - . . . *where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*
- E. **Liberty** – Loose, relaxed, free, to be free to take your liberty. Forgiveness, rights, authority. (Compare to the way you desire to be with a good friend); JESUS IS YOUR FRIEND.
 - 1. **Romans 8:15** – You are no longer in bondage to fear.
- F. **Galatians 5:1** – Stand fast in liberty – do not be ensnared in a yoke of bondage.
 - 1. For balance (**Galatians 5:13**) – Do not use your liberty as an occasion to the flesh.

V. What About Discipline?

- A. **I Corinthians 6:12** – Paul said he was free to do anything he pleased, but he walked in wisdom (a function of the Holy Spirit) and only did what was best.

- B. Liberty in the Spirit does not mean loose living.
- C. Discipline is not my master; it is my tutor.
- D. Rules are good, guidelines are good, having a plan is good – but the law of the Spirit is higher than any of these.
 - 1. I have a plan when I come to the platform, but I am sensitive to the Holy Spirit because I realize He has authority over me and my plan.

VI. Fear Of Man Causes Legalistic Lifestyles.

- A. **I Corinthians 4:3** – Don't be concerned about the judgment of other people.
- B. **John 12:43** – They loved approval of man so much it prevented them from following Jesus.
- C. **Galatians 1:10** – We cannot always be popular and in God's will.

STOP LIVING IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BOX!!!

- D. **Romans 12:2** – Do not be “conformed” to this world, but be ye “transformed” by the entire renewal of your mind.
 - 1. The mental stronghold of legalism must come down in order to walk in the presence of God and enjoy His fellowship.
 - 2. **Exodus 34:33-35** – When Moses went into God's presence, he removed the veil.
 - 3. We may do all right with people with the veil of the world, the flesh, or the Law – but in God's presence, **the veils must go!!!**

