**R780 (R74) Rumination for Jan. 12, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext: *He saw heaven being torn open.* Mk. 1:10, NIV

*Behold, the veil of the temple was* ***rent*** *in twain from the top to the bottom.* Mt. 27:51

The **T**hots:

1. **The Curtains of Heaven Rent**
2. **God Created the Heavens.** Gen. 1:1, NIV

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

1. **God Stretched out the Heavens like a Curtain.** Psa. 104:2

*Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.*

1. **God Rent the Curtains of the Heavens.** Mk. 1:10
2. The Translat**ion**:
   1. *He* (Jesus) *saw the heavens opened.* KJV
   2. He (Jesus) *saw the heavens torn apart.* NRSV
3. The Definit**ion**:

*Opened* = Gk. *schizo* = to split or sever (lit. or fig.):--break, divide, open, rend, make a rent.

1. The Act**ion**
   1. God **rent** the curtains of Heaven open. Mk. 1:10, NIV

*He* (Jesus) *saw heaven being torn open*

* 1. God then **commended** His Son to commence His mission on earth. Mk. 1:11

*Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

* 1. His Son would be **sent** to the cross to die for lost mankind. Rom. 5:8

*God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1. **The Curtains of the Temple Rent**
   * 1. **God Commanded the Curtain in the Tabernacle to be made.** Exo. 26:31, NIV

*Make a curtain* (veil) *of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it.*

1. The Curtain would bar the way into the Holiest of All where God’s presence was. Heb. 9:8

*Signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest*

1. Only the High Priest was allowed in one day a year with a blood sacrifice. Heb. 9:7

*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood.*

* + 1. **God Rent the Curtain in the Temple from top to bottom.** 
       1. When *Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost*.*, i.e.….* Mk.15:37

1. When Jesus (had) said, ***It is finished*.** Jn. 19:30
2. *When Jesus had cried…* ***Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.*** Lk. 23:46
   * + 1. Then *the veil of the temple was rent (Gk. schizo) in twain from the top to the bottom.* Mk. 15:38

Cf. *the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* Mt. 27:51, NIV

[Note: the curtain being torn from top to bottom would indicate it to be the work of God.]

* + - 1. Thus, *a new and living way… hath* (been) *consecrated for us through the veil* Heb. 10:20

*that is to say, His flesh;*

1. *Having now a High Priest over the house of God;* Heb. 10:21
2. *Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus* 10:19, 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.*

**To Remember our Lord and to Worship Him**

**Con.:**

The *Curtains of Heaven* were **rent** in two for God to **I**dentify His **S**on at the **C**ommencement of His Ministry.

The *Curtain of the Temple* was **rent** in two by God to **I**ndicate the **S**uccessful **C**onclusion of His Son’s **M**ission.

*The veil is rent, lo! Jesus stands Before the throne of grace;*

*And clouds of incense from His hands Fill all that glorious place.*

*“It is finished!” Here our souls can rest, His work can never fail;*

*By Him, our Sacrifice and Priest, We enter through the veil.*

*Within the holiest of all, Cleansed by His precious blood,*

*Before Thy throne Thy children fall, And worship Thee, our God.*

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R780**

1. **Hebrews 10:19-21**

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness* *to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*by* *a new and living way, which* *He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God;*

The above text establishes **four** important facts for us:

1. There was a Way of Access to God’s Presence but because of Sin it was blocked by a veil (curtain) and only the high priest could pass through it into His Presence (*the Holiest*) once a year with the blood of sacrifice to make atonement for sins as depicted in the Old Testament worship. (Lev. 16:2, 3)

This would be the Old “Dead” Way!

*But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:* (Heb. 9:7-8)

1. But God loved His people and sent His Only Begotten and Holy Son to make known His love for them to the extent of even having Him to die for them in shedding His precious blood to make atonement for their sins.

Thus, *God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*. (Rom. 5:8)

1. In the death of the Lord, He shed His blood so that we could be spared from sin’s penalty. He was our Substitute and Sacrifice. He accomplished for us the atonement for our sins. Thus, in this way, *He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh…a new and living way* for us *to enter into the holiest.*
2. The evidence that this was so was given by God Himself when the veil in the temple was rent in two from top to bottom, and not from bottom to top, as an act of God Himself when the Lord cried out in victory, “*It is finished!”*(the work He came to do).

*So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.* (Jn. 19:30, NKJV))

*And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*

*Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,* (Matt. 27:50-51, NKJV)

Thus, now we have *boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil,*

*that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God*.

Therefore do make use of this new and living way, and be bold to enter into the presence of God to bring before Him your needs and to praise and worship Him for all that He is to you this New Year of 2020. **REFLECT.**

1. With the consecration of this new and living way by the blood of Jesus…

**Hebrews 10:22-25, NKJV**

***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.*

***Let us*** *hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

***Let us*** *consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

What are the practical ways you can do the above? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder: *Let us******L****eave the Old Dead Way of worshipping God with Dead* ***W****orks*

*and* ***W****orship Him in Spirit and in Truth.* (Jn. 4:24)