

RIP IT!

“The veil of the temple was torn
in two from top to bottom.” *Mark 15:38*

In days gone by, there hung a veil
In the temple’s holy place.
‘Twas a wall, both wide and tall,
To conceal God’s throne and face;
And ne’er a man could enter there,
Except High Priests alone,
Once to stand with blood in hand,
For Israel’s sin atone.

This fearsome curtain barrier
Between our God and man —
A subtle sign for all of time
That no one could or can
Breach that gap betwixt us both,
By merit enter in.
Our sin so marred and ever barred
His fellowship to win.

And so, the mess of man unfolds.
Iniquity had its cost.
We went astray with hell to pay.
All hope, it seemed, was lost.
The sacred shroud was heavy.
Our hearts beneath, concealed.
This woeful weight would not abate
Or condemning conscience yield.

But then, one day, God made a way
To change all that for good.
He sent His Son to be the One
To do what no one could.
He took our sin upon Himself
And bore it on the cross.
His dreadful pain our endless gain.
Our sinful stains He washed.

And as He hung upon the wood,
These sacred words were said,
“It is done!” The victory’s won!
Our sinless Lamb was dead.
But what exactly did He mean?
To what did He refer?
What reward did He afford,
What benefit ensue?

Truth be told, something else
Was uttered on that day.
Our gracious God, He gave the nod
To take the veil away.
“Rip it now and rip it all!
Rip it to the floor!
The mighty wall that stood so tall
Hinders them no more!”

Once the curtain opened there,
A new day also dawned.
Without sin we’d enter in,
The separation gone.
“Come to Me and have no fear.
Be confident today.
My sinless Son My presence won
And ever made a way.”

Our perfect Priest has won the day.
His gracious offer stands —
To follow Him and enter in.
So, lift your heart and hands.
He ripped it through! He ripped it all!
He ripped it to the floor!
The mighty wall that stood so tall
Hinders you no more!

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“Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession... He was tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” *Hebrews 4:14-16*

