

Boldness to Enter God's Presence

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David Wilkerson emphasizes the importance of understanding God's delight in receiving man into his presence, and how this truth brings liberty, rest, peace, and joy to God's people.

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the dual benefits of Christ's work at Calvary, highlighting that while believers often focus on the forgiveness and grace provided to humanity, there is also a profound benefit to God. The cross not only grants sinners access to forgiveness and eternal life but also brings delight to the Father as He welcomes back prodigal children. Wilkerson urges Christians to recognize the joy and liberty that comes from this relationship, encouraging them to approach God with boldness, not just for their needs but to experience the fullness of His presence. The tearing of the temple veil symbolizes this newfound access, allowing both man to enter God's presence and God to reach out to man.

Transcript

"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.... Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:19-20, 22).

There are two sides to Christ's work at Calvary. One side is to the benefit of man, and the other side is to the benefit of God. One benefits the sinner, while the other benefits the Father.

We are well acquainted with the benefit on the human side. The cross of Christ has provided us with forgiveness of our sins. We are given the power of victory over all bondages and dominion over sin. We are supplied with mercy and grace. And, of course, we are given the promise of eternal life. The cross has given us the means of escape from the terrors of sin and hell.

I thank God for this benefit of the cross to mankind, and for the wonderful relief it brings. I rejoice that it is preached week after week in churches all over the world.

Yet there is another benefit of the cross, one that we know very little about. And this one is to the benefit of the Father. You see, we understand very little about the delight of the Father that was made possible by the cross. It's a delight that comes to him whenever he receives a prodigal child into his house.

If all we focus on about the cross is forgiveness--if that is the end-all of our preaching--then we miss an important truth that God has meant for us about the cross. There is a fuller understanding to be had here, and it has to do with his delight. This truth provides God's people with much more than just relief. It brings liberty, rest, peace and joy.

In my opinion, most Christians have learned to come boldly before God for forgiveness, for supply of needs, for answers to prayer. But they lack boldness in this aspect of faith--an aspect that is just as crucial in their walk with the Lord.

The Lord has great joy that the cross has provided us with open access to himself. Indeed, the most glorious moment in history was when the temple veil was rent in two, on the day that Christ died. It was at this very moment that the benefit to God burst forth. In the instant that the temple veil--separating man from God's holy presence--was torn asunder, something incredible happened. From that point on, not only was man able to enter into the Lord's presence, but God could come out to man.

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