

**The Curtains of the Tabernacle & Temple**  
**Ex.26:1-3; 27:9-11; Matt.27:50-51; Heb.10:19-25**

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 First sermon request of spring/summer series
- 0.2 *Curtains* bring to mind...
- 0.3 Now, what if curtains had something to do with holiness?

1.0 Men Changed by Holy Encounters

- 1.1 Jacob's wrestling match (Gen.32:22-32 → "Israel")
- 1.2 Moses' new countenance (Ex.34:29-35)
- 1.3 David's self-abandonment (II Sam.6:14-23)
- 1.4 Peter's abundant net (Lk.5:1-11)

2.0 Curtains in Holy Encounters

- 2.1 Worship is about encountering God & holiness
- 2.2 Temples (of Solomon, Zerubbabel & Herod) echoed the tabernacle:  
Holy God at center of Israel's tribes...and world (with access through blood),  
and the temporary in tabernacle/temple becomes eternal through Jesus (Heb.9-12)
- 2.3 The mobile tabernacle (see pics): curtains around perimeter and within
  - "holy place": curtains of fine linen inside, encased with outer/upper skins
  - "holy of holies": curtain separates high priest-only access (Heb.9:7)

3.0 The Curtain of the Holy of Holies

- 3.1 Heavy, beautiful & thick: separation between common and holy
- 3.2 Torn from top to bottom (Matt.27:50-51; cf. two tears in Mark – 1:10; 15:38)
- 3.3 Image of Eternal things (Heb.10:20): Jesus' body made our access (Heb.10:19-20)

4.0 The Importance of Curtains for Us Today

- 4.1 It's good to prepare yourself for worship (Ecc.5:1)
- 4.2 God's image-bearers get a taste of holiness - now (may it captivate you - II Cor.5:17)
- 4.3 Our potential to be salt & light starts *here* (Matt.5:13-16)

*Next week (May 1) – Divine Temperament – Gal.5:22-26; I Tim.2:1-4*