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The promise of the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:38

Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV)

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

39 "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Promise (Greek)- 1860 *"an announcement, or serious pledge, divine assurance of good"*

This is not a maybe, this is God's promise, God's series pledge and certainty to anyone who would lay down their lives for him and obey him.

Section 1: Jesus on the cross and the torn Veil

Mark 15:33-39 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **33** And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **35** And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. **36** And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. **37** And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. **38 And the veil of the temple was rent (split) in twain (two) from the top to the bottom.** **39** And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

The veil in the Jewish temple:

In the Old Testament, thousands of years before Jesus came to earth, the presence of God walked in a tabernacle/tent/sanctuary

Exodus 25:1/8 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV)

1. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,"
8. "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them."

After God bought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt he lived amongst them in a tabernacle:

2 Samuel 7:6 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **6** Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

(Slideshow of the Tabernacle)

In this Tabernacle there was a veil that divided the place where God was from everyone and everything else that was unclean.

Exodus 26:31 King James Version (KJV) 31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

Exodus 26:33 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 33 and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy.

The veil also covered the box where the Holy presence of God dwelt (The ark of the covenant/testimony) We will cover this ark in a moment.)

Exodus 40:3 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the veil.

Automatic death was given when/if an unclean sinner went behind the veil into the Holy presence of God, this place was called the Holy Place.

Leviticus 16:2 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 2 and the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the veil before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

(Picture of the veil)

Section 2: The Ark of the Covenant

God's presence dwelt in a box behind the veil called the Ark of the Covenant.

Exodus 25:10-13 New Living Translation (NLT) 10 "Have the people make an Ark of acacia wood—a sacred chest 45 inches long, 27 inches wide, and 27 inches high.[a] 11 Overlay it inside and outside with pure gold, and run a

molding of gold all around it. **12** Cast four gold rings and attach them to its four feet, two rings on each side. **13** Make poles from acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

Exodus 25:21-22 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **21** And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. **22** And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

commune- (Hebrew) "*to arrange, to speak, to subdue, to answer, command, declare, destroy, talk, think*"

(Picture of The Ark of the Covenant)

Notice that God would meet and speak with man behind the veil from the mercy seat which was on the ark of God in the cloud

Mercy- 3727 (Hebrew) "kapporeth" "*a lid meaning "to cover, to condone, to overlook, to cancel, propitiation"*

Propitiation- to bring to a state of peace, to make well.

(Picture of the mercy seat)

Once a year the Jewish priest was to go behind the veil with blood, incense and a fire pan He was to bring the blood of animal sacrifices into the holy place and sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat where God would meet him.

Leviticus 16:14-15 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **14** and he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Leviticus 16:12-13 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 12 and he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail:

13 and he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:

In this cloud on the mercy seat was where God would meet man:

Leviticus 16:2 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 2 “for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.”

(Slide show of the cloud between the cherubim)

Section 3: Jesus our everything

God outlined the Old Testament Tabernacle as an earthly duplicate of the way that it is in Heaven

Hebrews 8:5 King James Version (KJV) 5 “Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things...”

1.) Jesus became the animal sacrifice for our sins (John 1:29)

Hebrews 9:12 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 12 neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

2.) Jesus became our high priest

Hebrews 9:24-25 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others.

3.) Jesus' body became & represented the veil between God and us (1st Peter 2:24)

Hebrews 10:20 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 20 by a new and living way, which he (Jesus) hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

This is why when Jesus was on the cross paying our sin debt after he died in the flesh, there was an earthquake, because the Holy presence of God was being released into the earth.

Matthew 27:50-51 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

(Picture of the veil being torn and an earthquake)

The same presence of God that was in the Jewish temple on the mercy seat above the Ark of the Covenant was released into all the earth. And the first proof seemed to be that the veil in the Jewish temple literally tore from top to bottom. As a sign that the same one that was on the mercy seat in the ark is the same one whose presence we can be filled with today!

Section 4: The promise of the Father, Jesus' Spirit comes to live in man

The mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant is where God met man

Jesus (who is the mercy seat, where our sins are forgiven) is where God meets man. He is called Emmanuel which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

Jesus' Spirit was sent out into the earth after he died, was buried and rose from the dead. God is with us and in us when we receive Jesus' Spirit.

Before Jesus died he said that after he would rise from the dead that he would send the promise of the Father (his Spirit) back to live in man.

God met man in a cloud in the Old Testament at the mercy seat

God meets man by his Spirit in the New Testament in Jesus who is the mercy seat

The promise of the Father would flow from our bellies:

John 7:38-39 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Luke 24:49 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 14:14-18 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. **15** If ye love me, keep my commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

After Jesus rose from the grave he told them again about the promise of the Father

Acts 1:4-5 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **4** and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. **5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

The promise of the Father makes us a witness to tell everybody in all the earth about the gospel good news of Jesus and his kingdom

Acts 1:8 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) **8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

50 days later after his resurrection from the dead on the day of Pentecost God would send his Spirit from heaven, the same Spirit that was once behind the veil!

What happens to us when the promise of the Father comes

Acts 2:1-4 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We will both see and hear this promise from the Father in us:

Acts 2:33 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 33 having received of the Father **the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Section 5: Preparing our lives to receive the Fathers promise

We must come ready, creating an environment in us for the Holy Ghost to come inside of us

Matthew 16:24 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Romans 12:1-2 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, *by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Receiving the Fathers promise is a necessity to see and enter into the Kingdom of God!

John 3:3-5 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man *be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* **4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Romans 8:9 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 9 “..... *if so be that the*

Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”

Acts 2:39 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off**, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Jesus shed his blood, died, was buried and resurrected so that he could live inside of you by his Spirit! THE FATHERS pledge and assurance, HIS PROMISE!

Acts 19:1-6 Authorized (King James) Version (AKJV) 19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, **2** he said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. **3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. **4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** **And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**