

## A Nail on a Holy Place

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**Ezra 9:8** And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

**Little space grace** = favor for a moment of time

**Nail** = nail, pin, stake (tent stake), a strong point

**holy place** = promised land or like holy of holies where God lives

**lighten our eyes** = cheering up, restoring vision

**to leave us a remnant to escape** = out of captivity, from whence a small number were graciously and safely returned to their own land for a seed of the kingdom to grow and bear fruit

**and to give us a nail in his holy place;** = a fixed settlement in the land of Judea, the holy land the Lord had chosen, and in the temple, the holy place sacred to his worship;

*a nail, a peg, a stake, anchor;*

*a tent stake to secure (i.e. tent stakes in the sand at Galveston Island, tent destroyed)*

*a strong point for safety and security (as in rock climbing, i.e. hammer a piton into the rock)*

**that our God may lighten our eyes;**

*refresh our spirits, cheer our souls, and give us light and gladness,*

*With our eyes we see what God has promised and are gladdened*

**and give us a little reviving in our bondage;**

*for they were still in some degree of bondage, being in subjection,*

*Waiting expectantly for deliverance. (Heb 6:12) Faith and patience inherit the promises*

*Reborn man is delivered from bondage of sin (flesh, carnal) life into the kingdom of Christ*

In the old covenant, only high priest went into the holy place once a year.

**Exodus 30:10** And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

Moses brought the words of God to the people through a veil. They were several steps away from their God.

**Exodus 34:33-35** And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and told the Israelites what he was commanded.

The Israelites saw the face of Moses, how the skin of it shone; and Moses put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with God. (compare 2 Corinthians 3:18)

Tabernacle was built with a thick veil before the holy place where God and the ark were present.

**Exodus 26:33** And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

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**Exodus 40:3** And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

Jesus' death tore the veil, making "the way" [John 14:6] for us to come into the holy place. The wall between God and us is cast down.

**Matthew 27:51** 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;

**Ephesians 2:14** For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

### **Hebrews 6:17-20**

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

*great grace for believers*

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

***Anchor of our soul*** holds us in a place of safety and purpose

*(i.e. anchor needed for boat in Straits of Magellan. A couple was sailing around the world and anchored in the islands at the southern end of South America. The anchors did not hold in the soft sea floor. The winds were blowing the boat into rocks. The boat was broken and cast on the beach. The Chilean navy rescued them a couple of days later. An anchor only as effective as the strength of the sea floor.*

*Our life needs an anchor fixed surely to a solid foundation to ride out the storms.*

*Adam Clark - "The storms of life continue but a short time; the anchor, hope, if fixed by faith in the eternal world, will infallibly prevent all shipwreck; the soul may be strongly tossed by various temptations, but will not drive, because the anchor is in sure ground, and itself is steadfast; it does not drag, and it does not break; faith, like the chain, is the connecting medium between the ship and the anchor, or the soul and its hope of heaven; faith sees the haven, hope desires and anticipates the rest; faith works, and hope holds fast; and, shortly, the soul enters into the haven of eternal repose."*

*Our Anchored Life:*

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*This world is as a sea;  
every believer, is as a ship;  
Our trust in Christ's promise of eternal life is the anchor of our soul  
our faith is the chain connecting the anchor to our ship.  
Our anchor is the hope in which we stand  
The love of God is sea floor in which we should fix our anchors.  
“The anchor of hope without the cable of faith is of little service;*

**Within the veil** is the promise of eternal life by Christ, who is entered there, and appears in the presence of God for his people his justifying righteousness, by which the law is fulfilled,  
throne of grace, on which Jehovah sits as the God of grace;  
the great privilege of a believer, who being made a priest unto God, has liberty and boldness to enter into the holiest of all.

**Hebrews 6:19 Amplified** [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil,

*Anchor is security in a trust worthy position  
Must anchor in something strong and eternal  
i.e. ship at Cape Horn in straits of Magellan  
anchor is our hope of salvation via the finished work of Christ  
the cable from our ship of life (soul) is faith from God [Ephesians 2:8-9]*

Jesus is our nail in the holy place. He became the nail, the secure point, for us through His sacrifice for us.

**Hebrews 10:20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

We have a nail in the holy place and can come boldly to Him to know Him face to face.

**Hebrews 4:16**

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Ephesians 2:14

Our advantage of a nail or anchor in the holy place is only received when we hang our lives on Jesus and His righteousness.

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### 2 Corinthians 3:14-18

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

*Christ's finished work at the cross split the veil, the relationship with the Father is now re-established, no one between us and God, face to face as friends*

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

*A veil is still over some hearts, i.e. law based, dead works, unworthy, no relationship*

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

*Turning a heart to Him removes the veil to full knowledge of and relationship with God*

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*We can freely relate to God in the spirit, for our spirit is new and created perfect and the pure holiness. [Ephesians 4:24]*

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

***open face=unveiled, when we see Him we are changed into His image of glory***

***beholding in a glass*** =looking in a mirror, looking into the law of liberty (James 1:25), and by looking into the word (James 1:22-23)

***changed*** = G3339 metamorphoo, only 4 times in NT: 2 times: changed at Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:2), transformed by renewing of your mind (Romans 12:1)

***into the same image*** = as created by degrees through the Spirit of the Lord (in us)

***glory to glory*** = We are created at one level of glory in the image and likeness of Them. Our relationship with the Father brings sanctification

***by the spirit of the Lord*** = only by His indwelling spirit filling our spirit does the transformation occur. Being spirit minded brings life and peace by overflow into the soul and body.

### 2 Corinthians 3:18 Amplified

And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.