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James 4:4-8 NKJV

4Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

6But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:But gives grace to the humble.”Humility Cures Worldliness

7Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

# Matthew 27:51 NKJV

# 51Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

# *There were two veils, one at the entrance of the Holy place and the other between the Holy place and the Holy of Holies, where the high priest alone went once a year to atone for the sins of the people.*

# Hebrews 9:2-9 NKJV

# 2For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part,* in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

# 3and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,

# 4which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

# 5and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

# 6Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

# 7But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people’s sins *committed* in ignorance;

# 8the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

# 9It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—

# *These veils were 60 ft from the ceiling to the floor. The tearing of the veil signified that the middle wall of separation between the Jews and the Gentiles was broken down.*

# Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJV

# 14For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

# 15having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is,* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

# 16and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

# 17And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

# 18For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

# *Each believer now has direct personal access to Father God.*

# Hebrews 10:19-23 NKJV

# 19Therefore, brethren, having boldness[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=heb+10%3A19-23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30153a)] to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

# 20by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

# 21and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,

# 22let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

# 23Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

# *4 ways to draw near to God*

# *1 By boldness*

# *2 By the blood of Jesus*

# *3 By a new and living way, an honest, earnest sincere heart.*

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