

## VV STUDY NOTES: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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### Jesus and the Veil of the Sanctuary

#### Scripture

Scan quickly through Exodus 40:1-34, noting vs 3, 5, 8, 21, 22, 28, 33; Leviticus 16:1 - 2

Read Matthew 27:51; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:39; John 20:17, 26-27; Acts 1:6-11

Read Hebrews 4:14; 6:19-20, 8:1-2; 9:1-28; 10:19-20, 23-25; Daniel 7:13

#### Areas for Thought and Discussion

- How might Daniel 7:13 relate to Acts 1:9; Hebrews 4:14, 6:20, 8:1-2, 9:24?
- The Christian Church (including SDAs) through the ages has paid scant attention to Jesus' ascension. Why? What has it missed?
- At what point in human history did Jesus become High Priest?

The LSG's Memory Text, Heb 9:24, states "For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf".

- For what purpose(s) did Jesus ascend to heaven and enter the heavenly sanctuary?
- Does the second part of the text imply that Jesus is distinct from God? Why/why not?

The final sentence in the LSG for Tuesday states "Jesus, as our Priest, also has been our veil. Through his incarnation, God pitched his tent in our midst, and made it possible for us to contemplate his glory...."

- "has been" implies he no longer is "our veil". When did this change occur?
- In reality, what does it mean for us as individuals and as church congregations to "come boldly to the Throne of Grace"?
- In view of what we have discussed and with reference to Heb 12:28-29  
"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire"

and Ps 63:1-4

"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name."

how do we relate to having direct access to the Almighty God who is also our Father in heaven?