

Exodus 26:1–37  
*Jesus is the Reason we are not in Hell*  
September 4, 2011  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

**I. Introduction: Why aren't we Dead?**

**2 Peter 3:3–5**

<sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “**Where is the promise of his coming?** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was *deluged with water* and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up *for fire*, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

**Genesis 32:30**

<sup>30</sup> So **Jacob** called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “*For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.*”

**Deuteronomy 5:24**

<sup>24</sup> And you said, ‘*Behold, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.*

**Judges 6:22–23**

<sup>22</sup> Then **Gideon** perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, “*Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.*” <sup>23</sup> But the Lord said to him, “*Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.*”

## II. The Way is Closed

A. Curtains (Exodus 26:1-14)

B. Frames, Screen & Veil (Exodus 26:15-37)

### Hebrews 9:6–9

<sup>6</sup> *These preparations* having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup> but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup> **By this the Holy Spirit indicates** that *the way into the holy places is not yet opened* as long as the first section is still standing <sup>9</sup> (which is symbolic for the present age). According to *this arrangement*, gifts and sacrifices are offered that **cannot perfect the conscience** of the worshiper...

## III. The Way has been Opened!

### Key Idea

*Jesus is the only thing that stands between us and hell, (i.e. eternal death)!*

A. Pre-enactment

### Hebrews 9:11–15

<sup>11</sup> But when **Christ** appeared as a *high priest* of the good things that have come, then through the greater and *more perfect tent* (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> **he entered** once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but *by means of his own blood*, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who *through the eternal Spirit* offered himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works **to serve the living God**. <sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the **mediator of a new covenant**, so that those who are

called may receive the promised *eternal inheritance*, **since a death has occurred** that redeems them from the transgressions committed under *the first covenant*.

#### B. Saved from God's Vengeance

##### **2 Thessalonians 1:7b–10**

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not **obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will suffer the punishment of **eternal destruction**, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and **to be marveled at among all who have believed**, because our testimony to you was believed.

#### IV. Why aren't we More Preoccupied with this?

##### **2 Peter 1:16–21**

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised **myths** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And **we have something more sure, the prophetic word**, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**.