

Will Your Anchor Hold?

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And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:50-54

What an amazing moment in time, which must have also been terrifying for those actually there. The moment that made our salvation possible, and of course we know that after that moment, Jesus went on to rise again from the dead and later join his father in heaven. At that terrifying moment though, the way was made through redemption to God the Father so that mankind who had separated itself from God could once again enter his holy presence.

My side-tracked musing is what happened to those people that rose from the dead??

My main musing is regarding one part of this and the Scripture above – *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom* – and entwined with this the song “Cornerstone” lyrics: *my anchor holds within the veil*.

Firstly, thinking of the anchor, in a literal sense alone: if like a ship, we are floating in the sea of life, then a good anchor hold is vital in not being swept away by the sea or blown by the wind into the rocks, and particularly in storms the anchor’s hold is vital.

Now of course the ship is still battered by the storm, but not destroyed or swept away as the anchor hold is firm. This is the use of course of any anchor, but it came to me that the game changer is where this anchor is located – in this case, it is within the veil, within the holy of holies. Made possible in the Scripture above, when the curtain (veil) tore in two at the moment of Christ’s death. Through Christ we can not only secure our anchor in something really solid, but also in the limitless power of God.

The world offers anchor holds as well, but their benefits are limited to this life alone and none compare with the limitless and never-ending love, peace and strength of God. It’s like plugging into a 12v battery or a nuclear power station. Through personal repentance and relationship, we can access what the Father has for us and when storms come, which they will, we can be assured that our anchor holds firmly in a foundation that can never be shaken.

We live in a shaken world and we too like ships are thrown around in the storm, but we must remember where our anchor holds. At some point the Lord will pick up our anchor and pull our ship home, but until that day he is there at every second and every moment for us to praise, talk with, laugh with, cry to, call out to and pray to. Made possible through Christ’s great sacrifice on the cross.

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