

"Beyond the Veil"



*Message by
Drew Crandall,
Founder & Director
of Jacob's Well,
delivered "live"
at the June 6, 2008
coffeehouse.*

At the coffeehouse each month, for nearly 13 years, Founder & Director Drew Crandall listens to the music and the message of the guest performers and shares a spontaneous Gospel message based on the content. On August 1, 2008, Drew shared a Gospel message and invitation based on the group's name, "Beyond the Veil."

The word "beyond" means "on the far side; outside the scope of or reach of; greater than." The word "veil" means "something that conceals."

Would you agree with me tonight that it's human nature to conceal, to veil, your weaknesses, your dysfunctions, your sins from others? We all have our secrets. Things that no one else knows about. Secret motives. Desires. Secrets from our past. Things that, if they were unveiled, we'd be ashamed. You may conceal, or veil, your sins from other people, but you cannot conceal them from God. He made you, and He knows everything about you and me. Everything. The good, the bad and the ugly.

Friend, God's love is beyond the veil of your shame, your secrets, your frailties. And if you are willing to open your veil to Him, to expose your sinfulness before Him, and cry out for mercy and forgiveness, you can see Him for who He truly is. For the Bible says, the meek shall inherit the world.

How many of you have seen the Wizard of Oz? Dorothy and her entourage travel high and low to the castle, thinking they will meet the great King. But beyond the veil is just a man. A faker. Friend, beyond the veil of religion is the real King, Jesus Christ: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And when Jesus died on the cross, the veil between mankind and God was torn down. The Real King, Jesus, is full capable of forgiving you of your sins and granting you entrance into His Kingdom—the Kingdom of Heaven.

Beyond the veil is an awesome God of LOVE. (Read Ephesians 3:14-20). God can do exceedingly above—and BEYOND—what you can possibly imagine.

So, get beyond the veil of your shame and pride...

Get beyond the veil of religion and good works...

...and come to a place tonight where you have a transparent, loving relationship with God. If there was a definite time and place in your life when you went beyond the veil and called upon the Lord to save your soul and give you the gift of eternal life in heaven—can you please raise your hand? Thank you.

Friend, if you didn't raise your hand, if you have no clear testimony of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ, this invitation is for you. There's nothing magical about the words of the prayer—it's the faith that's expressed through the prayer that saves you. *For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.*