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As the country prepares for this spectacular event of a total eclipse of the sun, I am reminded of one event that makes all others fade to gray in significance.

*“When the sixth hour (noon) came, **darkness fell over the whole land** until the ninth hour (3pm)...And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”* (Mark 15: 33, 38 NASB)

Conservative biblical historians write that it was not an eclipse based on the phase of the moon during that period—it was an act of God. Many also recorded it was a world-wide event, not local. *Darkness* represents sin throughout the Bible. The Crucifixion occurred for one reason. God in His unfathomable love, grace, and mercy, made Jesus, Who knew no sin, to be sin for all of us—His sacrifice, once for all who turn from our sin and receive Him as our Savior.

When Jesus breathed His last, the veil of the temple was ripped open from top to bottom—another act of God lest you forget the temple veil was so large it had to be handled by 300 priests. We know it was 30-40 feet high and very thick (although the Bible does not say how thick). No men could do this, nor would they want to because even going into the other side (Holy of Holies) meant death except for the high priest once a year. But God opened the door to Himself when Christ breathed His last. Total Access through Christ!

The solar eclipse is a true wonder of nature, but dangerous

for us to view directly for fear of blindness. Isn't it wonderful that God made Himself (and His love) visible to us through Christ—turning the darkness of Satan into marvelous Light by His death for all to see?

My dear brother and sister in Christ, let the time of this solar eclipse be a great reminder of the love of God and His amazing grace that turned our darkness into light.

If you are one who has heretofore rejected God's love-gift of Light through Christ, we pray your eyes will be opened to Him with no fear of blindness at all. What are you waiting for?

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