

**The Mercy Seat Part 1 Sunday AM Service
Evangelist Pastor Barbara**

**THE WAY TO THE MERCY SEAT IS OPEN AND THE ANGELS
ARE ENCAMPED AROUND ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MINE.**

**ON TOP OF THE ARK WAS A LID CALLED THE {MERCY SEAT}
ON WHICH RESTED THE CLOUD OR VISIBLE SYMBOL OF
THE DIVINE PRESENCE.**

**IT WAS CALLED THE *MERCY SEAT* BECAUSE THE LORD
{SAT} ENTHRONED OVER IT {IN MERCY}, INVISIBLY
PRESENT, WHERE THE WINGTIPS OF TWO CHERUBIM MET
ABOVE IT, GUARDING THE DIVINE PRESENCE.**

**FOR ISRAEL THE ARK REPRESENTED THE {LOCALIZED
PRESENCE OF GOD} IN *JUDGMENT, MERCY, FORGIVENESS,
AND LOVE*; AND BECAUSE IT CONTAINED THE TEN
COMMANDMENTS, IT WAS A VISIBLE REMINDER THAT
THEIR LIFE WAS TO BE LIVED IN OBEDIENCE TO THE
EXPRESSED WILL OF GOD.**

EXODUS 25:17-22 (AMP)

**17 AND YOU SHALL MAKE A {MERCY SEAT} (A COVERING)
OF PURE GOLD, TWO CUBITS AND A HALF LONG AND A
CUBIT AND A HALF WIDE.**

**18 AND YOU SHALL MAKE TWO CHERUBIM (WINGED
ANGELIC FIGURES) OF [SOLID] HAMMERED GOLD ON THE
TWO ENDS OF THE MERCY SEAT.**

**19 MAKE ONE CHERUB ON EACH END, MAKING THE
CHERUBIM OF ONE PIECE WITH THE *MERCY SEAT*, ON THE
TWO ENDS OF IT.**

**20 AND THE CHERUBIM SHALL SPREAD OUT THEIR WINGS
ABOVE, COVERING THE *MERCY SEAT* WITH THEIR WINGS,**

**FACING EACH OTHER AND LOOKING DOWN TOWARD THE
MERCY SEAT.**

**21 YOU SHALL PUT THE {MERCY SEAT} ON THE TOP OF THE
ARK, AND IN THE ARK YOU SHALL PUT THE TESTIMONY
[THE TEN COMMANDMENTS] THAT I WILL GIVE YOU.**

**22 THERE I WILL MEET WITH YOU AND, FROM ABOVE THE
MERCY SEAT, FROM BETWEEN THE TWO CHERUBIM THAT
ARE UPON THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY, I WILL SPEAK
{INTIMATELY} WITH YOU OF ALL WHICH I WILL GIVE YOU IN
COMMANDMENT TO THE ISRAELITES.**

1 JOHN 4:10 (AMP) JESUS IS THE MERCY SEAT.

**10 IN THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT
HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION
(THE ATONING SACRIFICE) FOR OUR SINS.**

ROMANS 3:23-28 (MSG)

**23 SINCE WE'VE COMPILED THIS LONG AND SORRY
RECORD AS SINNERS (BOTH US AND THEM) AND PROVED
THAT WE ARE UTTERLY INCAPABLE OF LIVING THE
GLORIOUS LIVES GOD WILLS FOR US,**

**24 GOD DID IT FOR US. OUT OF SHEER GENEROSITY HE PUT
US IN RIGHT STANDING WITH HIMSELF. A PURE GIFT. HE
GOT US OUT OF THE MESS WE'RE IN AND RESTORED US TO
WHERE HE ALWAYS WANTED US TO BE. AND HE DID IT BY
MEANS OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**25 GOD SACRIFICED JESUS ON THE ALTAR OF THE WORLD
TO CLEAR THAT WORLD OF SIN. HAVING FAITH IN HIM
SETS US IN THE CLEAR. GOD DECIDED ON THIS COURSE OF
ACTION IN FULL VIEW OF THE PUBLIC—TO SET THE
WORLD IN THE CLEAR WITH HIMSELF THROUGH THE**

SACRIFICE OF JESUS, *FINALLY* TAKING CARE OF THE SINS HE HAD SO PATIENTLY ENDURED.

26 THIS IS NOT ONLY CLEAR, BUT IT'S NOW—THIS IS CURRENT HISTORY! GOD SETS THINGS RIGHT. HE ALSO MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO LIVE IN HIS RIGHTNESS.

27 SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE OUR PROUD JEWISH INSIDER CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS? *CANCELED? YES, CANCELED. WHAT WE'VE LEARNED IS THIS: GOD DOES NOT RESPOND TO WHAT WE DO; WE RESPOND TO WHAT GOD DOES.*

28 WE'VE FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT. OUR LIVES GET IN STEP WITH GOD AND ALL OTHERS BY LETTING HIM SET THE PACE, NOT BY PROUDLY OR ANXIOUSLY TRYING TO RUN THE PARADE.

IN *ROMANS 3:24-25* PAUL IS TEACHING THAT JESUS IS THE COVERING FOR SIN, AS SHOWN BY THESE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC IMAGES.

BY MEANS OF HIS DEATH, AND OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST THROUGH OUR FAITH IN HIM, ALL OUR SINS ARE COVERED.

ALSO WHENEVER BELIEVERS SIN, WE MAY TURN TO CHRIST WHO CONTINUES TO BE THE PROPITIATION OR COVERING FOR OUR SINS. {SEE *I JOHN 2:1; 4:10*}

THIS TIES TOGETHER THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT CONCEPTS REGARDING THE COVERING OF SIN AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE MERCY-SEAT OF GOD.

***MARK 15:37-38* (ESV)**

37 AND JESUS UTTERED A LOUD CRY AND BREATHED HIS LAST.

38 AND THE CURTAIN OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

WHAT DOES THE TEARING OF THE VEIL MEAN TO US TODAY?

ABOVE ALL, THE TEARING OF THE VEIL AT THE MOMENT OF JESUS' DEATH DRAMATICALLY SYMBOLIZED THAT HIS SACRIFICE, THE SHEDDING OF HIS OWN BLOOD, WAS A SUFFICIENT ATONEMENT FOR SINS. {NO MORE NEED FOR ANIMAL SACRIFICE}

IT SIGNIFIED THAT NOW THE WAY INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES WAS OPEN FOR ALL PEOPLE, **FOR ALL TIME, BOTH JEW AND GENTILE.**

WHEN JESUS DIED, THE VEIL WAS TORN, AND GOD MOVED OUT OF THAT PLACE NEVER AGAIN TO DWELL IN A TEMPLE MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS.

ACTS 17:24-25 (ESV)

24 THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT, BEING LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, DOES NOT LIVE IN TEMPLES MADE BY MAN,

25 NOR IS HE SERVED BY HUMAN HANDS, AS THOUGH HE NEEDED ANYTHING, SINCE HE HIMSELF GIVES TO ALL MANKIND LIFE AND BREATH AND EVERYTHING.

GOD WAS THROUGH WITH THAT TEMPLE AND ITS RELIGIOUS SYSTEM, AND THE TEMPLE AND JERUSALEM WERE LEFT {DESOLATE} {DESTROYED BY THE ROMANS} IN A.D.70, JUST AS JESUS PROPHESED IN **LUKE 13:35 AS LONG AS THAT TEMPLE STOOD, IT SIGNIFIED THE CONTINUATION OF THE OLD COVENANT.**

HEBREWS 9:8,9 REFERS TO THE AGE THAT WAS PASSING AWAY AS THE NEW COVENANT WAS BEING ESTABLISHED {SEE **HEBREWS 8:13**}

MERCY IS A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE {LENIENCY OR COMPASSION}.

JESUS, THROUGH HIS DEATH, HAS REMOVED THE BARRIERS BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, AND NOW WE MAY APPROACH HIM WITH CONFIDENCE AND BOLDNESS {SEE **HEBREWS 4:14-16}**

BY MEANS OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS, GOD HAS PROVIDED THE “MERCY SEAT**” ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND OPEN TO ALL.
EVERY ONE CAN TRUST (HAVE FAITH) THAT ATONEMENT HAS BEEN MADE.**

AFTER THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCY SEAT, GOD TOLD MOSES THAT IT WOULD BE THE PLACE WHERE HE WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH MOSES, PASSING ON HIS LAWS FOR ISRAEL.

THIS WAS ALSO WHERE THE ATONING SACRIFICE WAS OFFERED.

AND IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THAT SACRIFICE, WE FIND THAT IT WAS WHERE GOD LIVED, AT LEAST SYMBOLICALLY.

THE **MERCY SEAT REPRESENTED **GOD’S** PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE.**

TODAY THE SAME APPLIES. THE **MERCY SEAT REPRESENTS **JESUS’** PRESENCE AMONG HIS PEOPLE.**

FOR ISRAEL THE ARK REPRESENTED THE {LOCALIZED PRESENCE OF GOD} IN JUDGMENT, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, AND LOVE. TODAY THE *MERCY SEAT* IS JESUS.

JESUS FULFILLED ALL ASPECTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICE OF ATONEMENT. HE WAS THE HIGH PRIEST, THE ATONING SACRIFICE, AND THE MERCY SEAT.

THE {WAY} TO THE MERCY SEAT IS OPEN AND THE ANGELS ARE ENCAMPED AROUND ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MINE.

I HAVE PLACED A WALL OF PROTECTION AROUND ABOUT ALL MY CHOSEN ONES. I HAVE MADE A WAY FOR MY CHILDREN TO VISIT THE *MERCY SEAT* WHEN TIMES OF COMPASSION ARE NEEDED.

MY SON JESUS WAS THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN FOR ALL WHO LOVE AND SEEK ME WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS.

MY CHILDREN DO NOT GO TO THE MERCY SEAT WHEN THEY SIN, AND SEEK MERCY. IF THEY WOULD GO TO THE MERCY SEAT, THEY GIVE MY SON THE OPEN DOOR TO SHOW MERCY TO THEM AND FORGIVE THEIR SINS.

TAKE YOUR SINS TO THE MERCY SEAT AND RECEIVE ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SINS. MY SON DAVID KNEW OF THE MERCY SEAT AND HE RAN TO THE MERCY OFTEN FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DAVID KNEW THAT HE COULD TURN TO GOD DURING TIMES OF FAILURE IN HIS LIFE.

HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD BE MET WITH MERCY WHEN HE DID.

GOD SITS UPON A SEAT OF MERCY.

EVERYONE NEEDS THE MERCY OF GOD.

THE CHRISTIAN MUST BE REMINDED EACH DAY OF THIS FACET OF THE GODHEAD.

GOD IS MERCIFUL, AND AS THE BIBLE STATES, GOD'S MERCIES ARE NEW FOR THE CHRISTIAN EVERY MORNING. IN OTHER WORDS, GOD'S MERCIES ARE ABUNDANT AND WITHOUT END.

YOU, TOO, CAN APPROACH HIS THRONE. TURN TO GOD TODAY AND LOOK TO JESUS. HE HAS TRULY BORN WHAT YOU COULD NEVER BEAR ON YOUR OWN.

PRAYER

FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR CHRIST TODAY. I THANK YOU FOR THE MERCY THAT YOU OFFER TO ME. I THANK YOU THAT I CAN APPROACH YOU. HELP ME TO CONTINUE TO TURN TO YOU. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.