



God is Mercy-seated towards you

Leviticus 16:14 (NKJV) *“He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.”*

Words of Ministry

Did you know that God is “Mercy-seated” towards you? He is! And understanding what this means will give you incredible confidence to live your life before Him in unblemished righteousness. You see, because of God’s mercy towards you, all your failures and sins are forgiven and He accepts you as His own. God is not angry with you anymore over anything you have done. He has a covenant of unwavering peace with you that cannot be shaken (Isaiah 54:9-10).

We see this truth presented to us in the act of the high priest sprinkling blood on the mercy seat of the ark. In the old covenant, the blood of sacrificial animals was put on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant by the high priest to atone for the sins of God’s people. This act points to the reality of the work of Christ when He brought His own blood into the heavenly holy of holies and provided eternal redemption for us (Heb. 9:11-14).

To understand the significance of the Blood of Christ being placed on the mercy seat of God’s heavenly Ark of the Covenant, you have to appreciate what the ark contained. If you have watched the movie, “Raiders of the Lost Ark”, you might remember that when the lid of the ark was lifted, ghostly creatures floated out and destroyed the people around it. As interesting as it may be for a movie, that was not what the ark contained. What actually was inside the ark then? There were *three* items in the ark: the golden pot of manna, Aaron’s staff and two stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments (Hebrews 9:4). All three items had a history of man’s failure attached to them. The golden pot of manna represents man’s rejection of God’s provision, Aaron’s staff came about by man’s rejection of God’s

leadership and the two stone tablets of God’s commandments reminded Israel of their rejection of His standard of holiness. The ark became a frightful thing to the consciences of God’s people.

But because God delights in mercy, He had these items put away in the ark and covered it all with a golden lid called “the mercy seat” where two cherubs looked upon (Hebrews 9:5). And once a year, the high priest would enter the holy of holies where the ark was and sprinkle the blood of the substitutional sacrifice on this mercy seat. This means that, God’s eyes, represented by the eyes of the cherubim, did not look down and see history of man’s rebellion against God’s love. Instead, as long as the blood was there on the mercy seat, He saw only the atoning blood and the acceptance of His people based on His provision. God became “mercy-seated” towards His people’s transgressions.

Today, Jesus is our High Priest and He Himself has sprinkled His own blood on the true mercy seat of God in heaven — the throne of grace (Hebrews 9:23–26). Interestingly, the number of times that the Old Testament high priest had to sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat — seven — speaks of Jesus’ perfect sacrifice. And because His sacrifice is absolutely perfect and He Himself is perfect, we who are in Christ now have a perfect standing before God forever!

Beloved, you need to understand that under the New Covenant, you and I have a relationship with God that is now permanently “mercy-seated”. No more offering for sin has to be made. Jesus’ offering was “*once for all*” (Heb. 7:27; 9:12; 10:10). Your sins will not be charged against you because they were charged against Christ. Your forgiveness and right standing with God are a settled matter, not because you are so good or spiritual but because Jesus’ blood is on God’s mercy seat!

So when the enemy comes against you with your history of failures and mistakes, remind him that these things were buried under the mercy seat of Christ’s blood. Remind him that God does not see your sin, but the blood of His Son shed on your behalf. You have a God who is forever mercy-seated towards you and who rejoices in the power of His love for you!

Beloved, as you come to God today, know that God has got you covered. Don’t worry about where you have fallen short of His standards of righteousness. He does not see your sins (Hebrews 8:12, 10:17). He sees His Son’s blood on the mercy seat. You have perfect standing before Him forever! He has stayed “mercy-seated” towards you so you can stay faith-filled towards Him.