

INSIDE THE TABERNACLE

TEXT: EXODUS: 25:17-22, 37:6-9

LESSON EIGHT - THE MERCY SEAT

INTRODUCTION: Grace is an undeserved blessing, favor, or gift. The greatest act of grace is God's relationship with mankind. It is great because God is eternal, holy, and righteous and man is spiritually dead, totally depraved, and sinful. There are so many problems in this relationship, it is impossible to count them. But God designed a system to eliminate all the barriers and have a love relationship with undeserving mankind.

WHAT IS THE MERCY SEAT?

1. The Hebrew word for Mercy Seat means "_____."
2. The Mercy Seat was a _____ or cover, which sat on top of the Ark of the Covenant located inside the Holiest of Holies.
3. The Mercy Seat was approximately the _____ length and width as the Ark of the Covenant which was beneath it.
4. The Mercy Seat was constructed out of a _____ of pure gold.
 - ✓ The Mercy Seat was different than the Ark of the Covenant because there was no _____ in its composition.
5. On the top of the Mercy Seat, were _____ hammered gold cherubim (angels) that faced one another.
 - ✓ The wings of the two gold cherubim were _____ out over the Mercy Seat.
 - ✓ The two gold cherubim overshadowed the Mercy Seat and their faces constantly looked _____ upon it.

WHY IS THE MERCY SEAT IMPORTANT?

1. The Mercy Seat is important because in First Chronicles 28:11, the Holy of Holies is described as "the _____ of the Mercy Seat."
2. The Mercy Seat is important because it was God's _____ in the midst of the Israelites.
 - ✓ The Mercy Seat was the place where God appeared in the form of a _____. (Leviticus 16:2)
 - ✓ The Tabernacle was called "the tent of meeting". Because here God _____ with man. (Exodus 25:21-22)

NOTES:

The Mercy Seat is a picture of the throne of God that was changed into a throne of judgment and eventually changed into a throne of grace.



The Mercy Seat Sitting On Top of the Ark of the Covenant

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3. The Mercy Seat is important because it was the place where God _____ to Moses (Moses remained in the Holy Place, outside of the Most Holy Place).
4. The Mercy Seat is important because it _____ (Protected) Israel (God's children) from the judgment of God's Law.
 - ✓ Without the covering of the Mercy Seat, God's divine _____ eventually happen.
 - ✓ Whenever the lid was removed, _____ was the result. (1 Samuel 6:19)
5. The Mercy Seat is important because when it was sprinkled with the blood from a sacrificial bull, it became the place where God's holy anger and judgment was _____.
 - ✓ Blood was _____ on the mercy seat once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) by the High Priest.
 - ✓ Blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat _____ times.
 - ✓ Blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat because God needed to _____ the evidence of sacrifice.
 - ✓ Blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat so that _____ with God could be maintained.

The Mercy Seat completely hid from God's view the items which were kept in the Ark of the Covenant.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE MERCY SEAT?

1. God _____ a blood sacrifice if we want to have fellowship with Him.
 - ✓ Jesus is the _____ blood sacrifice.
2. Jesus is our Mercy Seat that perfectly _____ our sin.
 - ✓ Jesus is our only _____ from the judgment of God.
3. The Mercy Seat was God's throne in the midst of the Israelites. God is on His throne today in _____ and Jesus, our high priest, is at His right side.