

The Mercy Seat of God
“Moses Heard the Voice of The Lord Speaking to him
From Above the Mercy Seat” - Numbers 7:89

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Because of **the love of God, the mercy of God** is foremost in His dealings with us. Psalm 107:1, 2 We all fall short in many things, James 3:2, and if God’s judgment was foremost in His dealings with us, we would soon all perish.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne, and **He sees us through His mercy and truth.** Psalm 89:14

The law was given by Moses, but grace, (**which includes mercy**), and truth, **came by Jesus Christ.** John 1:17, and John 1:14

In mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord we depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6, (KJV only)

But God’s mercy triumphs over His judgment. James 2:13

The Lord is good and **His mercy endures for ever.** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Psalm 107:1, 2

At Mount Sinai, The Israelites, led by Moses, built **the Tabernacle of Meeting**, as God showed to Moses. Exodus 25:8, 9

This Tabernacle had a **Holy of Holies**, a **Holy Place** and an **Outer Court.** Exodus 26:30-35, Exodus 27:9-19

The **Ark of God** was in the Holy of Holies, in the Tabernacle of Meeting. Exodus 25:10-15

In the Ark were the two tablets of stone, on which were written the **Ten Commandments.** Exodus 25:16-22

Over the Ten Commandments and on top of the Ark, was the **Mercy Seat.** Exodus 25:16-22

On top of the Mercy Seat there were **two Cherubim** facing each other, with wings outstretched. Exodus 25:18-20

These Ten Commandments are **God’s moral law** and these laws never change. They apply to all people for ever.

“For I am the Lord, I do not change.” Malachi 3:6

Sin is breaking the law of these Ten Commandments. James 2:8-12, 1John 3:4. **“Sin is transgression of the law.”** 1John 3:4, KJV

The moral law of God is summed up by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-39, (Also in: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Leviticus 19:18)

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Commandments 1 to 4)

2. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Commandments 5 to 10)

(Questions about the “Sabbath” are found in the Subject Index, under “Sabbath”)

The wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23, but the free, merciful, gift of God is eternal life, through faith in Jesus our Lord.

Our only hope of eternal life is through the mercy of God, made available through faith in His Son Jesus. John 3:16

God sent His Son Jesus to be the Channel by which His mercy could be offered to every human being and to the whole of creation. Matthew 1:21, Romans 8:19-22

Jesus has paid the price for our sins. John 1:29, 1Corinthians 15:3, 1Peter 2:24, 1John 2:2, Revelation 1:5, Hebrews 1:3

Through faith in Him we are forgiven and become the much loved children of God. 1John 3:1

When we **repent**, (turn from all sin and unrighteousness, and surrender fully to God), and put our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Mark 1:15, 1John 1:9, Acts 17:30, 20:21, Acts 26:20

In the New Testament **Jesus is our “Mercy Seat”.**

By faith in the Blood of Jesus, we are forgiven and justified in God’s sight, and God declares us to be righteous before Him. 2Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:9, Romans 5:1, Romans 5:10, Romans 5:8

Having received such mercy from God through the offering of His Son, **God requires of us that we extend the same mercy to others around us who sin against us.** Luke 6:27-38, Matthew 18:21-35, Mark 11:25, 26

In the Lord’s Prayer we pray: “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,” and we are agreeing to this principle. Matthew 6:12, Luke 11:4. God only forgives us as we forgive others who sin against us. Mark 11:25, 26

It is a great help to immediately forgive those who have sinned against us, release them from our condemnation, and pray blessing upon them. This is following Jesus’ teaching in Luke 6:27-38, Matthew 18:21-35, Mark 11:25, 26.

Pray blessing upon them as in Acts 26:18. When you have a real struggle to forgive and forget, pray blessings upon them every time you think of them. Gradually the inward hurt gets less and less and you can forget the hurt, injustice and anger etc.