

## THE TABERNACLE #15

Exodus 25:17-22

### THE MERCY SEAT

<b>Intro:</b> Brazen Altar	Christ our Sacrifice
Brazen Laver	Christ our Sanctification
Table of Showbread	Christ our Sustainer
Golden Candlestick	Christ our Sight (Might)
Golden Altar of Incense	Christ our Supplication
The Vail	
The Ark of the Covenant	Christ our Sovereign
The Contents	
The Mercy Seat	Christ our Sin-bearer

#### I. The Measurements of the Mercy Seat (Verse 17) – Only one verse!

- A. The Mercy Seat is the exact (same) size as the Ark Lev. 16:14-15  
1. The Mercy Seat **perfectly** covers all sins. Hebrews 9:7

#### II. The Material of the Mercy Seat. (Exodus 25: 17)

- A. Pure Gold!  
B. No "humanity" involved in the forgiveness of sin (**No human works**)  
1. There is no "confession booth" in the Holy of Holies such as you will find in the Catholic Church! (long lines often form)

#### III. The Mercy Seat and What it pictures

- A. The Greek and Hebrew word comparison  
1. Hebrew (Old Testament) "Kapporath" (**Verse 17**)  
2. Greek (New Testament) "Hilasterion/Hilasmos"  
**a. One is a "noun" and the other is a "verb"**  
**b. Both have the same meaning**
- B. The New Testament comparison  
1. **Romans 3:25** "Propitiation" Hilasterion  
2. **I John 2:2** "Propitiation" Hilasmos  
3. **I John 4:10** "Propitiation" Hilasmos  
4. **Hebrews 9:5-12** "Mercy Seat" Hilasgerion - - - **PICTURES CHRIST**  
**Forgiveness of sin is by God alone!** – No man can touch the work of God

#### IV. The Meanings of the Mercy Seat

- A. It is a Place of Judgment (Lev. 16:14)  
1. Sentence of Law carried out (**Death**)  
B. It is a place of Mercy (Hebrews 9:11-15)  
1. Redemption  
C. It is a place of Fellowship (Exodus 25:22)  
1. "...there will I meet with you."  
D. It is a place of Mercy & Grace (Hebrews 4:14-16)  
1. We find help  
E. A Place where we are Justified (Romans 3:26)

#### V. The Crown "Round About" the Ark. (Exodus 25:11).

- A. The Lid is held in place by "**The King of Kings.**"  
B. The Lid cannot "slide off."  
C. Men are forbidden to "look inside" the Ark at our sins (**I Samuel 6:19**)  
1. Exodus 12:13: "**...when I see the blood!**"

**VI. The Cherubims** (Exodus 25:18).

A They guard the Holiness of God

B. The Protect the Lid and it's contents Genesis 3:24

**NOTE:** There is no place to sit down in the Holy Place or the Holy of Holies!

The work of the priest is never done – one relieves the other! –

**No place for laziness – No spectators.**