

# The Tabernacle

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### There I will meet with you...Ex.25:17-22

What does the Lord *immediately* instruct Moses to build (after the Ark)? **25:17**

**Make an atonement cover (mercy seat) of pure gold to place on top of the ark (vs.21).**

What is signified by the construction of *pure gold* (not acacia wood overlaid)? **Isa.37:16**

**Pure gold is a symbol of 100% deity. This is Christ, the Lord, our Mercy Seat.**

What is the unmistakable identity of the Mercy Seat? **Rom.3:21-26; Heb. 9:5**

**Mercy Seat = Gr."hilasterion". The Mercy Seat is Christ, Himself. Our propitiation.**

What was 'one piece' with the Mercy Seat? 25:18-20; **Isa.37:16**

**Two cherubim (angels), wings covering the mercy seat, faces toward the mercy seat.**

What is Moses instructed to do with the *testimony* (tablets)? 25:21; **Deut:10:4**

**Place the (broken) Law inside the Ark and seal the Ark with the Mercy Seat.**

Why the tablets? What's so important about the Law? **Deut.27:15-26; Gal.3:10-14**

**The Law condemns us, curses us! By God's Holiness we are guilty, worthy of death!**

And yet, what do most blinded sinners believe? Mt.10:17-20; **Phil.3:2-11**

**No problem! I can keep those commandments. My good stuff outweighs my bad stuff!**

### The function of the Mercy Seat...

When God looked down from above the Cherubim, what did He see?

**He saw the Mercy Seat covering the Ark. He did not see the tablets (broken Law).**

But before the Mercy Seat became 'functional', what was required? **Lev.16:11-15; Heb.9:6**

**The High Priest sprinkled the sacrificial blood on the Mercy Seat. When I see the blood**

And what *magnificent truth* did this ceremony foretell? **Heb.9:11-14, 22-28**

**It foreshadows when Christ takes His blood sacrifice into the heavenly tabernacle...**

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**In Jn.20:17, Jesus has not yet sprinkled His blood in heaven. In Lu.24, it's all complete!**

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