

*"Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High." **Hebrews 1:3 KJV***



Ever wonder why the cover of the Ark of the Covenant is called the “*Mercy Seat?*” It’s the place where God Himself came to minister Mercy to His People for the applied blood of sacrifice. *“Without shedding of blood is no remission (of sin). Being justified freely by His Grace through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (atoning sacrifice) through faith in His Blood, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance (Mercy) of God...that He might be Just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”* The Mercy Seat was the place where the high priest applied the blood of the sacrifice for the sins of the people to stay the Wrath of God for another year. The high priest was never allowed to sit in the Holy of Holies, because his work was a continuing process. Year after year the blood of the animal sacrifice had to be carried in and applied to the Mercy Seat to atone for the people’s sin. Year after year the high priest would leave to return a year later to perform the task again. Jesus Christ, as our High Priest and the Lamb of God, applied His own Blood, once and for all, to the “Mercy Seat” in heaven and then “Mercy” sat. *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained Eternal Redemption for us. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”* HIS work was finally finished! He shed His own SINLESS Blood, He applied His own Blood, and He finished *“by Himself,”* once and forever, the work of sin’s atonement. *“Wherefore He is able also to save them TO THE UTTERMOST that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”* He needs no assistance. He alone, was the Supreme Sacrifice, *“the Lamb of God.”* He alone, performed the high-priestly duty, once, for all believers. He alone, sits to intercede for *“whosoever will.”* God does everything *“By Himself.”* He needs nothing or no one! He is the omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent Sovereign of Eternity! For now, He sits, patiently waiting for those who will avail themselves of His mercy before Time is ended! *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing (intending) that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* God knew in Eternity past before the world began every soul that would seek His Grace and Mercy and He waits patiently for every one of them to come to Him; *“For whom He did foreknow (before time), He also did predestinate (fixed destiny) to be conformed to the image of His Son (like Jesus), that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”* Does God know you? *“Many will say to me in that Day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not...in Thy name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I profess unto them, ‘I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’”* Jesus said, *“Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”* One day, soon, He will stand and call His Beloved children Home and Judge the wicked! *“For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from Heaven with a Shout, with the Voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air!”* Jesus is returning for us!

All alone, He paid for our sin,  
By Himself, He carried within,  
Atoning Blood, Mercy for men,  
He waits for all who’ll come to Him. ~CGP

Until Christ's foot cleaves Mt. Olivet, there is hope of redemption for "whosoever will" come. After that, time will cease, Judgment will be poured out, and the wicked will perish in their sins! Mercy exists for men as long as Mercy sits. He will not stay seated much longer. Procrastinators do so at their own peril! He will judge every man, "By Himself."

*"And, Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12 KJV*

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