

The Sanctuary, the Cross, and the Third Angels' Message

The Mercy Seat in the Most Holy Place

Exodus 25:17 And thou shalt make a **mercy seat of pure gold**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

Exodus 25:18 And thou shalt make **two cherubims of gold**, of beaten work shalt thou make them, **in the two ends** of the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: **even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims** on the two ends thereof.

Exodus 25:20 And the cherubims shall **stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat** with their wings, and **their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat** shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Exodus 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Exodus 25:22 And there **I will meet with thee**, and I will **commune** with thee from **above the mercy seat**, from **between the two cherubims** which are upon the ark of the testimony, of **all things** which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

- The **Father** is “the most high God” (Mark 5:7). **Angels** are “covering the mercy seat” (Exodus 25:20). The plan of the Father was to make **Jesus Christ** “a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death” (Hebrews 2:9).

A Word for Mercy Seat in the New Testament

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Hebrews 9:5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the **mercyseat**; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

“The most exalted of the angel throng, they were the two who had come to the tomb at Christ's resurrection, and they had been with Him throughout His life on earth” (DA 832.1).

Because the two angels were in the sanctuary “covering” the mercy seat, which represents Jesus Christ, it shows that the angels were always keeping Christ under the shadow of the Almighty.

The Cross in Psalm 18

Psalms 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me [**Christ**], and the floods of ungodly men made me [**Christ**] afraid.

Psalms 18:5 The sorrows of hell compassed me [**Christ**] about: the snares of death prevented me [**Christ**].

Psalms 18:6 In my [**Christ's**] distress I [**Christ**] called upon the LORD [**the Father**], and cried unto my God [**the Father**]: he [**the Father**] heard my [**Christ's**] voice out of his [**the Father's**] temple, and my [**Christ's**] cry came before him [**the Father**], even into his [**the Father's**] ears.

Psalms 18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he [**the Father**] was wroth.

Psalms 18:8 There went up a smoke out of his [**the Father's**] nostrils, and fire out of his [**the Father's**] mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

Psalms 18:9 He [**the Father**] bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his [**the Father's**] feet.

Psalms 18:10 And he [**the Father**] rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he [**the Father**] did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Psalms 18:11 He [**the Father**] made darkness his [**the Father's**] secret place; his [**the Father's**] pavilion round about him [**the Father**] were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

Clouds can Represent Angels

Psalms 104:3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the **clouds his chariot**: who walketh upon the wings of the wind.

Psalms 68:17 The **chariots** of God **are** twenty thousand, even thousands of **angels**: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

What was at Sinai?

Exodus 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a **thick cloud upon the mount**, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

- In Psalms 18, the Father was the most high, the angels were below Him, but above Christ. The order of height was **God the Father**, the **holy angels**, the **Lamb**.

The Cross on Calvary

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was **darkness over all the land** unto the ninth hour.

The Third Angels' Message

Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of **God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the **holy angels**, and in the presence of the **Lamb**.

Just as it is in the most holy place of the sanctuary, just as it was during the time of the cross, it is in the third angels' message: God the **Father**, the holy **angels**, the **Lamb** of God.

A lot of people are interested in the Father and His Son, yet God is doing what He can to reveal how He works for His people at the end of time:

“While Satan has been urging his accusations, holy angels, unseen, have been passing to and fro, placing upon the faithful ones the seal of the living God” (PK 591.2).

The seal is the Father's name, and being a Father He must have a Son. So, again, the Father, the angels, and the Son are working together for our salvation!

