

**Sermon: Mercy Seat And The Blood**

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**Pastor Ken Burns:**

Hallelujah. God is good. Somebody just praise God with me. Father, we just thank you and we bless you and we thank you for your presence here Lord God. In your presence is fullness of joy. Lord God, you are our source of joy, peace, and righteousness. Thank you, Lord, for your abundance. There's no lack in you. In Jesus' name, hallelujah. God is so good. Today we're going to talk about the mercy seat and the blood.

**Introduction:**

We'll start along the lines of what Pastor Roger talked about, focusing on righteousness, which is central to God's heart and message. Let's dive into the foundation of righteousness.

**Romans 3:25:**

God has set forth Jesus as a propitiation through faith in his blood, declaring his righteousness for the remission of sins. Jesus is our propitiation, our mercy seat. Through his blood, we receive reconciliation.

**1 John 2:2:**

Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. He has provided everything; we just need to appropriate it.

**Hebrews 9:5:**

The mercy seat is mentioned, symbolizing propitiation. It's a crucial part of our faith.

**Mercy Seat:**

The Ark of the Covenant, covered in gold, housed the mercy seat. Once a year, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, sprinkling blood on the mercy seat for forgiveness. It's a type of Jesus, who paid the total price for our reconciliation.

**Benefits of Reconciliation:**

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Reconciliation restores harmony between God and man, fostering intimacy and fellowship. Just as children approach their parents with boldness, we can approach God boldly, enjoying his presence.

**Song:**

The song "Unashamed" by Don Francisco reflects on Adam and Eve's fall, echoing God's call, "Adam, Adam, where are you?" It reminds us of our need for reconciliation and restoration.

**Application:**

God seeks a relationship with us, enabled by the propitiation and mercy seat. Let's embrace God's closeness and enjoy his presence fully.

**Understanding Propitiation:**

Propitiation appeases God's wrath and leads to total reconciliation between God and man. It's not just about forgiveness but restoring intimacy with God.

**The Blood:**

The blood of Jesus plays a crucial role in our faith. It started with sacrifices in Genesis, symbolizing God's cleansing and restoration. Through Jesus' blood, we receive new life and transformation.

**Conclusion:**

Let's focus on the blood of Jesus and its benefits, including forgiveness, healing, and deliverance. Embrace God's love and enjoy his presence without fear or condemnation.

**Call to Action:**

Let's stand together and commit to fully experiencing God's presence and the benefits of the mercy seat and propitiation in our lives. Amen.