

Exodus 25:10-22

10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

Hebrews 10:9-12

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
10 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**
11 **And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**
12 **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**
13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
14 **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

Ephesians 2:4-8

4 But God, **who is rich in mercy,** for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, **(by grace ye are saved;)**
6 **And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**
7 That in the ages to come he might shew the **exceeding riches of his grace** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Ephesians 1:6-7

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**
7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,** according to the riches of **his grace:**

Hebrews 4:16

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

Zecariah 4:7

Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and **he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace** unto it.

Mercy - is the act of withholding deserved punishment

Grace - is the act of giving unmerited favor.

Mercy and grace are two sides of a coin – and the coin is love.

Esther 5:1-3

1 Now it came to pass **on the third day,** that **Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house,** over against the king's house: and **the king sat upon his royal throne** in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, **when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court,** that **she obtained favour in his sight:** and the **king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near,** and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, **What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.**

Father, we are laying aside now every other thought, cleansing our minds, and we're coming in thy presence for the cleansing of our soul. **And we bring before us the blood of the Lord Jesus.** We're confessing that we're not worthy of any blessing that You would give us, but because that **He died that we might obtain these blessings, and have told us to come boldly before the throne, that we have access to these blessings through the grace of our Lord Jesus,** who came to the earth, Emmanuel, and taken the place of the sinner. He became we, oh, that we might become He.

What an exchange, Lord! A sinful, hell bound life that we had, and to know that one came and taken that life upon Himself, and purged our sins by the shed blood of his own life. It's more than our hearts could even think about, Lord. And then, besides all of that, **He made a way to take away our iniquity and to heal us by his stripes.** We're so thankful that He promised that He would keep us well while we