

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I don't know if you go very far in your Old Testament, but I want you to look into the second Book which is **Exodus**. Turn to **Exodus** and in **chapter 25**, you will read about God when He said to his servant, Moses —

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Then we read in **verse 22** —

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.

‘Oh,’ you say, “ I can't make head nor tail . . . What is all this about? What is this thing called the tabernacle?” God said He wanted to come down and He wanted to show His people how He could be approached. This One, who is absolutely holy, showed by this very building that they brought together called the tabernacle, how He could be reached. Every part of it speaks about the Lord Jesus Christ.

I do not know if you realize it, but when you pick up your Bible, there is hardly a chapter that is not pointing to the Lord Jesus

Christ. This is why you and I need to see how this links with our life today.

The ark of the covenant, especially *the mercy seat*, was a type of God's throne. Even before the finished work of our Lord Jesus on the Cross, to the sinning Israelite this place was a throne of grace, not a place of judgment. The mercy seat, which was formed of gold and spoke of deity, was sprinkled with the blood of atonement, which vindicated the Law. The divine holiness was guarded by the cherubim.

Here was a picture of how to come to a holy God by that sprinkling of the blood, which spoke about what Jesus Christ was going to do upon that Cross of Calvary. It is such an enormous picture for us to see that all those people in the Old Testament could look to Calvary, whereas we of the New Testament look back to Calvary.

Inside this special meeting place - a meeting place for God and man - between what was called *the holy place* and a place called the Holy of Holies, there was a thick curtain. The holy place, remember, is where this very amazing furniture was to be made and placed, which spoke of the place where God would communicate with His people and where He would fill it with His glory. This was called the holy place.

But between both of these was a thick veil, but it was no ordinary

little curtain; it was very thick. Yet even this was a wonderful type of our Lord. You see, within the Holy of Holies, there was the golden covered ark of the covenant, over which was the mercy seat and in which were the ten commandments. We are told later, as we read in **Hebrews**, that the golden pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded were later placed in the ark. But above the mercy seat, between these two golden *cherubims* — *cherubim are like beautiful angels* as you might describe them. And there was the *shekhinah glory*. You say, "What is the shekhinah glory?" This was the manifestation of the Lord Himself: the glory, the power, the beauty, the light that filled that place. And on and before the mercy seat was the sprinkled blood. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is always associated with the sacrifice of His Blood for you and for me. This ark of the covenant was directly in line with the golden altar. Only the veil separated them, for these God-given arrangements of these six pieces of furniture, which we are going to learn about, pointed to a cross. Again, the very shape was the cross. Jesus, the coming Redeemer, was revealed in each item of the furniture.

When Jesus Christ died on the Cross, no longer did the veil of the temple separate the sinner from God's presence, because God, the veil, was the separation of approaches between the holy of holies and the holy place. God broke the way open for you and me to come to Him. The

veil was torn, just as the flesh of Jesus was bruised and broken for you and for me, when Jesus called from the Cross, **It is finished**. It is done! Before dismissing His Spirit and by His own shed Blood, according to the record in **Hebrews 9:8**, a way was made open into the holiest.

I want you today to realize that a way was made open for you. Jesus Christ came. As perfect God, perfect Man died upon the Cross, His Blood was shed that you might come to Jesus.

Send for *Your Quest for God* that you might really know Him and give Him the praise as you give Him your life.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

