

Schedule of Events

Men's meeting April 3, 2022. Topics for the agenda are due to Bill by end of the evening service tonight.

Think on These Things Philippians

Propitiation

AM Sermon: Tom Betti

Our Family News

Pray for / Ed Maxwell, Terry Campbell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill, and Peggy

Traveling/Working / George and Joy, Hans and Danesa, Wyatt Couch, Steve, and Abby

Radio Programs / Listen to "Searching the scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture / Hebrews 8:1 (KJV 1900) "**Now of the things which we have spoken *this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;***"

Wisdom for Today / Psalm 80:1 (KJV 1900) "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth."

PM Sermon / Michael Couch

Attendance last Sunday: 59

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

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“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Propitiation:

By Bill Beebe

Reading the Bible we sometimes come across words that we are not exactly sure of the meaning, and often we wonder why the word was chosen to express the concept being presented by the Holy Spirit. Propitiation is one of those words that we run across while reading and studying the Bible and it is a word that we are not normally exposed to. To be completely honest, it is a word that I have looked up the meaning more than once or twice. Propitiation is the act of gaining the favor of or making things right with someone, especially after having done something wrong.

It only occurs three times in the inspired scriptures, in:

- Romans 3:25 (KJV 1900) “**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;**”
- I John 2:2 (KJV 1900) “**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**”
- I John 4:10 (KJV 1900) “**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**”

While its use by the Holy Spirit is limited to these three passages, all within the New Testament, its meaning is clear. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. He is the means by which God allows us to be made right with Him. I heard an older preacher describe this as a bridge, Jesus being the bridge that allows us to approach God again. In this context, the meaning of some other passages can be understood easier.

In Exodus 25, God gave Moses instructions for building what would become known as the “Ark of the Covenant”. These instructions are found in Exodus 25:10–22 (KJV 1900). The instructions contain specific detail on the construction of the Ark. These included its size (approximately 3 feet 9 inches long, 2 feet 3 inches wide, 2 feet 2 inches tall), what it was made of (shittim wood which is probably what we call acacia wood today and gold) and what was to be in it (two copies of the law, Aarons rod, and a golden pot of manna). But what is important to the lesson that Tom will bring this morning is what was to be on the top of the ark. This is described in

Exodus 25:18-22 “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.**”

The striking difference between the relationship that God had with the children of Israel under the law given to Moses and the relationship that we have with Him today is evident when studying the concept of “propitiation”. When dealing with the children of Israel, God gave them a physical place where He was to commune with the Israelites. He restricted this to once each year and to the High Priest only. It was then, when that one time each year that the High Priest was to enter the most Holy part of the tabernacle and commune with God that “propitiation” was made for the Israelites to make them right with God for another year. Today, we have a High Priest that sits beside the right hand of God and is our “propitiation”, the means by which we are made right with God, constantly (Hebrews 4:14, 6:20).

If you are a Christian, Jesus is that means by which God can forgive our sins. He is the way that we can approach God. He makes us right in God’s sight, being our only propitiation. We don’t have the Ark today, nor do we have a “Mercy Seat” but we have Jesus who constantly intervenes with God for us and is that bridge being built directly between each of us and God.