**SERMON SHEET 5/5/24**

**Study of Hebrews #36**

**“Jesus, Our Mercy Seat”**

**Text: Hebrews 9:3-5**

I. Introduction

II. Pondering the furnishings of the Tabernacle

1. The lampstand
2. The table with the bread of the Presence
3. The golden alter of incense
4. The ark of the covenant
5. The golden urn of manna
6. Aaron’s staff that budded
7. The tablets of the covenant

III. Pondering Jesus as our mercy seat

IV. Conclusion – a final word from Luke 18:9-14

**QUOTES**

1. NET Bible:

*This term is used only one other time in the NT: Heb 9:5, where it is rendered “mercy seat.” There it describes the altar in the most holy place (holy of holies). Thus Paul is saying that God displayed Jesus as the “mercy seat,” the place where propitiation was accomplished.*

2. Jerry Bridges:

* *I believe that the word “exhausted” forcefully captures the essence of Jesus’ work of propitiation. Jesus exhausted the wrath of God. He bore the full unmitigated brunt of it. God’s wrath against sin was unleashed in all its fury on His beloved Son. He held nothing back.*
* *All who trust in Jesus need never fear the possibility of experiencing the wrath of God. It was exhausted on His Son as He stood in our place, bearing the guilt of our sin*.

3. John Stott:

*God provides the way whereby men may come to Him. Thus the use of the concept of propitiation witnesses to two great realities, the one, the reality of the seriousness of the divine reaction against sin, and the other, the reality and the greatness of the divine love which provided the gift which should avert the wrath from men.*

4. James M. Boice:

* *What is symbolized here? Now, as God looks down from between the outstretched wings of the cherubim, He does not see the law of Moses that we have broken, but instead sees the blood of the innocent victim. He sees that punishment has been meted out. Propitiation has been made. And His love goes out to save all who come to Him, not on the basis of their own righteousness or good works, but through faith in the sacrifice.*
* *We know, of course, that the blood of animals did not take away sin. The Bible tells so (see Hebrews 10). But the animal sacrifice pointed forward to the only sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who by His atoning death became our true propitiation.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Jn. 4:10; Rom. 3:21-25**
* **Is. 53:4-5; Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 5:9**