

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT (part two)

In our [last study](#) James was addressing the problem of the **Sin of Partiality**.

In (James 2:1-13), James has been warning these Jewish Christians the danger of leaving New Covenant faith grace system for the Old Covenant law-works system.

In (James 2:13), James summarizes with the doctrinal solution to the Sin of Partiality - the doctrine of God's "Mercy Triumphs over Judgment."

**This lesson will study four additional doctrinal solutions
of how God's "Mercy", Triumphs over Judgment.**

1. The Mercy Seat, on top of the Ark of The Covenant, was part of Shadow Christology of the Old Covenant (Ex.25:10-22; Heb.9:22; Lev.17:11).

On the Day of Atonement, each year, the high priest offered the Old Covenant blood sacrifice for his sins and the sins of the priest-nation of Israel. It was to declare "the Lord's death until He comes" (Lev.16:15-19; Heb.7:26-28; 9:7-15)

(Heb.9:15) "For this reason He is a mediator of a New Covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the First Covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."

The Mercy Seat covered the Law. Therefore, it covered the justice and judgment of God for sin.

Therefore, the Old Covenant "Shadow Christology blood" poured over the Mercy Seat covered temporarily everything in the Ark of Covenant and **pointed to the coming of Christ who would fulfill it. (Matt5:17; Rom.10:4; Luke 24:44; Gal.3:24)**

2. But here is what is important to understand from the books of James and Hebrews, the New Covenant is superior in every way to the Old Covenant.

The Old Covenant was a "shadow" of Christ, but not the "substance" of Christ (Heb.10:1).

- (Heb.7:22) "so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant".
- (Heb. 8:6-7) "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises".
- (Heb. 8:13) "When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.
- (Heb. 9:14-15) "how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? For this reason, He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance".
- (Heb. 9:28) "so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him".
- (Heb.10:9-10) "then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all".

3. **(Heb.8-10) teach that the New Covenant blood of Jesus Christ covers the Mercy Seat, the Ark of Covenant, the Mosaic Law , and the Old Covenant as well as the sins of the entire world. (John 1:29; 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10).**

(1 Pet.2:10) “For you were once not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, **but now you have received mercy.**”

- (Hos.1:6, 9) Jews
- (Rom.9:24-26) Gentiles
- (1 Pet.2:10) Both (Gal.3:28)

Jesus taught it in the parable of Tenants (Matt.21:33-46) [21:41 and 43]; (John 1:11-13; Acts 13:46-48; 18:6)

4. **God’s saving mercy was transferred from the Old Covenant Mercy Seat “Shadow Christology blood” to the New Covenant Mercy Cross of the sacrificial “blood of Jesus Christ”.**

(Eph.2:4-6) “But **God being rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions (13 judicial charges of Adam’s Original Sin), made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

(Titus 3:5) “**He saved us**, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but according to His mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

Lord is my merciful shepherd.

(Psalms 23:6) “Surely goodness **and mercy (chesed)** will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Circle the TEN benefits you have because of your spiritual relationship with your Lord (vs.1-5)

(Psalms 23:1) “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want”.

(Psalms 23:2) “He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters”.

(Psalms 23:3) “He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake”.

(Psalms 23:4) “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me”.

(Psalms 23:5) “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows”.