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THE ARK AND THE MERCY SEAT



The holiest place had two distinct furniture pieces called the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat. One notable difference with the other sections in the Tabernacle is that the two furniture pieces were placed together; the mercy seat was placed on the ark of covenant.

The ark of the testimony

EXODUS 25:10-16 10 “And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. 13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

The mercy seat

Exodus 25:17 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.

THE ARK, FOCUS OF GOD'S HOUSE

We should start off by looking at the ark of covenant, which was the first furniture piece in the holies of holies. On the first page of this Chapter is a photo of the ark model. The photo of the model is not perfect but gives an idea of how it was. It signified the very presence of the God of Israel among His people. It brought about victory for the children of Israel when they went out to battle; it also brought about prosperity for His people as we see in the days of David, Joshua, and Solomon etc. The presence of the ark meant God's glory was present with the people of Israel.

The ark was so sacred and awesome that no one was to either touch it or look inside it. We saw what happen to the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, how they were smitten, so that over fifty thousand died, because they dared to look into the ark of God in their unclean human state. [**1Samuel 6:19**]

The glory clouds by day and pillar of fire by night, hovered over the children of Israel because of the ark that was in their midst as they journeyed between encampments in the wilderness. The ark was overlaid with pure gold signifying it was eternal, it had three items in it, and they are: Aaron's rod that blossomed, the two tablets of stones on which the Ten Commandments were written and a golden pot of manna. [**Hebrews 9: 3 -4**]

ARON'S ROD THAT BLOSSOMED

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Aaron's rod that budded is used to demonstrate the power of God that works in those who access the ark of the Lord; the power is the

power of the resurrection otherwise known as the powers of the ages to come. The rod blossomed with almond fruits signifying from the Hebrew version, early fruit, and morning fruit etc in this context this spiritually talks of the resurrection from the dead. These are people who awake from the dust of the night and enter into a new day in Christ.

Aaron's rod was originally dead because it was detached from its source, the almond tree. The miraculous blossoming of the rod means that it had been connected back to the source, which is the tree of life. The branch was dead but becomes alive by the life of God. God is saying that those who will produce fruitfulness are those who had been watchful in the spirit. They will be connected back to the source of life which is God the Father. That source of life is found only in the Holies of Holies

THE SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY

The rod or the scepter has always been a symbol of authority in the scriptures examples are the rod of Moses and the scepter of various kings like the King Ahasuerus during the days of Ester. In the real world today a king's scepter is a symbol of Authority, in Africa today we see Chiefs with their staff of authority etc. We know all these are shadows of the real authority given to the true heavenly kings in Christ Jesus, because we understand the invisible things of God by the things that are seen. Jesus Himself was given a rod by the soldiers who were mocking Him for proclaiming Himself king, meaning that the Romans viewed the rod or staff as a symbol of authority.

The Lord in a message to the church in the book of revelations offers a rod of authority to the faithful ones; He talks of a rod that will be given to overcomers who have persevered in the faith.

Revelations 2: 26 – 27 and he who overcomes, and keeps my work to the end, to him I will give power over the nations – ‘he shall rule them with an iron rod; they shall be dashed to pieces like a potters vessels’

The Lord is saying that those who are able to understand the message and overcome the deceit in this lower realm of existence called the world, will be given authority over the whole world which is indeed the kingdom of darkness. God has promised us all power in heaven and earth as long as we obey him by laying down our false identities and hold on to His Name. This power knows no limitation, for it has pleased the Lord to make it so.

THE USE OF THE ROD

Those who have overcome and become kings by virtue of their identification with the only begotten of God will be given authority over all nations, this authority enables you to give life to the obedient and administer the judgment of God to the disobedient.

Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

We who abide in Christ, are the ones with the rod of authority in our hands, we also are the rod of authority in the hands of God our Father. We are the ones to break the vessels that rebel against God. We have the power also to recreate better usable vessels by remolding that which was broken up. Once our obedience is completed in Christ we bring others from the nations (heathen) to bow before the King (Christ). If they obey they will prosper if they disobey they will be broken by the power of the word and authority flowing from Christ in us. They will be broken so that they can be remolded into that perfect vessel desirable unto the Lord.

With this rod of authority the overcomers will set God's people free from the bondages of this Dark Age where they have been held captive. They will part the seas for God's people to pass and they will plague those who stand in their way. Principalities and powers will be smitten by the rods of these Vessels of Honor that God is raising up. Who are these principalities and powers? These are the high concepts of men and the world that oppose the concepts of Christ. Just as Christ was made manifest in the flesh so also do these principalities manifest themselves in the flesh. The principalities and powers seek to preserve the traditions and the institution of men and will fight against any thing that stands in the way. The Scribes and Pharisees are examples of these principalities reigning in their time. There is another Body that is the ultimate principality and the most powerful of them all, it is Christ. Just like the lesser principals used men to compute their tasks so also will he Christ use men to accomplish his mission of lightening up the world. Moses, Aaron and Joshua are shadows of this body of kings and deliverers that God is raising up today. They will lead the flock of the Lord to the promise land, where they can serve and worship the Lord, and find rest for their souls. They will water them and show them the ordinances of God.

Remember what happened to the forces of Egypt that tried to stop Moses, they were broken in pieces. So it will be for those who war against God's elect. God's elect will not curse or harm no one, they only speak the truth. The truth will heal the obedient and judges the rebellious. It judges those that rebel against the word by not willingly yielding. In actuality it is the conscience of the rebellious that will be pricked.

THE SYMBOL OF THE SHEPHERD

Every single one, from the least to the greatest who finds His or Herself in Christ becomes a Shepherd of the Lord's Sheep. This is demonstrated when the children of Israel left Egypt for the Promised Land. All of them had a rod in their hand [**Exodus 12:11**]. That rod they all processed is a symbol of authority and of the shepherd.

The shepherds from time immemorial are known for the rod which they use to shepherd their flock. The true Shepherd cares for the welfare of His sheep; He protects His sheep and leads them into

green pastures and unto streams of water where they can feed and be satisfied. The sheep by nature are weak and do not have any inbuilt defensive mechanism in them to protect themselves against attacks by predators like wolves etc; this is where the shepherd comes in. Just observe the animal in the wild; you will never notice flocks of sheep roaming about in the wild, because they will definitely not survive. The Shepherd with the rod of authority protects the sheep and leads them to safety and peace.

The nature of the Shepherd is the nature of all of those who rediscover themselves in Christ. When God gives all power and authority to the believer, the power is not to be abused, but is used to lead many others into the life of God. We become our brother's keepers always manifesting love and grace unto all men. Shadows of Shepherds that God used for leadership purposes are David, Moses. Others who walked with God are Abel, Abraham, Job and many others. The true Shepherd is Christ, but as rediscover ourselves in Him we too become shepherds of the flock. It does not mean that you must have a church congregation; you only do what you see the Lord doing as you come in contact with men.

The word of the Lord to all His seekers is IF YOU LOVE ME, FEED MY SHEEP. The same way the Lord has lead us to the fountains of living water, in likewise manner do we go forth go gather men from the nations and lead them unto the fountains of living water.

Jeremiah 23:1-4

But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the.

THE TABLETS OF THE TESTIMONY



The ark also contained the two tablets of stones of the testimony, which had the Ten Commandments with the various laws of God inscribed on it. What this meant is that those who access the ark of God will be in agreement with the laws of God. We must have fulfilled all the requirements of the law before we can enter into God's presence and be at peace with God. The Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the law but He came to cause us to fulfill the very law that an ordinary carnal man can't fulfill. **[Matthew 5:17]**. Nobody before the revelation of the Lord was able to fulfill those laws, meaning all men were transgressors of the law. We know that the transgressor of the law is worthy of death, meaning all men before the appearing of the Christ were dead.

Paul's letter to the Galatians **[Galatians 5:16-26]** states clearly that an ordinary carnal man who walks after the flesh can not inherit God's kingdom. The only way we can inherit God's kingdom is by the new and living way in Christ Jesus. When we walk in the power of the Holy Ghost we automatically overcome the law because we have the righteousness of Christ working in us. The laws that Moses

presented were actually spiritual laws in Heaven. Those laws can not be fulfilled by men walking in the Adam-like carnal consciousness.

Christ came to reveal the grace of God to mankind, Moses revealed the law. We know the law could not work and never will walk in justifying man before God, but thank God for His grace that is in Christ Jesus. This grace helps us to overcome the law as we grow back into the Christ consciousness we had before our fall.

God has spoken and will not lie that in these last days he will write the laws in our hearts that we don't sin against him. The wages of sin is death and will ever be death through the transgression of the law. The Lord will cause us to overcome the law in these days, for this reason he sent His only begotten son. Brethren in those days there will be no feeling of condemnation before the Lord, causing us to live eternally; this is Gods gift to mankind.

By the regeneration of the spirit of God, our former carnal natures are transformed into that which is spiritual. It is this new born spiritual man that can truly please God and please Him in a perfect way. Christ was revealed in this world to aid us into the place of overcoming the law. Thanks for that grace and regeneration power of God's spirit. The Lord by the finger of the spirit will write on our fleshy hearts the very words of God, so that we become living epistles for the world to see. Like Jeremiah the Prophet put it, in the days of Christ, the Lord will write His laws in our hearts and reveal His true nature of love to all His people **[Jeremiah 31:33-34]**.

We will discover that in actuality we were created Holy and perfect in God, but we lost all that knowledge of our true selves in our descent in Adam. The workings of God actually cause our eyes to open and to acknowledge our true spiritual identities perfect and without fault in God. That man (our true inner man) generated in God can not sin, He is ever perfect and lives in the favor of God. Our true identity is the pearl of great price which can be found by those who diligently seek the Lord.

Those days are here, it is only for us to stretch out our hands to our Creator and receive it right now. Do not say in your hearts that it

somewhere up in a geographical location called Heaven or it is in a place called Hell, or it is in the sea. Just confess these words by faith receive it and walk into it, for from the days of John the Baptist up to eternity, the kingdom doors are opened and those desiring to enter will enter.

THE HIDDEN MANNA

Manna is the bread the Lord rained on the Children of Israel on a daily basis as they journeyed through the wilderness. The first time it fell from Heaven, they all gazed and wondered what it was all about; they therefore called it manna meaning (what is this).

Their survival in the wilderness was already a big wonder to the nations all around, because none of the Nations saw or tasted of this manna. God made sure it fell in the mornings and the remnants melted away with the sun; if they attempted to keep the manna apart, in quantities more than what they needed the manna bred worms and stunk. The manna is hidden and will always remain hidden from the world. Who is the world? Those who do not have the knowledge of Christ in them; we can also call them those who have not been predestined for glory while in the flesh.

Moses was commanded to place manna in a golden jar and place it, in the ark of God, God commanded this so that the manna was to be for a memorial to future generations (**Exodus 16:32-35**) & (**Hebrews 9:4**). The manna in the Ark never bred worms neither did it ever stink; it was preserved by God's glory.

Notice closely that none of the Israelites ever tasted of the manna that was preserved in the golden pot, The Israelites ate the normal perishable manna and they are all dead today.

There remains manna hidden in the heavens in Christ that God will give to Sons who are worthy of immortality and glory. The manna today is the body of Jesus which never perishes. All saints ought to labor for this manna that is hidden in Christ. **[John 6:47-58]**

In Christ is hidden the mysteries of the ages, these are mysteries hidden from the foundation of the world that will enlighten those given access into the holies of holies. It is so hidden and mysterious that no man can taste of it except it is given to Him from above. Here lies the mystery of the eternal life and God's kingdom that will aid the chosen ones to abide in God's Glory.

ANGEL'S BREAD

Psalms 78:23-25

23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven, 24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven. 25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

The psalmist likened the bread (Manna) to angel's bread because it was prepared in the heavens. We know in our heart of hearts that angels do not eat physical bread but God says they do eat spiritual bread. Just like physical bread satisfies our carnal appetite, so does spiritual bread from God satisfy the spiritual appetite of the spirit man in us. The manna from God's presence satisfies our hunger and strengthens our inner man. We know that the flesh profits nothing, but the spirit man in us is profitable unto all things to the glory of God. I am sure we all know by now that as we awaken to our true natures as Sons of God, we are actually spirit beings not flesh and blood.

The hidden manna is revelation knowledge of God that word's can not express. It is a conscious revelation of God that causes people who are saved to live in the very glory of God. All who granted entrance into the holies of holies have access to this hidden manna that strengthens and gives impeccable joy.

THE MERCY SEAT

The mercy seat signifies the throne of God with the Lord seated. The High priest of old would enter through the veil to atone for the sins of the Israelites before the Throne of God once a year. God's presence appeared in the form of a cloud over the mercy seat and the Lord communicated with the Moses, who will then communicate with His people.

GOD OF MERCY

It was called the mercy seat because the Lord administered mercy to the Israelites from this very throne. We must come to the place where we view the Lord as a compassionate and merciful Father. The Lord always administers mercy and nothing more, the judgments upon the disobedient is only an act of mercy that should turn them back to the truth so that they may be saved.

The Lord showed mercy to the Israelites by delivering them from the hard servitude and bondage they had in Egypt and led them into a land of abundance. The Lord continually gave them victory over their enemies and assured them of good health and prosperity as long as they obeyed him. When the Children of Israel sinned and walked contrary to God's this same mercy seat would turn into a judgment seat of God and they suffered terrible consequences as a result, but when they repented and returned to their Lord and God the seat reverted back to the old Mercy seat and they prospered. In all their troubles, as long as the Hebrews turned back to God with a repentant heart were to be forgiven. [**2 Chronicles 6:24-27**].

The High priest of old would go beyond the veil of the holiest of holies with a censor of sweet smelling incense and sprinkle blood of a clean bull on the Mercy seat as a type of atonement for the sins of the Israelites. The Lord as a result of these atonement rituals looked upon His people with mercy to do well to them and forgive them of presumptuous sins. [**Leviticus 16:11-14**]

All these rituals were mere shadows of the true ritual that our Lord Jesus did when He went beyond the veil by His blood and performed

the Eternal sacrifice before the Mercy seat in heaven for the sins of the whole world. Jesus offered Himself as the sweet smelling incense before God on behalf of the whole world. His work is eternal and has been fulfilled for all generations that were before Him and for all generations to come. In response to this sacrifice of love, God has sent His holy spirit as a gift to man. This gift leads us into all truth therefore setting us free from the power of sin and death. Now we live by grace and greater grace, no more the law. If we can understand this great work of the Cross we should boldly walk up into God's presence beyond the veil. The Lord even promises us the right to sit with Him on His Throne when we obey the Gospel

Once we can comprehend, believe and walk in this revelation we are saved. We must accept our sins are forgiven and therefore have continuous access to the Father. The bible states that the wages of sin is death but we have life in Christ Jesus. Jesus said that He did not come to judge the world but to save it. He also said for God so loved the world that He gave His only son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life running through Him. The work of the cross has revealed the mercy of God to mankind through Christ Jesus our Lord. When we reject Him we reject His mercy and we carry on in death.

THE THRONE OF GOD

Revelations 3: 21. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my father on His throne.

We are converted to become the very expression of His Love and mercy on the earth and in the heavens. Kingship and heavenly Majesty is bestowed on us that seat on the throne of God to Judge and rule over God's creation. While admonishing the Corinthians, Paul reminded them that they are the ones ordained and appointed of God to Judge the world. [**1 Corinthians 6:2**] Those who judge are actually rulers having authority to release or to put men behind bars.

The Lord Jesus received all power in heaven and on earth and is willing to pass this power unto us who are of the faith. As we rediscover ourselves in Him being His body, we have that same power because we are one. The head and the body can not be separated it is one body.

This is the good news Jesus came to preach, let put aside all teachings that go contrary to this, because they are not from the throne of grace but from the pit of hell. The forces of the anti-Christ have a mechanism in place to prevent God's chosen ones from knowing the riches and power that they possess in Christ. We thank the Lord that by His Holy Spirit the veil is being removed that we may understand the hope of our calling in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember heaven is the Throne of God, and we who are in Christ, sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We sit on thrones of glory in Christ, ruling and reigning in Him. Paul's letters to the Ephesians in **Ephesians 2:4-8** is full of this. We have been raised up from the dust places of humanity and exalted to sit with Christ in the elevated spiritual realm of God's existence called heaven. Paul does not say that some day in the future He will raise us up from the graveyards and take us to heaven somewhere in the sky. I am stressing this because if we do not understand this truth and availability of God's promise in the present we can not partake of it.

Some Christians have not come to terms with this reality yet; they feel it is an experience that will be in the after life or after death. God is saying the contrary. He is saying to those that overcome by yielding to His spirit of truth, will of a truth sit on the Throne of glory with God and reign now throughout eternity.

Just like Jesus had in His power to give life to all who came to Him, so also we the body have that power. All things that the Father has have been given over to the son and all things that the son has, He given to we who are His body. The glory and majesty that was with God before the world began has been given to us in its entirety and God will not lie. **[John 17:22]**. God does not withhold anything from man; His ways are not the ways of man. Just imagine the

manner of love the Lord has bestowed on us who are awakening to the truth.

THE CHERUBIM

The Lord commanded that two golden statues of Cherubim be attached to the mercy seat. They were molded in such a way, that their wings spread over the ark and their faces were faced towards the ark. The Lord has a message here.

The Cherubim mentioned throughout the bible can be described in many ways even though they mean one thing. Writing on the Cherubim requires lots of space because it is a very big topic. I can briefly mention a few things on this subject.

Cherubim are angels, they are servants, they are vehicles, they are chariots, and they are heavenly creatures. The Lord appeared to Isaiah and Ezekiel riding on Cherubim; the cherubim all had four faces signifying their heavenly nature, they also had chariots. The Cherubim always appeared with God during His mighty manifestations. At times they appeared in the form of Clouds, they also appeared as wind, other times they appeared as fire.

These are perfected heavenly beings that live by the Glory of God; they are always in complete agreement with God in love. They are ministers of God and guard the way to the tree of life. They are above and not beneath, they are higher than the carnal Adam-like man. In relation to salvation for mankind the Cherubim were placed in the holies of holies to do the following things.

TO WATCH OVER GOD'S PEOPLE AND PROTECT THEM

We know from scriptures that God watches diligently over His people to protect them from destruction. These cherubim were attached to the mercy seat and were they were molded in such a way that they faced downward as though they watched over the mercy seat and the ark [**Exodus 25:20**].

Those who have made up their minds to love God and dwell in His presence beyond the veil have this protection from on high. God will not allow the evil one to touch them, for His name's sake, He watches over His people.

We saw in the days of Elijah, how God opened the eyes of His servant who was in doubt over their safety to see the multitude of heavenly hosts that were watching over Him. **[2 Kings 6:14-17]** Elijah the man of God is a shadow of those who walk in secret place of God which is in actuality the body of Christ. Christians have to rise up in this awareness of this innumerable company of heavenly host sent out for service on behalf of those who are to inherit salvation.

At times people get worried and scared when enemies of the truth surround them. You should remember that if you have loved the Lord and obeyed the message of the kingdom, you can not be touched. The Lord and His invisible hosts are there to help and protect you. They watch over your well being, they will watch over your needs like what you will eat, wear, and cloth yourself with. Fear not brethren remember more are they that are with us than they that are against us because we are the apple of His eyes.

Jesus lived in this reality so that even the death on the cross was done out of obedience unto the will of the Father. He willingly lay down His life that is why they could touch Him. The soldiers who came to arrest Him fell at His feet initially because they were struck down by that invisible host around Him. **[John 18:5-8 5]** Jesus explicitly told those who arrested Him that He had a heavenly body of invisible hosts available at His disposal for His protection. **[Matthew 26:51-54]**. We who venture into this path that men have not passed before, should strengthen ourselves in the understanding that the Lord is always watching over us to bring us to an expected end of peace and Glory. The Lord says that because we have put our trust in Him, He will give His angels charge over us to protect us and to guide our feet from stumbling **[Psalms 91:11-12]**. Fear not, He says: **“I will be with you even unto the end of the world and will never leave nor forsake you. I will keep you in my faithfulness and bring you to an expected end of peace and joy.”**

STEWARDS AND CUSTODIANS OF GOD'S TREASURES

The Cherubim are redeemed souls of men both in the unseen world (Spirit realm) and the seen world (Carnal realm). We can also refer to them as new creatures, after the similitude of Christ. The scope of this book can not completely treat this topic now, but realize that The Cherubim are personalities in Christ who have been completely redeemed.

We call them new creature because they have evolved from that carnal state seen in Humanity into a heavenly state, so they appear as the glory of God. They are the ones who guide those who are heirs of salvation to the tree of life being the very custodians of the key and way to the tree of life. We who receive of God's glory and are glorified in Christ Jesus automatically become the custodians to the treasures of God. We become the door keepers to the store house of His treasures, we become the pillars in the His house. We become like the angelic beings being sons of the resurrection ushering people into the marvelous kingdom of God.

Like God commanded the Cherubim to keep the way to the tree of life, so also do we keep the way and guide people to the tree of life, so that they too may live in the glory of God. [**Genesis 3:24**]

The ways of God are wonderful, those that were rescued now rescue others, and those that were gathered in, now gather others in. God entrusts us with all riches in wisdom and glory so that we can pass this on to others that they may be saved. Paul in a letter to the Corinthians says they were stewards of the hidden mysteries of God. [**1Corinthians 4:1**]

The steward as defined in the Greek is a distributor of goods, a manger of goods, an overseer of a treasure, a governor of a bank, a minister in charge. This is the exalted place that God is bringing us to; all who want to live must pass through us.

We ought to walk by faith in this reality so that in due season the Lord will exalt us to the place where we rule over all His household treasure. Remember the parable of the faithful steward. The servant

was faithful in ruling His masters House properly and was therefore granted greater rule at the appointed time. [Luke 12:42-44]

Those who work in this realm of faithfulness and love, administering in the little power they have now, will be exalted in due season to that place of the Cherubim where they will watch over the household of God. They shall give meat in due season and care for the household of God. We start off with ruling our own bodies which is in fact the house of our master the Christ. We rule our bodies, our minds and every faculty within us and bring them under subjection to the Christ. When all within is subjected to Christ, it is no longer us but Christ in us and we know Christ rules over all of God's creation. This is the coming of Christ that is misunderstood by many this day. He comes in us as we subject ourselves to Him and His truth. We then become like Him, seeing the way He sees, hearing the ways He hears and speaking the way He speaks. John gave a hint on this in **1 John 3: 2-3**

1John 3:2-3 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

We purify ourselves by subjecting ourselves in obedience to the Lord and to His word of life. Christ has to grow in us while our old identity in this world has to decrease. Our thought faculty and every sense of self have to give way for the master who is above all.

THE TWO FAITHFUL WITNESSES

The two Cherubim attached to the mercy seat, can also be likened to the two witnesses who stand before the Lord of the whole earth. They testify about the truth, they testify to this dark world about the true God and His love towards His creation. Paul and the other disciples were in that number; Moses and Aaron were shadows of the two witnesses who set out to deliver the creation by revealing the truth. These are dignitaries that have heard from the Lord and work

in the power of the new age in Christ. They are above and actually are constantly being glorified by that voice that says “come up Hither”. While the ignorant world sinks into the abyss of death, these dignitaries ascend upwards into the Father. As they ascend into that glory cloud the world sees the revelation of the Son of Man. **[Revelations 11:12]**

This phenomenon is what the world calls the rapture. There really is the rapture but it is a spiritual phenomenon, it is a spiritual glorification of the saints. It happened in the time of Paul and will continue happening throughout the ages. There is no such thing as a lifting up in the flesh to meet the Lord in the air, all these are carnally interpreted doctrines. Somebody might say “but Jesus was lifted up physically”. Remember that the testimony of Jesus was only prophetic, God demonstrated that so that people can have a true picture of what goes on in the spirit realm. The natural earthly man operating by the spirit of man can not understand these things and for this reason cannot enter into what God has feely given to us. We have to hear in the spirit and understand the vision then we will be saved. Salvation comes by hearing and receiving from the Lord. **[Matthew 13:14-15]**

No wonder Jesus sent out His disciples in twos to preach the gospel and testify to the truth; He told them as they do this till the Son of Man will be revealed. When we hear this message, understand it and set out to demonstrate this truth to the world as the Lord leads you, we will be glorified by God. Our weak earthly human nature that we inherited will be done away with so that we have a new glorified image after the likeness of God.

This is a mystery, but I tell you by the spirit, that those who serve the Master (Jesus Christ) will be honored by the Father so that where He is in the heavens, we will also be. Jesus today is ruling and reigning in the heavens and God will gather together with Him all that enter into this company of true witnesses. **[John 12:26]**

THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH

Psalms 91:1- He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust-----

The secret place of the most High God is that place behind the veil. When the psalmist wrote about the secret place of the most high [Psalms 91,] He was actually writing about the great love and salvation of God towards those who go to be with the Lord beyond the veil. It is the dwelling place of God, the place of God's glory, the place of God's love and favor. It is called the secret place of God because most men never find this place, and the few who find it, find it only as they are transformed and regenerated into the likeness of the Christ. This is the place Jesus went ahead into to prepare for us who believe; it is the place He came to reveal to mankind, the place of immortal light that shine throughout eternity. It is also the place of rest and abundant prosperity; it is a place where all the powers of the enemy are brought under our feet including death.

When the Bible says Jesus went to prepare a place for us, He did not mean that He went to construct some city somewhere in Heaven. The translations we see today from the original writing are a bit distorted so that people misinterpret these things. Even if they were not distorted, people will not still understand if it is not given to them to understand. If you operate with the carnal mind or the spirit of the world you can never comprehend the things of God. What Jesus meant to say, was that His dying on the cross and the shedding of blood for the remission of our sins would be accomplished by His going away or dying. Without His death on the cross, no one would have had that right to salvation and glory. The blood of Jesus is our passport to God's kingdom. Also the spirit of truth which was embedded in Him at that point in time could only be sent to us on His departure, that is why He stresses the fact that it is good that He goes away. Without His going away we would not have been given

access to God's glory beyond the veil. His going away (Dying) prepared and opened the way for all men to come into the secret place of God and behold His glory.

We who believe and have this revelation reign and rule with Him in the Heavens, because we stand Where He is, in the bosom of the Father. Before the coming of our Lord Jesus the whole world, including the Jews never had access to this place. It is Jesus who has given us that key to the door, He has come to show us that way to this sacred place of Life. He is there today and has promised by His word that where He is there also who obey will be.

This place of God's love is open to all today, it is not a reality that comes to pass when we die and go to the graves. The reality is here for all to enter as they hear the message. It does not matter where they are, what they are doing, which religion they belong to, all that matters is the hearing and perceiving of the master's call.

Just like Noah entered the ark in obedience to God and inherited a new world where righteousness dwelt, we who hearken will inherit eternal life in the age to come. The same way He was lifted up and up while the others who rebelled sunk deeper and deeper in the abyss, so also will those who enter into the secret place of God by faith be saved from the destruction under the face of the sky. No evil will touch these obedient ones of God, God will not allow it so that His name is not dragged in the mud among the nations.

The shadow of the Almighty is under the wings and feathers of His Cherubim so that those who enter this ark of God are under His watchful protection. He will cause His ministering spirits, His Holy spirit to enlighten you continuously and cause you to prosper in all that you do so that no plague of the world will touch you.

The psalmist who really didn't have full insight into His writings, often talked about this place of exceeding glory. He perceived and meditated at the awesome salvation and love of God towards those who seek refuge in the secret place of God. [**Psalm 27:4 -6**]. They will constantly behold the beauty of the Lord and sing songs of Joy

unto the Lord. These are the ones that know the shout of Joy at the name of the Lord.

This secret place is like the eye of a storm that remains at peace while trouble and destruction rages without. No wonder Jesus wept and told the Israelites how He longed to bring them unto Himself and cover them under the shadow of God as a chicken covers her chicks. Like the Hen covers and watches over her Chicks Jealously, in this manner does He watch over us? [**Matthew 23:37**]

When they rejected Jesus they were rejecting their mercy, they were rejecting their savior, the one who came to give them, rest, peace and protection. .

Let us work our salvation with fear and trembling, so that the exceeding mercy of God beyond the veil will be ours. Let us never waiver in our quest for that precious consolation beyond the veil, if He has called you, He will never let you down. Remember it is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom. [**LUKE 12:32**]