

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

OUR EVERLASTING MERCY SEAT

LC Q98: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

- The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon Mount Sinai, and written by him on two tablets of stone; and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The first four commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.

The Ten Commandments:

- Two tablets = two full copies = covenant
- Man's obligation = keep and obey
- God's obligation = blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience.
- Placed in the Ark of the Covenant.
- Bear witness to God that He is Holy and Just.
- Bear Witness to man that he is sinful.

The visible image of the Ark of the Covenant:

- Presence of God enthroned between the cherubim
- Ten Commandments below the "mercy seat"
- Mercy Seat – Between God and the law.
- The blood of the sacrifice is poured over the mercy seat, covering the law.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ (our mercy seat)

- The accusation of the law against us
- Jesus Christ is our mercy seat
- God's wrath is removed from us – Jesus Christ bears the wrath
- By faith, our sins are covered, fully covered, freely covered, eternally covered
- We are free to come to the Father

Compare Lev 16:2 & Heb. 4:16 - meditate on the difference the blood of Christ makes.