

*God's Mercy Seat
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Scripture Text: 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16-18

Introduction

Today, this very moment, you may feel overwhelmed by disappointment ... maybe you simply feel “beat up” by life’s curveballs and blind-side punches. Let me recommend an address for treatment - it is called the [Mercy Seat](#)!

In Psalm 136, the Psalmist declares that the Father’s mercy “endures [forever](#),” and he emphasizes that fact [26](#) times!

We will discover God's [purpose](#).

2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16 ... We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don’t give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. That is why we never give up.

We will discover an abiding [peace](#).

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 ... Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So, we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

We will discover a [Friend](#).

Listen as I paraphrase Hebrews 4:15-16; “You are not dealing with someone who cannot understand your weaknesses. You are coming to a Savior who has been tempted in every way you have; and though he never sinned, he understands you and urges you boldly – yes, boldly – to approach the Throne of Grace (The Mercy Seat) where you can obtain mercy and find help in your time of need.”

As we prepare to participate in the Lord’s Supper, let God do an amazing miracle in your heart. Let Him replace the “[D](#)” in [D](#)isappointment with a “[H](#)” ... transforming the word into “[H](#)is Appointment.”