

It is wonderful when the Lord delivers you from the snare of the fowler, but Psalm 91 tells us that God wants us to step into something even better. Verse 4 goes on to say: "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge." There are so many powerful truths hidden in this simple line!

The Old Testament was written predominantly to the Jewish people, who would understand words such as "His wings" and "feathers" as pointing to the ark of the covenant. The cherubim on top of the ark have feathered wings. Of all the furniture pieces in the temple, the ark was the most holy. It was placed in the Holy Of Holies and typifies our Lord Jesus Christ. It was made of incorruptible wood and overlaid with gold. The wood represents His incorruptible and sinless humanity, while the gold speaks of His perfect divinity and deity. Our Lord Jesus was 100% Man, and yet 100% God. The lid of the ark of the covenant, where you find the cherubim, was hammered out of one solid piece of gold. It is called *kapporeth* in Hebrew, and is usually translated as "mercy seat". To understand the significance of the mercy seat, we have to understand the contents within the ark of the covenant.

Three items were placed inside the ark of the covenant: the stone tablets on which God had inscribed the Ten Commandments, a golden pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that had budded. The three items typify man's rebellion - man's rejection of God's holy standards, man's rejection of God's provision, and man's rejection of God's appointed leadership. God took these symbols of man's rebellion and failure, placed them in the ark of the covenant, and covered them with His mercy seat. It is a beautiful picture of His unmerited favour over our lives, and how mercy triumphs over judgment.

This is the secret place where God wants you to live each day - not under the claws of judgment, punishment, and condemnation, but under His wings of mercy, grace, and favour. This is the place of intimacy with our Lord Jesus; this is the place of divine protection.

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