

The *Confidence* of
True *Worship*

1. God's purpose for what He is telling Moses to do is to establish *intimacy* with His people.

- In the natural, people are simply not *equipped* to walk into the holy presence of God.
- The goal of worship is God *dwelling* with us.

- Notice the importance of doing it God's way (Ex. 25:9).
- His way is the only way it will work.
- Now please understand, this was only a type, a figure, a picture of the real thing.

- So as we approach God we are to continually allow the word of God to identify things in our lives that need to be washed.

- We should see them as provisions God has made for us so that we can come into His presence.
- So, the cherubim represent a heavenly reality.

- The Ark represents the *character* of God.
- His mercy is expressed to all who *willingly* come under the headship of Christ.

- Everything we have said leads us to this place where God meets with His people.
- The basic meaning of the Hebrew word (kappor'eth) in Ex. 25:17 translated mercy seat is simply covering.

2. Practical Application to Our Corporate Worship

- We must come into God's presence in absolute reliance upon Christ's finished work on our behalf.

- Our confidence is found in what Jesus has already done for us.
- God does not meet with us on the basis of our good behavior.

- But our performance is not the basis of our boldness before God.
- The answer is Meeting God at the Mercy Seat.
- He meets with us on the basis of the atonement.