

9. Be the Mercy Seat

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9.1 God Is Love

God is Love (1 John 4:8). You can be aware of this short statement and acknowledge it as a concept, but it will have very little effect on your life unless you live every moment as if you are embedded inside a Personal LOVE. And you cannot live inside of Love unless you know Love.

I have no interest in giving you a mental knowledge of the love of God. My hope is to cause you to KNOW that God-Love is the only One in whom you have ever lived, and God-Love is the only One who has ever directed your path. I know you do not always believe that.

Knowing Love. But how do we know love? As a human you want to be loved more than you realize. And you hope to love others, even though you sometimes think the opposite. But how do you know love, especially such a thing as God-Love?

That is an easy question to answer. Let me first give you the three critical love verses of the gospel. These are from the NKJ. **By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren** (1 John 3:16). – **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends** (John 15:12-13).

Where Is Love? But then, here is the stunner, the verse that takes all this costly Love and places it in the one place it must be to count for you. – **Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has {already} been poured out [shed abroad – KJV]**

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us (Romans 5:5).

Where is the only place you will ever find this God-Love? – Poured out in and shed abroad from your own heart. You will know God-Love in no other place.

John said that you do not know what you are. It is my hope, by the end of this short chapter, to cause you to know, not just God-Love towards you and in you, but much more, that your entire life has been and is one thing only – God-Love through you towards others.

One Thing Only. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.

There is one thing only that could ever get you to step out from your own false story of confusion, abuse, and separation from God. That one thing begins with your seeing another human being, a person just like yourself in all ways, yet one who lives in and by God-Love only, laying down his life, with all his heart, just for you. You see, that is the required assumption of Jesus' own intentions, that if you, dear reader, were the only person in the universe lost inside of sin and death, Jesus would have willingly laid down His life just for you.

The Loudest Words. But seeing another human laying down his life for you cannot be enough to convince you to live always inside that same love. You must also know that you were, literally and substantially, in person, there INSIDE that same Jesus through every step. Until you KNOW that you were, you do not know Paul's gospel or Paul's Jesus.

Here is the evidence, the words Jesus spoke before He ever rose to His feet the first time in Gethsemane, as heard by Isaiah and referenced by the writer of Hebrews. **“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me”** (Hebrews 2:13). These are the loudest words in the universe, all here now and Personal inside of you. Jesus Himself testifies that you were with Him, inside of Him all the way through.

One Picture of God. But think about the implication of these two sets of words. **By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. – Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.** Jesus could just as easily have said, “Greater God is no one than this...” The truth is, if it isn’t God, it isn’t love.

God IS invisible. Yet He has given us ONE picture of Himself by which ALONE we are to know Him, a moving picture. That one picture of God is the human Jesus, from the moment He entered Gethsemane, around 3 AM, until the moment He showed Himself to His disciples, having returned from placing His Blood upon the Mercy Seat in the presence of God, around 60 hours later. That 60-hour walk of the Atonement is God made visible.

God-Visible. Here is the beginning of God-Visible. – **And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground** (Luke 22:44).

And here is the description of God-Visible. – **He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows** (Isaiah 53:3-4).

Here is the definition of God-Visible. **[Love – Father] covers all [for all], believes all [for all], hopes all [for all], carries all [for all]** (1 Corinthians 13:7).

And here is the reality of God-Visible. **Here am I AND THE CHILDREN whom You have given Me.** – You were there entirely inside of God-Visible.

Human Kindness. But what is God Visible??? – A human being confined by all the limitation of being human and weak.

God in His form is all here now and Personal in every place. God in His power is the All-Carrying One who turns all things meant for evil towards goodness, who calls those things that “be not” as they ARE. God in His essence and quality is Love. But God in His appearance, in His outward expression, is a human, limited in all ways by the form He created us to be.

Now, the walk of the Atonement, God made visible, was, in part, a means to an end. The end result of God made visible can be found in one expression only – human kindness.

The Expression of God. Here is the everlasting expression of God-Visible. – **And be kind with one another, tender-hearted, forgiving [giving favor to] each other, in exactly the same way that God inside of Christ gave favor freely to you. Therefore, be like God, as beloved children and walk inside of love, in just the same way that Christ also loved us and gave Himself to us for our sakes, an offering and a sacrifice to God, into a sweet-smelling aroma** (Ephesians 4:32-5:2).

Yet there is an enemy in your own mind against such a reality of God-Love made visible inside of creation. You see, you know two “Gods” and two “Christs.” The “God” and the “Christ” of your human intellect are always opposed to the true God and the true Jesus who live only in your heart.

A False Image. To understand the false image of God, we must return to Genesis 3. There is an absurd idea, floating around and stuck in people’s minds, that the serpent wanted to “be like God.” If

the serpent had wanted to be like God, God would have been thrilled, for God is love. In fact, God not only made us as humans just like Himself, but He commands us at the heart of the gospel to be just like God.

What the serpent wanted was to be himself the “likeness” of God, that is, the image through which everyone must look in order to “see God.” And an unthankful Adam willfully agreed. And thus the highest of heavenly beings, all outward lights and perfections, has set himself as “what God looks like” in the darkened human mind.

Limited by Your Limitations. And so, the “Christ” many hold in their minds, in opposition to the Jesus they already know in their hearts, is a “Christ” who is beyond limitation, a superior, even an arrogant “Christ.”

I hope to write a second book, a companion to this one, in which I will do my best to expose and to root out that seed of the evil one planted all through the field of Christianity. I hope to title that next book – *Let My People Go*. The only thing I want to do here, however, is to connect you utterly and forever with the Jesus who lives in your heart.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. There is only ONE image of God, a MAN, limited by your limitations, carrying you all the way through death into life.

Placed above All. And having been found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself {He acted just like God}, **having become submitted unto death, that is, the cross. Therefore, also, God highly exalted Him and favored Him with the name above every name...** (Philippians 2:8-9). And thus it is this ONE image of God, a Human, limiting Himself by your limitations and laying down His life for you, that God has placed above all as the only God-Visible there is.

This is the same Jesus who lives now inside your heart.

I have placed you, now, inside of God Love as Father IS. Next, I want to take you through the passage of a God of Travail sharing His Heart with you into your being the very Mercy Seat of God in practice towards all.

9.2 God Is Travail

I enjoy the Hercule Poirot movies played by David Suchet. From them I have learned an important principle of discovering the truth about anything. While the inspector was busy following the big and obvious clues to dead ends, Hercule Poirot looked only for the odd and insignificant clues that seemed to have no meaning. Once he discovered the meaning of those insignificant clues, he knew the answer to the mystery.

If any “bigger picture” does not answer to full satisfaction the odd and insignificant clues, it cannot be the truth. Before we can know Jesus as He is inside of and through us, we must first know God as He is.

Two Odd Clues. And there are two very odd, seemingly tiny and insignificant clues in the New Testament missed by almost all, clues that must be answered before we can know God as He IS. Any picture of “God” that does not include the full answer to these two clues cannot be the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have already seen both of those clues in this text. The first is the fact that the cross was transferred from Jesus to another on the way to Golgotha. The second is these words of Paul. – **Likewise, the Spirit also joins as help together with our weakness; for the things necessary that we should pray for we do not know, but the Spirit itself brings us in line [with Father] for the sake of others, with inexpressible groanings** (Romans 8:26).

Two Critical Questions. You cannot know God as He is, you cannot know Jesus as He is, you cannot know yourself as you are unless you can give a full heart answer to the following two questions.

What is a God who falls on His face in the mud under a cross He cannot carry?

What is a God who groans in travail to give birth?

When you know this God all through your own being, then you will know Jesus Sent, for you will be just like Him. But look at those two questions, for are they not the story of your life? Has your life always been God as He is expressing Himself through you?

What is a God who groans in travail?

God Seen and Known. In order to begin to understand any answer to that question, let's look again at God's original desire

That which was from the beginning [from the source or origin]; that which we have heard; that which we have seen with our eyes; that which we have gazed upon [observing to understand], and our hands have touched and handled all the way around the Word of life; and the life was made visible {God seen and known}, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the life that unfolds the ages, which was [I am] connecting with the Father and was made visible to us (1 John 1:1-2).

For all shall know Me (Hebrews 8:11). God seen and known, God touched and handled.

Willing to Believe. All the outward difficulties of the human race and all creation exist only because God is not known.

Jesus said to His disciples, **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain"** (John 15:16). That "fruit" in its completion is God seen and known through you, for you are His

image, sharing the same form together with Jesus as the revelation of the Father.

But why is God blocked from making Himself known? God can make Himself known only through humans who are willing to believe that He IS sharing their lives with them and that He IS revealing Himself in travail through their difficulty.

For the Sake of Others. The Spirit also joins as help together with our weakness... the Spirit itself brings us in line [with Father] for the sake of others, with inexpressible groanings.

As you devote yourself utterly to Father, so you know that He has already utterly devoted Himself to you, sharing your life with you including all of your weakness and difficulty. But you have turned around! God is not sharing your difficulty with you for your sake. You live already in full and complete Salvation. God, through His Spirit, joins together with your weakness, your stumbling, your tears, your mistakes, your joys and triumphs and strengths – **for the sake of others.**

Made Perfect in Weakness. Here is how Paul stated his own discovery of this truth that God joins with our weakness for the sake of others. **Jesus said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect [comes to its full completion] in weakness."** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong** (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

And then Paul said this: **I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church** (Colossians 1:24).

A False Image. I realize that I have given you a whole lot to think about and to incorporate into your understanding of your everyday life. I want to change tack for a bit and talk about a common temptation of the evil one.

God's great difficulty with humans from Adam until now is that all are lusting after an image of "Christ" that is not Jesus. That image is of some sort of "super-Christ," an "above-you Christ," a "Christ" that is far separate from your lowly human life and limitations in this world and who requires of you to "perform" in some outward way to be "worthy" of him. And in response to this "super-Christ" humans pretend with all the pretending they can do – yet always falling short.

Temptation. And so the evil one has likely already tempted you to think something along these lines. *"I feel miserable this morning. What I did yesterday was so wrong and embarrassing. I am so weak and fleshy. Christ isn't like this. Christ lives above my human stupidity. All my Christian friends now know how fleshy I am. This "union with Christ" stuff is so stupid. If Christ were living as me, then I would walk above all these petty limitations of my rotten self."*

You must understand what is really happening from all angles in moments like this. First, you are agreeing with the evil one that lowly humans CANNOT be the image of God. And you are lusting after the same exalted "super-Christ" Adam preferred – in order to impress your own self-conscious imagination of what you think other people think about you.

The Problem. Now, none of that is a problem for Jesus. He IS living as you, sharing Himself with you through all things; He IS carrying your griefs and bearing your sorrows entirely inside Himself.

It's not a problem for Jesus, your Savior and your Salvation, but it is a problem for you and for Father. It's a problem for you because, in that

moment, you are blocking yourself from the strength of knowing that Father shares all things with you. And it's a problem for Father, because His heart's desire, to be seen and known through your weakness, is not known.

But let's take this whole thing, including the temptation and all your agony, and turn it right around.

Inside of Christ. Here is Paul's statement that allows us to turn around with confidence. **Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...** (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

God is inside of Christ Jesus through every stumbling step of the way, inside His agony in Gethsemane, inside His pain from the whips and the thorns, inside His humiliation and nakedness, inside His wrenching cries of aloneness. And inside of all that travail, God is doing what Father is. God is reconciling the world to Himself.

Jesus Believed. And how was Father able to do such a thing inside of Jesus?

Father was able to move through Jesus' agony BECAUSE Jesus believed with all His heart that "God IS inside of Me, reconciling the world to Himself through My difficulty." And Jesus believed that, with zero outward evidence, only because He KNEW that He could do nothing of Himself, that Father directed His every step inside of Love, and that Father had sent Him into the world to seek and to save what was lost.

For that reason, Jesus knew that the Spirit of His Father was joined together with His weakness and was travailing for the sake of others in order that the knowledge of God, God seen and known, might enter into the experience of every created thing.

Turn It All Around. And then Paul said, “**And God has committed to us the word of reconciliation**” (2 Corinthians 2:19). This word of reconciliation cannot be anything other than Christ Himself living in your heart and God inside of Christ reconciling the world to Himself together with you inside your confidence that He IS. Yes, there is an outward expression of that word of reconciliation to others, but it comes first only out from Father inside of you, sharing all things with you.

Let’s go back to the agony and frustration that you felt when those words of separation were rolling around in your mind, the humiliation over being human and the lust to be the “super-Christ.” Let’s turn it all around.

Pray out Loud. “Father, I walk every step embedded utterly inside of Your Love, and You walk as one with me, sharing all things with me that we go through together. Father, this agony I feel, even in the midst of and in spite of the temptation of the evil one, this agony is Your deep sorrow inside me, Your Spirit joined together with my weakness. Father, You are inside of me, inside our every step together, regardless, reconciling the world to Yourself through my confidence in You.

“Thank you, Father, for sharing Your Heart with me. Thank you, Father, for sharing my heart with Yourself. Father, You are, in this moment, seen and known through me, exactly as You wish and for Your desire.”

9.3 Sharing Heart with God

And now we come to the great Treasure, to the only thing we desire, to our final and everlasting goal – to share Hheart with our Father, to have Father’s Heart, planted right here inside our own chest.

To share Hheart with God. To be the embodiment and the expression of Father’s deepest desire, the greatest value inside of Himself.

The love of God has [already] been poured out [has been shed abroad] inside of our hearts through the Holy Spirit, the One having been given to us (Romans 5:5). You already share Hheart with God, the question is, how do you know such a wondrous and impossible thing?

Custom-Made. Your knowing of such a thing happens ONLY between you and Father. There is nothing I can do for you in that regard. But I can do two things for you. I can give you the background of your possession of such a mind-boggling Treasure. And I can suggest a practical expression of sharing heart with Father.

I have found Me a man (or a woman) after My own Heart. – Let it be to me according to Your word. – Let it be to you according to your faith. First, if you are filled with all the fulness of God, that must include the Father’s Heart. And if you are custom-made to fit God, then your heart was specifically designed by God to contain and to reveal His own Heart.

Agreement of Heart. Yet Father’s Heart inside of your heart is something that CANNOT be created. God cannot make it so, that is, cause you to know such a thing, just by speaking a word. The agreement of Heart with heart comes only inside of a furnace of affliction and through a valley of tears.

Have you known agony in your life? Have you wept in the deepest of sorrows? Have you staggered in bottomless confusion? Then you are most definitely a candidate for knowing this most valuable of all values, sharing Heart with Father, if you are willing to know Father alone.

Being blessed forever is for everyone but living inside of and as Father’s Heart is only for those who will not have anything else.

The Only Thing Important. There is ONE THING ONLY of any meaning or importance going on ANYWHERE in this world. And that one thing is the shaping of the human heart to contain and to reveal the Heart of God All-Carrying.

And the heart of every individual person on this planet is either shrinking away from or growing towards Father's Heart through their own choices and wants and actions. What goes on in people's heads has no meaning, either to God, or, ultimately to them. Here is a billionaire who has clawed his way to the top. Here is a Down Syndrome woman who loves every person with the joy of Jesus upon her face. The first will be tiny forever, the second, with her full mind restored, will be as large as the brightest of stars.

God All-Carrying. You have seen the description of God All-Carrying. **[Love – Father] covers all [for all], believes all [for all], hopes all [for all], carries all [for all]. Love [Father] never fails** (1 Corinthians 13:7-8).

John places this same Love inside of you and you inside of Him. **And we have come to know and have come to believe the love that God has inside of us. God is love, and the [one] living inside of love, lives inside of God, and God lives inside of him. In this love has been perfected, brought to full completion fused together with us, that we might have boldness to speak [Christ our life] inside the [to]day of judgment, that just exactly as He is, so also are we in this present world** (1 John 4:15-17).

Love Inside of Them. But Jesus makes this most incredible statement, in some ways the most wondrous statement in the Bible. **I have made known to them Your name and will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me, might be inside of them, and I inside of them** (John 17:26).

Jesus is the Father's Heart. And Jesus lives in your heart. You already share Hheart with God. Now, you need to know that it is true.

Before you turned around inside the Holiest and sat down upon the Mercy Seat together with the Lord Jesus, as you entered, step by step into the knowledge of God's Salvation, you had to learn never to approach God with your own human performance, actions, or abilities, but only through Jesus.

From Here on Out. Now that you have accepted, not just your full union with Christ, that your flesh IS His flesh, but also your full connection with Father and now that you have turned around inside of God, things are slightly different. From here on out, everything you are and do is you and Father together.

I want to introduce you, now, to a way of thinking inside this togetherness with Father, this synergeia, as Paul puts it, that we will develop rapidly through the remainder of this short book. Through your faith and confidence in Father merged together with Father's faith and confidence in you, Christ as you, Christ your only life, you and Father do everything as one Pperson together.

Speak Good Grace. And the first place you must start in this wondrous new way of thinking and living, is the exact same place wherein Adam turned away from this same thing. Giving thanks.

Except, we discover something about the word translated as "Give thanks" in most versions of the Bible. It is the word "*eucharist*," *eu* (good) – *charis* (grace), and it really means to speak good grace. And so, when Paul said, "**Give thanks FOR all things,**" he was really saying, "**Speak good grace into and for the sake of everything.**"

You and Father together are making all things good.

Practice the Mercy Seat. You and Father together are making all things good. In the next three chapters, you will learn a great increase of what this statement actually means.

In the remainder of this chapter, however, are two vital things for your knowing of what it means to share Hheart with God. One of those things is your habitual practice of being the Mercy Seat, Father's Heart, the Salvation of Jesus, now expressed through your every thought and breath.

I have included an "assignment" titled "Practice the Mercy Seat." If you truly desire to know Jesus as He is, take this assignment most seriously. Practice it; make it the habit of your life.

The Ruling Verses of Love. Here is how Paul said it, **"Pray without ceasing. Speak good grace inside of everything, this for the desire of God inside of Christ Jesus [sent] into you"** (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). As you practice being the Mercy Seat as the Lord Jesus Himself sharing all things with you, so you will learn to know what sharing Hheart with God really is.

The second thing we must do is to briefly return to the critical and ruling verses regarding Love. **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends** (John 15:12-13). – **By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren** (1 John 3:16).

Connected with Jesus. Here are those same verses in the Jesus Secret Version.

This is My commandment, that you love one another [equally reciprocal, continuously back and forth], just exactly as I love you. Greater love has no one than this, that he should lay down [place, establish, set forth] his soul for his friends. – By this we have known love, because He set forth his soul, His story of self, for us, for our sakes {the

word includes the concept of a trade, story for story, life for life}; **and we also are committed to setting forth our souls [laying down our lives] for the sake of our brothers and sisters.**

For nine chapters, I have connected you, as an individual person, with the Lord Jesus by the Spirit, and through Jesus, together with the Father, and that is as it must begin.

The Heart of Jesus. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out (John 10:3).

Christ begins as every Word God speaks sent forth from the Father into your heart. And there, inside of you, that same Jesus, as every Word, becomes your only life, living now as you, an individual person, in all things forever.

That's where it must begin. But it is not where it ends. For here is the earnest heart-throb and COMMAND of the One who fills your heart with all of His glory. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER – in exactly the same way that I love you.** This same Jesus, utterly one with you, now, and as you, lays down His/your life for the sake of those who belong to Him.

Love Them. Let's keep one thing clear, right off the bat. You are absolutely and utterly INCAPABLE of loving anyone. God alone is Love. If there is to be Love, there must first be God. And for you to know that Love in practical everyday expression, you must walk together as one person with Father, in full confidence that He IS sharing all things with you, regardless.

You must know sharing Hheart with God.

And as you share Hheart with your Father, you look out from that Hheart, and you see, all around you, your brothers and sisters in Christ, and you hear these words, Jesus fulfilled inside of you. "Love them, love them, love them, as I am love in you."

The Points of Love. Here are the points of love, of being the Mercy Seat for others, of sharing Hheart with God.

25. The essence and meaning of God is Love. Know Father's Love; live inside of His Love in all confidence; be as you are already, the expression of that Love.

26. God is travail through you, carrying all things inside Himself, laboring with you over all for their sakes, seeing with you all things good, bearing with you the cost of love, bringing forth His knowledge through you, that all might know Him.

27. As believers love one another, so they share Hheart with God. Know that you are the Mercy Seat of God, practice being that Mercy Seat, love one another out from your shared Hheart with Father, that is, the Lord Jesus Christ.

9.4 Practice the Mercy Seat

Assignment:

Engage directly with Father in the exercise of your own heart, first, as the Mercy Seat of God, drawing all things into love, and second, as Father and you together speaking good grace into all things, making all things good.

Purpose

- To begin to see your own heart as the Mercy Seat of God.
- To practice drawing people, both difficult and beloved, into the love of God that always fills your heart.
- To practice sending forth good grace into other people, both difficult and beloved, and into all circumstances.
- To share heart with God.

General guidelines:

Place yourself before God and inside of God. Believe that what He speaks already applies fully to you – through the words, “**Let it be to me according to Your word.**” Having asked, now believe that it already is.

This relationship between you and Father in applying the forgiveness of God and in sending forth good grace can exist ONLY as you are rooted and grounded IN the love of God for you. Any thought of your own “not pleasing God” must prevent this exercise.

Specific directions:

1. Begin your engagement with God by placing yourself through praise and thanksgiving into the knowledge of the Father arising always from within you.
2. Acknowledge and know the Father in your own heart, that you and He are always meeting together there.
3. Recognize the Blood of the Lamb sprinkled upon your heart, the Atonement.
4. Recognize and acknowledge the love of God poured out and shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit who belongs to you, one Spirit with you.
5. Recognize the authority granted to you by the words of Jesus to forgive and to release.
6. Think of someone you love, someone close to you. Reach out with the “arms” of your love, the love of God always filling you full, and draw that person into your heart.
7. Recognize and acknowledge that person in love in your heart; see them there, above the blood.
8. Speak in your own heart words of forgiveness, not for offenses against you, but for offence, period. Then release that one from all control of yourself. Release him or her into the freedom of

God, set free from all iniquity and bondage and obligation. Release that one into the life and glory of Jesus.

9. Then give thanks for that one, and in giving thanks, speak good grace into them. Speaking as one together with Father send forth the Holy Spirit to minister that grace to this person.
10. Next, think of some present circumstance that is difficult for you. Reach out with the “arms” of your love, the love of God always filling you full, and draw that circumstance into your heart.
11. As you see that difficulty, see it with thankfulness, knowing that the Father shares that difficulty completely together with you.
12. Together with the Father, speak good grace into the difficulty, speak the arising of God, speak the working of goodness coming as a result of that difficulty, speak the expectation of favor. Then release that difficulty into the expectation that you and Father together make all things good.
13. Think of a person most difficult for you to consider, the person who has done you harm or has deeply wronged you. This is not an easy thing.
14. Position your own mind and heart in terms of Jesus, life laid down, love poured out. What you are doing specifically is laying down your life for this one who has done you such wrong.
15. Understand, you probably cannot do this either for yourself or for the other person. Look into Father’s eyes and heart alone. You do this for one reason: for Father’s sake. Say out loud, “For Your sake, my Father.”
16. In your mind’s eye, draw this individual who has done you so much hurt into the Love that fills your heart, there above the Blood. Say out loud, “I love you (name the person); I release you into the forgiveness of God.
17. See the offense disappearing into an empty tomb. See Jesus, your glory, filling all that you are, sharing, even that offense and its disappearance utterly together with you. Release the person into the joy of God.
18. Then give thanks for this difficult person. And in giving thanks, speak good grace into them, sending forth the Holy Spirit, together with Father, to minister that grace on your behalf.
19. Know that this is what Jesus is always doing inside of and out from you regardless of anything you might see, think, say, feel, or do.
20. Make this action of engaging your heart, the Father’s heart, as the Mercy Seat of God towards all circumstances and all people in your life, your continual practice. Make it the breathing of your life.