

TEXT - Revelation 4:6b-8

REVIEW

From Ezekiel, we learn that these beasts are called *cherubim*.

In Isaiah, we hear them described as *seraphim*, “burning ones.”

The cherubim are mentioned many times throughout the Old Testament scriptures.

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known. 2 Samuel 6:2b ...God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

- 1) to be worshiped (Gen 3:24-4:4; Is 6:1-3)
- 2) to speak to us
- 3) to deal with sin
 - a) by judgment and punishment for those not in Christ
 - b) by mercy and forgiveness by the shedding of blood for those in Christ
- 4) to save us

Last time, we learned that when we read about the cherubim in Revelation 4 and 5, we are to understand that God is declaring judgment on the wicked for their sins. But we also are to believe that those who repent of sins will be saved from this wrath of God.

BODY

This evening, we consider how the cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known so we can understand Him to be dealing with sin in mercy and forgiveness by the shedding of blood.

See in its most primitive form

covering made by God - Gen 3:21

presence of cherubim - Gen 3:24

Abel worships accordingly - Gen 4:4

by faith - Hebrews 11:4

See in the Tabernacle

covering ordered by God - Exodus 25:10, 16-21

presence of cherubim

covering made - Exodus 37:6-9

there sins covered - Leviticus 16:15, 30

-God would look down and see His law, and be reminded of our
breaking of it

-but with the covering over the ark, He sees the perfection of Jesus
Christ

-with the blood sprinkled, He sees the price of sin already paid

See in Revelation

Jesus Christ shown as fulfillment

Revelation 4 shows what the *kapporeth* or mercy seat represented

Revelation 5:6-9 shows Jesus, the true atonement

So, when we read about the four beasts in Revelation, our minds are to go to how
God, through the blood of Jesus Christ, is dealing with sin by mercy and forgiveness.

The cherubim indicate the place where God is making His presence known so we can understand Him to be ready to save those who call on him.

2 Kings 19:15-19

Psalm 80:1