

Acts 1:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

Analysis

The apostolic office's purpose - 'this ministry and apostleship' - was service, not privilege. Judas fell 'by transgression' to go 'to his own place' - a solemn euphemism for perdition. His departure created vacancy requiring divine filling.

Historical Context

The phrase 'his own place' (Greek *idios topos*) suggests each person's destiny corresponds to their character and choices. Judas chose his path through persistent rejection of Christ.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does ministry as 'service' rather than position teach about Christian leadership?
2. How does 'his own place' inform your understanding of final judgment?

Interlinear Text

λαβεῖν τὸν κλῆρον τῆς διακονίας ταύτης καὶ
That he may take G3588 part G3588 ministry G3778 and
G2983 G2819 G1248 G2532

ἀποστολῆς ἐξ ἣς παρέβη Ἰούδας πορευθῆναι
apostleship from which by transgression fell Judas that he might go
G651 G1537 G3739 G3845 G2455 G4198

εἰς τὸν τόπον τὸν ἴδιον
to G3588 place G3588 his own
G1519 G5117 G2398

Additional Cross-References

Romans 1:5 (Parallel theme): By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

1 Corinthians 9:2 (Parallel theme): If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

John 17:12 (Parallel theme): While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Galatians 2:8 (Parallel theme): (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)