

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	κληρὸν	τῆς	διακονίας	ταύτης	καὶ
That he may take G2983	G3588	part G2819	G3588	ministry G1248	G3778	and G2532
ἀποστολῆς	ἐξ	ἧς	παρέβη	Ἰούδας	πορευθῆναι	
apostleship G651	from G1537	which G3739	by transgression fell G3845	Judas G2455	that he might go G4198	
εἰς	τὸν	τόπον	τὸν	ἴδιον		
to G1519	G3588	place G5117	G3588	his own 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:)