

Ephesians 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Analysis

[Verse 4:9 text would be quoted here] This verse in Ephesians chapter 4 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

Historical Context

Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 4 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:9 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

Interlinear Text

τὸ	δὲ	Ἀνέβη	τί	ἐστιν	εἰ	μὴ	ὅτι	καὶ	κατέβη
G3588	(Now	that he ascended	what	is it	G1487	G3361	that	also	descended
	G1161	G305	G5101	G2076			G3754	G2532	G2597
πρῶτον	εἰς	τὰ	κατώτερα	μέρη	τῆς	γῆς			
first	into	G3588	the lower	parts	G3588	of the earth			
G4412	G1519		G2737	G3313		G1093			

Additional Cross-References

John 3:13 (Parallel theme): And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Matthew 12:40 (Parallel theme): For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Psalms 63:9 (Parallel theme): But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

Proverbs 30:4 (Parallel theme): Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

John 6:33 (Parallel theme): For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Hebrews 2:9 (Parallel theme): But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Psalms 8:5 (Parallel theme): For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

John 20:17 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Genesis 11:5 (Parallel theme): And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

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