

Hebrews 6:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Analysis

'Whither the forerunner is for us entered' identifies Christ as the 'prodromos' (forerunner, scout)—one who goes ahead to prepare the way. He entered 'even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.' The repetition of this phrase (from 5:6, 10) prepares for chapter 7's full explanation. Christ's entry guarantees our eventual entry; His presence there secures our hope.

Historical Context

The forerunner concept was used of scouts sent ahead of armies or harbingers announcing a king's arrival. Christ entered God's presence not for Himself alone but as our representative and guarantee.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as your forerunner give you confidence about your eternal future?
2. What does it mean daily that Jesus is currently serving as your High Priest in heaven?

Interlinear Text

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| ὅπου | πρόδρομος | ὑπὲρ | ἡμῶν | εἰσῆλθεν | Ἰησοῦς | κατὰ | τὴν |
| Whither | the forerunner | for | us | entered | even Jesus | after | G3588 |
| G3699 | G4274 | G5228 | G2257 | G1525 | G2424 | G2596 | |
| τάξιν | Μελχισέδεκ | ἀρχιερεὺς | γενόμενος | εἰς | τὸν | αἰῶνα | |
| the order | of Melchisedec | an high priest | | made | for | G3588 | ever |
| G5010 | G3198 | G749 | | G1096 | G1519 | | G165 |

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 4:14 (References Jesus): Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 3:1 (References Jesus): Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 5:6 (Parallel theme): As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 5:10 (Parallel theme): Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 9:24 (Creation): For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 8:1 (Parallel theme): Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

Hebrews 2:10 (Parallel theme): For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 9:12 (Parallel theme): Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 1:3 (Parallel theme): Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Romans 8:34 (Parallel theme): Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.