

Hebrews 7:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Analysis

'This man' (Christ) 'because he continueth ever' (Greek 'dia to menein auton eis ton aionan'—because He remains forever) has an 'unchangeable priesthood' (Greek 'aparabaton'—permanent, non-transferable). No successor is needed or possible. Christ's priesthood will never pass to another because He lives forever in resurrection power.

Historical Context

The contrast between the many temporary Levitical priests and the one eternal High Priest demonstrates the new covenant's superiority. What the old covenant could not provide—permanence—Christ provides fully.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's unchangeable priesthood give you stability in a changing world?
2. What does it mean for your daily life that Christ's priestly work for you never ends?

Interlinear Text

ὁ δὲ διὰ τὸ μένειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα
G3588 But this man because G3588 continueth he ever G3588 G165
G1161 G1223 G3306 G846 G1519

ἀπαράβατον ἔχει τὴν ἱερωσύνην·
an unchangeable hath G3588 priesthood
G531 G2192 G2420

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 7:28 (Parallel theme): For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

John 12:34 (Parallel theme): The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

Revelation 1:18 (Parallel theme): I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Hebrews 13:8 (Parallel theme): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.