

# Hebrews 9:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

## Analysis

Christ came 'an high priest of good things to come' through 'a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands.' This refers to the heavenly sanctuary, 'not of this building' (creation). Unlike earthly priests who ministered in man-made structures, Christ entered the true, eternal, heavenly sanctuary. His priesthood transcends the earthly and temporary.

## Historical Context

The earthly tabernacle and temple were always meant as copies of heavenly realities (Exodus 25:40; Hebrews 8:5). Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary fulfills what the earthly structures could only shadow.

## Related Passages

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary give you access to eternal realities?

2. What 'good things to come' have you received through Christ's high priestly work?

## Interlinear Text

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Χριστὸς	δὲ	παραγενόμενος	ἀρχιερεὺς	τῶν	μελλόντων		
Christ	But	being come	an high priest	G3588	to come		
G5547	G1161	G3854	G749		G3195		
ἀγαθῶν	διὰ	τῆς	μείζονος	καὶ	τελειοτέρας	σκηνῆς	οὐ
of good things	by	G3588	G3173	and	more perfect	tabernacle	not
G18	G1223			G2532	G5046	G4633	G3756
χειροποιήτου	τοῦτ'	ἔστιν,	οὐ	ταύτης	τῆς	κτίσεως	
made with hands	G5124	G2076	not	G3778	G3588	building	
G5499			G3756			G2937	

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 5:1** (Creation): For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Hebrews 10:1** (Good): For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

**Mark 14:58** (Creation): We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

**Hebrews 2:17** (Creation): Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

**Acts 7:48** (Creation): Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

**1 John 5:20** (References Christ): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

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

**Psalms 40:7** (Parallel theme): Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

**John 1:14** (Creation): And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 4:25** (References Christ): The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

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