

Hebrews 9:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

Christ did not enter 'the holy places made with hands' (earthly sanctuary) which were only 'figures of the true.' Instead He entered 'into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.' His continuing work is intercession and representation of His people before the Father. The phrase 'for us' emphasizes His priestly mediation on our behalf.

Historical Context

The high priest entered the earthly Holy of Holies once annually to sprinkle blood. Christ entered the true Holy of Holies—heaven—with His own blood, securing permanent access to God for His people.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What confidence does it give you that Christ appears in God's presence for you right now?

2. How should you pray differently knowing Christ is interceding for you in heaven?

Interlinear Text

οὐ γὰρ εἰς χειροποίητα ἅγια εἰσῆλθεν ὁ
 not For into made with hands the holy places entered G3588
 G3756 G1063 G1519 G5499 G39 G1525

Χριστός ἀντίτυπα τῶν ἀληθινῶν ἀλλ' εἰς αὐτὸν
 Christ which are the figures G3588 of the true but into itself G5547 G499 G228 G235 G1519 G846

τὸν οὐρανόν νῦν ἐμφανισθῆναι τῷ προσώπῳ τοῦ θεοῦ
 G3588 heaven now to appear G3588 in the presence G3588 of God G3772 G3568 G1718 G4383 G2316

ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν·
 for us G5228 G2257

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 12:2 (References God): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 9:23 (Parallel theme): It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Hebrews 8:2 (Truth): A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

John 16:28 (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Acts 3:21 (Holy): Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Colossians 3:2 (Parallel theme): Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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.

Mark 16:19 (References God): So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Exodus 28:29 (Holy): And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

Romans 8:33 (References God): Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.