

Hebrews 9:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

Analysis

Christ did not enter the heavenly sanctuary to 'offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood not his own.' The contrast is repetition vs. once-for-all. The high priest's annual sacrifice demonstrated inadequacy - it never finally dealt with sin. Christ's single sacrifice accomplished complete redemption. Reformed theology emphasizes the finished nature of Christ's atonement - nothing can be added to it.

Historical Context

The annual Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16) revealed the limitation of the Levitical system. Its repetition proved its inadequacy. Christ's sacrifice needed no repetition because it achieved complete, permanent atonement.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why did the old covenant sacrifices need constant repetition, and how does this prove their inadequacy?

2. What does the non-repeatable nature of Christ's sacrifice teach about its sufficiency?

Interlinear Text

οὐδ'	ἴνα	πολλάκις	προσφέρῃ	ἐαυτόν	ἄσπερ	ό	
Nor	yet that	often	he should offer	himself	as		G3588
G3761	G2443	G4178	G4374	G1438	G5618		
ἀρχιερεὺς	εἰσέρχεται	εἰς	τὰ	ἄγια	κατ'	ἐνιαυτὸν	
the high priest	entereth	into	G3588	the holy place	every	year	
G749	G1525	G1519	G39	G2596	G1763		
ἐν	αἵματι	ἀλλοτρίῳ					
with	blood	of others					
G1722	G129	G245					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 9:12 (Holy): 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 9:7 (Blood): But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Hebrews 9:14 (Blood): How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:19 (Blood): Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 9:26 (Parallel theme): For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

