

Hebrews 9:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

Analysis

These arrangements established, 'the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.' Daily priestly duties in the Holy Place included trimming lamps, burning incense, and replacing showbread. This constant activity demonstrated that the work was never finished - a stark contrast to Christ who sat down after completing His sacrifice (10:12), indicating finished work.

Historical Context

The daily routine (morning and evening) maintained the tabernacle's function as God's dwelling place among His people. Yet this ceaseless activity revealed the old covenant's inability to provide final rest or completed redemption.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does the endless nature of priestly services reveal about the old covenant's inadequacy?
2. How does Christ's 'sitting down' after His sacrifice demonstrate the superiority of His priestly work?

Interlinear Text

Τούτων	δὲ	οὕτως	κατεσκευασμένων	εἰς	μὲν	τὴν
when these things	Now	thus	ordained	into	G3303	G3588
G5130	G1161	G3779	G2680	G1519		
πρώτην	σκηνὴν	διαπαντός	εἰσίασιν	οἱ	ἱερεῖς	τὰς
the first	tabernacle	always	went	G3588	the priests	G3588
G4413	G4633	G1275	G1524		G2409	
λατρείας	ἐπιτελοῦντες					
the service	accomplishing					
G2999	G2005					

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 28:3 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

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