

John 6:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Analysis

Jesus clarifies 'Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father,' asserting His unique revelation of the Father. This guards against mysticism—no one comes to the Father independently—while affirming Christ's exclusive status. He alone has seen the Father because He alone is from the Father. Reformed theology emphasizes Christ as sole mediator.

Historical Context

This statement builds on John 1:18: 'No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son...he hath declared him.' Jesus alone provides authoritative revelation of the Father because of His unique relationship and origin.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' exclusive knowledge of the Father establish His unique authority to reveal God?
2. What does this verse teach about the impossibility of knowing God apart from Christ's revelation?

Interlinear Text

οὐχ	ὅτι	τὸν	πατέρα	τις	έώρακεν	εἰ	μὴ	τὸν
Not	that	he which	the Father	any man	hath seen	G1487	G3361	he which
G3756	G3754	G3588	G3962	G5100	G3708			G3588
ὦν	παρὰ	τὸν	θεοῦ	οὗτος	έώρακεν	τὸν	πατέρα	
G5607	is	he which	of God	he	hath seen	he which	the Father	
	G3844	G3588	G2316	G3778	G3708	G3588	G3962	

Additional Cross-References

John 1:18 (References God): No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 7:29 (Parallel theme): But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

Luke 10:22 (Parallel theme): All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

Matthew 11:27 (Salvation): All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.