

Mark 10:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

Analysis

Jesus answereth saith Children how hard it is for them trust riches to enter kingdom of God. Jesus responds to disciples amazement. Children endearment. Hard duskolon difficult. Trust riches pepoithotas relying wealth. Enter eiselthein access. Kingdom basileia. Riches create false security illusion self-sufficiency. Trust in wealth replaces trust in God. Impossible for those trusting riches. Only through divine intervention. Reformed theology emphasizes human inability divine necessity.

Historical Context

Disciples amazed because Jewish view saw wealth as God blessing. If rich cannot be saved who can. Jesus clarifies not riches themselves but trust in riches. Abraham Job wealthy righteous. But temptation trust wealth strong. Pauls warning love of money root evil (1 Tim 6:10). Not money itself but love of it. Modern materialism exalts wealth success prosperity gospel promises riches. Jesus warns riches spiritual danger. Need divine grace to overcome.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What is difference between having riches versus trusting in riches?
2. How does warning about trusting riches challenge prosperity gospel teaching?

Interlinear Text

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ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν ἀποκριθεὶς λέγει αὐτοῖς Τέκνα
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 52:7 (Faith): Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Proverbs 11:28 (Faith): He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

1 Timothy 6:17 (Faith): Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Revelation 3:17 (Parallel theme): Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Luke 16:14 (Parallel theme): And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

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