

Mark 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

Analysis

Mark 7:18 This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

Historical Context

First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

Interlinear Text

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| καὶ | λέγει | αὐτὸν | Οὕτως | καὶ | ὕμεῖς | ἀσύνετοί | ἐστε |
| And | he saith | him | so | And | ye | without understanding | Are |
| G2532 | G3004 | G846 | G3779 | G2532 | G5210 | G801 | G2075 |
| οὐ | νοεῖτε | ὅτι | πάν | τὸ | ἐξωθεν | | |
| it cannot | Do ye | that | whatsoever thing | G3588 | from without | | |
| G3756 | G3539 | G3754 | G3956 | | G1855 | | |
| εἰσπορευόμενον | εἰς | τὸν | ἄνθρωπον | οὐ | δύναται | αὐτὸν | |
| entereth | into | G3588 | the man | it cannot | G1410 | him | |
| G1531 | G1519 | | G444 | G3756 | | G846 | |
| κοινῶσαι | | | | | | | |
| defile | | | | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 5:11 (Parallel theme): Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Matthew 16:11 (Parallel theme): How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

Luke 24:25 (Parallel theme): Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Mark 4:13 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

1 Corinthians 3:2 (Parallel theme): I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

John 3:10 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

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