

Mark 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

Analysis

Mark 7:19 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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

ὅτι οὐκ εἰσπορεύεται αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν καρδίαν ἀλλ'
Because not it entereth his into G3588 heart but
G3754 G3756 G1531 G846 G1519 G2588 G235

εἰς τὴν κοιλίαν καὶ εἰς τὸν ἀφεδρῶνα ἐκπορεύεται
into G3588 the belly and into G3588 the draught goeth out
G1519 G2836 G2532 G1519 G856 G1607

καθαρίζον πάντα τὰ βρώματα
purging all G3588 meats
G2511 G3956 G1033

Additional Cross-References

Acts 11:9 (Parallel theme): But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

Acts 10:15 (Parallel theme): And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

Matthew 15:17 (Parallel theme): Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

Colossians 2:16 (Parallel theme): Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Luke 11:41 (Parallel theme): But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

1 Corinthians 6:13 (Parallel theme): Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

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