

Mark 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Analysis

Mark 7:22 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

κλοπαί	πλεονεξία	πονηρία	δόλος	άσέλγεια	ὄφθαλμός
Thefts	covetousness	wickedness	deceit	lasciviousness	eye
G2829	G4124	G4189	G1388	G766	G3788
πονηρός	βλασφημία	ὑπερηφανία	ἄφροσύνη		
an evil	blasphemy	pride	foolishness		
G4190	G988	G5243	G877		

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 20:15 (Evil): Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

Ecclesiastes 7:25 (Evil): I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

Matthew 6:23 (Evil): But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

2 Corinthians 10:5 (Parallel theme): Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1 Peter 5:5 (Parallel theme): Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 2:15 (Parallel theme): For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

Psalms 10:4 (Evil): The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Proverbs 27:22 (Parallel theme): Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

Proverbs 28:22 (Evil): He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

Proverbs 12:23 (Parallel theme): A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

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