

# Mark 7:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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**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

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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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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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κλοπαί πλεονεξίαι πονηρίαι δόλος ἀσέλγεια ὄφθαλμὸς  
Thefts covetousness wickedness deceit lasciviousness eye  
G2829 G4124 G4189 G1388 G766 G3788

πονηρός βλασφημία ὑπερηφανία ἀφροσύνη·  
an evil blasphemy pride foolishness  
G4190 G988 G5243 G877

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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