

Mark 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

Analysis

Mark 7:27 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of 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

ὁ	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	εἶπεν	αὐτῇ	Ἄφες	πρῶτον	χορτασθῆναι
G3588	But G1161	Jesus G2424	said G2036	unto her G846	Let G863	first G4412	be filled G5526
τὰ	τέκνων	οὐ	γάρ	καλὸν	ἐστιν	λαβεῖν	τὸν ἄρτον
G3588	the children G5043	not G3756	for G1063	meet G2570	it is G2076	to take G2983	G3588 bread G740
τῶν	τέκνων	καὶ	βαλεῖν	τοῖς	κυναρίοις		
G3588	the children G5043	and G2532	to cast G906	G3588	it unto the dogs G2952		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 22:21 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

Matthew 10:5 (References Jesus): These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Matthew 7:6 (Parallel theme): Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Ephesians 2:12 (Parallel theme): That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

