

Matthew 15:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

Analysis

Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

Historical Context

First-century Palestine was marked by religious fervor and political tension. The passage reflects interactions between Jesus and various groups: Pharisees, Sadducees, disciples, and crowds. Each audience received teaching tailored to their needs and spiritual condition.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

Τότε προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτῷ εἶπον αὐτῷ
Then **came** ^{G3588} **disciples** **his** **and said** **his**
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Οἶδας ὅτι οἱ Φαρισαῖοι ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον
Knowest thou **that** ^{G3588} **the Pharisees** **after they heard** ^{G3588} **this saying**
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ἐσκανδαλίσθησαν
were offended
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