

Matthew 15:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Analysis

This text illustrates key Reformed principles: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?

2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?
3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	ἀποκριθεὶς	εἶπεν	Πᾶσα	φυτεία	ἣν	οὐκ
G3588	But	he answered	and said	Every	plant	which	not
	G1161	G611	G2036	G3956	G5451	G3739	G3756
ἐφύτευσεν	ὁ	πατήρ	μου	ὁ	οὐράνιος	ἐκριζωθήσεται	
hath		Father	my		heavenly	shall be rooted up	
G5452	G3588	G3962	G3450	G3588	G3770	G1610	

Additional Cross-References

John 15:2 (Parallel theme): Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Isaiah 60:21 (Parallel theme): Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

John 15:6 (Parallel theme): If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Isaiah 61:3 (Parallel theme): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Psalms 92:13 (Parallel theme): Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

1 Corinthians 3:9 (Parallel theme): For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

