

# Matthew 15:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

## Analysis

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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

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The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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οὐπω	νοεῖτε	ὅτι	πάν	τὸ	εἰσπορευόμενον	εἰς	τὸ
<b>not</b>	<b>Do</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>whatsoever</b>	G3588	<b>entereth in</b>	<b>at</b>	G3588
G3768	G3539	G3754	G3956		G1531	G1519	
στόμα	εἰς	τὴν	κοιλίαν	χωρεῖ	καὶ	εἰς	ἀφεδρῶνα
<b>the mouth</b>	<b>at</b>	G3588	<b>the belly</b>	<b>goeth</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>at</b>	<b>the draught</b>
G4750	G1519		G2836	G5562	G2532	G1519	G856
ἐκβάλλεται							
<b>is cast out</b>							
G1544							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 6:45** (Parallel theme): A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

**1 Corinthians 6:13** (Parallel theme): Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

**2 Kings 10:27** (Parallel theme): And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.