

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

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

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

οὕπω νοεῖτε ὅτι πᾶν τὸ εἰσπορευόμενον εἰς τὸ⁸
not Do that whatsoever G3588 entereth in at G3588
G3768 G3539 G3754 G3956 G1531 G1519

στόμα εἰς τὴν κοιλίαν χωρεῖ καὶ εἰς ἀφεδρῶνα
the mouth at G3588 the belly goeth and at the draught
G4750 G1519 G2836 G5562 G2532 G1519 G856

ἐκβάλλεται
is cast out
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Additional Cross-References

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.