

# Matthew 16:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

## Analysis

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This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

## 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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## 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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τότε	συνῆκαν	ὅτι	οὐκ	εἶπεν	προσέχειν	ἀπὸ	τῆς
<b>Then</b>	<b>understood they</b>	<b>how that</b>	<b>them not</b>	<b>he bade</b>	<b>beware</b>	<b>of</b>	G3588
G5119	G4920	G3754	G3756	G2036	G4337	G575	
ζύμης	τοῦ	ἄρτου,	ἀλλ'	ἀπὸ	τῆς	διδασκαλίας	τῶν
<b>the leaven</b>	G3588	<b>of bread</b>	<b>but</b>	<b>of</b>	G3588	<b>the doctrine</b>	G3588
G2219		G740	G235	G575		G1322	
Φαρισαίων	καὶ	Σαδδουκαίων					
<b>of the Pharisees</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>of the Sadducees</b>					
G5330	G2532	G4523					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 5:20** (Resurrection): For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Acts 23:8** (Resurrection): For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.