

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

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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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 συνῆκαν ὅτι οὐκ εἶπεν προσέχειν ἀπὸ τῆς
Then understood they how that them not he bade beware of G3588
G5119 G4920 G3754 G3756 G2036 G4337 G575

ζύμης τοῦ ἄρτου, ἀλλ' ἀπὸ τῆς διδαχῆς τῶν
the leaven of bread but of the doctrine G3588 G3588 G1322
G2219 G3588 G740 G235 G575

Φαρισαίων καὶ Σαδδουκαίων
of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees
G5330 G2532 G4523

Additional Cross-References

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.