

Matthew 16:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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 αὐτοῖς Ὁψίας γενομένης
G3588 G1161 He answered and said unto them evening When it is
G611 G2036 G846 G3798 G1096

λέγετε, Εὐδία, πυρόπάζει γὰρ ὁ οὐρανός·
ye say It will be fair weather is red for G3588 the sky
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