

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	Ἑσπίας	γενομένης
G3588	G1161	He answered	and said	unto them	evening	When it is
		G611	G2036	G846	G3798	G1096
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G3004	G2105	G4449	G1063		G3772	

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