

# Matthew 16:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

## Analysis

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This text illustrates key Reformed principles: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, and sola fide. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## Historical Context

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This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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| καὶ         | πρωῖ           | Σήμερον    | χειμῶν,                 | πυρρόραζει | γὰρ   |                   |
| And         | in the morning | to day     | It will be foul weather | is red     | for   |                   |
| G2532       | G4404          | G4594      | G5494                   | G4449      | G1063 |                   |
| στυγνάζων   | ὁ              | οὐρανοῦ    | ὑποκριταί,              | τὸ         | μὲν   | πρόσωπον          |
| and lowring | G3588          | of the sky | O ye hypocrites         | G3588      | G3303 | the face          |
| G4768       |                | G3772      | G5273                   |            |       | G4383             |
| τοῦ         | οὐρανοῦ        | γινώσκετε  | διακρίνουν,             | τὰ         | δὲ    | σημεῖα            |
| G3588       | of the sky     | ye can     | discern                 | G3588      | but   | discern the signs |
|             | G3772          | G1097      | G1252                   |            | G1161 | G4592             |
| τῶν         | καιρῶν         | οὐ         | δύνασθε                 |            |       |                   |
| G3588       | of the times   | not        | can ye                  |            |       |                   |
|             | G2540          | G3756      | G1410                   |            |       |                   |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 12:56** (Parallel theme): Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

**1 Chronicles 12:32** (Parallel theme): And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

**Luke 13:15** (Parallel theme): The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?