

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

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

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

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

Additional Cross-References

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?