

# Matthew 17:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

## 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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First-century Palestine was marked by religious fervor and political tension. The passage reflects interactions between Jesus and various groups: Pharisees, Sadducees, disciples, and crowds. Each audience received teaching tailored to their needs and spiritual condition.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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Κύριε ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν, ὅτι σεληνιάζεται καὶ  
**Lord** **have mercy** **on my** <sup>G3588</sup> **son** **for** **he is lunatick** **and**  
G2962 G1653 G3450 G5207 G3754 G4583 G2532

κακῶς πάσχει· πολλάκις γὰρ πίπτει εἰς τὸ πῦρ καὶ  
**sore** **vexed** **oft** **for** **he falleth** **into** <sup>G3588</sup> **the fire** **and**  
G2560 G3958 G4178 G1063 G4098 G1519 G4442 G2532

πολλάκις εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ  
**oft** **into** <sup>G3588</sup> **the water**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 4:24** (Parallel theme): And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.