

# Matthew 17:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

## Analysis

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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

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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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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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

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καὶ	ἀκούσαντες	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	ἔπεσον	ἐπὶ	πρόσωπον
<b>And</b>	<b>heard</b>	G3588	<b>when the disciples</b>	<b>it they fell</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>face</b>
G2532	G191		G3101	G4098	G1909	G4383
αὐτῶν	καὶ	ἐφοβήθησαν	σφόδρα			
G846	<b>And</b>	<b>afraid</b>	<b>were sore</b>			
	G2532	G5399	G4970			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 26:14** (Parallel theme): And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

**2 Peter 1:18** (Parallel theme): And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.