

Matthew 19:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

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

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

ὁ	δὲ	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	Οὐ	πάντες	χωροῦσιν	τὸν
G3588	But	he said	unto them	men cannot	All	receive	G3588
	G1161	G2036	G846	G3756	G3956	G5562	
λόγον	τοῦτον	ἀλλ'	οἷς	δέδοται			
saying	this	save	they to whom	it is given			
G3056	G5126	G235	G3739	G1325			

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 7:17 (Parallel theme): But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

1 Corinthians 7:35 (Parallel theme): And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

1 Corinthians 7:2 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Matthew 13:11 (Parallel theme): He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.