

Matthew 19:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

Analysis

This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

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 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

εἰσὶν	γὰρ	εὐνοῦχοι	οἵτινες	ἐκ	κοιλίας	μητρὸς
there are	For	eunuchs	which	from	womb	their mother's
G1526	G1063	G2135	G3748	G1537	G2836	G3384
ἐγεννήθησαν	οὕτως	καὶ	εἰσὶν	εὐνοῦχοι	οἵτινες	
born	were so	and	there are	eunuchs	which	
G1080	G3779	G2532	G1526	G2135	G3748	
εὐνούχισαν	ὑπὸ	τῶν	ἀνθρώπων	καὶ	εἰσὶν	εὐνοῦχοι
eunuchs	of		men	and	there are	eunuchs
G2134	G5259	G3588	G444	G2532	G1526	G2135
οἵτινες	εὐνούχισαν	ἑαυτοὺς	διὰ	τὴν	βασιλείαν	τῶν
which	eunuchs	themselves	for		the kingdom	
G3748	G2134	G1438	G1223	G3588	G932	G3588
οὐρανῶν	ὁ	δυνάμενος	χωρεῖτω	χωρεῖτω		
of heaven's sake		He that is able	it let him receive	it let him receive		
G3772	G3588	G1410	G5562	G5562		

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 9:5 (Parallel theme): Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

Isaiah 39:7 (Kingdom): And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

1 Corinthians 9:15 (Parallel theme): But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

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