

Matthew 19:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

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

καὶ προσῆλθον αὐτοῦ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι πειράζοντες αὐτοῦ
also came him G3588 The Pharisees tempting him
G2532 G4334 G846 G5330 G3985 G846

καὶ λέγοντες αὐτοῦ Εἰ ἔξεστιν ἀνθρώπῳ ἀπολῦσαι
also saying him Is it lawful for a man to put away
G2532 G3004 G846 G1487 G1832 G444 G630

τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ κατὰ πᾶσαν αἰτίαν
G3588 wife him for every cause
G1135 G846 G2596 G3956 G156

Additional Cross-References

Mark 10:2 (Word): And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

Hebrews 3:9 (Parallel theme): When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.