

Matthew 20:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

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

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

ὴ	οὐκ	ἔξεστίν	μοι	ποιῆσαι	ὅ	θέλω	ἐν	τοῖς
G2228	Is it not	lawful	for me	to do	what	I will	with	G3588
	G3756	G1832	G3427	G4160	G3739	G2309	G1722	
ἐμοῖς	εἰ	ό	όφθαλμός	σου	πονηρός	ἐστιν	ὅτι	ἐγὼ
mine own	G1487	G3588	eye	thine	evil	Is	because	I
	G1699		G3788	G4675	G4190	G2076	G3754	G1473
ἀγαθός	είμι							
good	am							
	G18	G1510						

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 15:9 (Evil): Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

Mark 7:22 (Evil): Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Matthew 6:23 (Evil): But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!