

Matthew 20:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

ο δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτῶν εἶπεν
G3588 **But** Jesus called them unto him and said
G1161 G2424 G4341 G846 G2036

Οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ ἄρχοντες τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν
Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over
G1492 G3754 G3588 G758 G1484 G2634

αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν
them and G3588 they that are great exercise authority upon them
G846 G2532 G3173 G2715 G846

Additional Cross-References

Mark 10:42 (References Jesus): But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

Matthew 11:29 (Parallel theme): Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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