

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

Psalms 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

ὁ	δὲ	Ἰησοῦς	προσκαλεσάμενος	αὐτῶν	εἶπεν	
G3588	But	Jesus	called	them	unto him and said	
	G1161	G2424	G4341	G846	G2036	
Οἴδατε	ὅτι	οἱ	ἄρχοντες	τῶν	ἐθνῶν	κατακυριεύουσιν
Ye know	that	G3588	the princes	G3588	of the Gentiles	exercise dominion over
G1492	G3754		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.