

Matthew 20:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

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

The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?
2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?

3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 26:18 (Parallel theme): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Psalms 119:71 (Parallel theme): It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Psalms 119:67 (Parallel theme): Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalms 145:8 (Parallel theme): The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Mark 7:33 (Parallel theme): And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

Matthew 14:14 (References Jesus): And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 9:29 (Parallel theme): Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Matthew 15:32 (References Jesus): Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Matthew 8:15 (Parallel theme): And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

Luke 22:51 (References Jesus): And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

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