

Matthew 22:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Analysis

Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for 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

τότε	εἶπεν	ὁ	βασιλεὺς	τοῖς	διακόνοις	Δήσαντες	
Then	said	G3588	the king	G3588	to the servants	Bind	
G5119	G2036		G935		G1249	G1210	
αὐτὸν	πόδας	καὶ	χεῖρας	ἄρατε	αὐτὸν	καὶ	ἐκβάλετε
him	foot	and	hand	and take	him	and	cast
G846	G4228	G2532	G5495	G142	G846	G2532	G1544
εἰς	τὸ	σκότος	τὸ	ἐξώτερον·	ἐκεῖ	ἔσται	ὁ
him into	G3588	darkness	G3588	outer	there	shall be	G3588
G1519		G4655		G1857	G1563	G2071	
κλαυθμὸς	καὶ	ὁ	βρυγμὸς	τῶν	ὀδόντων		
weeping	and	G3588	gnashing	G3588	of teeth		
G2805	G2532		G1030		G3599		

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:12 (Kingdom): But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30 (Darkness): And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Peter 2:17 (Darkness): These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

2 Peter 2:4 (Darkness): For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Matthew 13:42 (Parallel theme): And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:50 (Parallel theme): And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:51 (Parallel theme): And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 13:28 (Kingdom): There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (Parallel theme): Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Revelation 21:27 (Parallel theme): And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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