

Matthew 22:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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

γνοὺς	δὲ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	τὴν	πονηρίαν	αὐτῶν	εἶπεν	Τί
perceived	But	G3588	Jesus	G3588	wickedness	their	and said	Why
G1097	G1161		G2424		G4189	G846	G2036	G5101
με	πειράζετε	ὑποκριταί						
me	tempt ye	ye hypocrites						
G3165	G3985	G5273						

Additional Cross-References

John 8:6 (References Jesus): This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

John 2:25 (Parallel theme): And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Luke 5:22 (References Jesus): But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?