

Matthew 23:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

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

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

Οὐαὶ	δέ	ὑμῖν,	γραμματεῖς	καὶ	Φαρισαῖοι	ὑποκριταί,	
Woe	G1161	unto you	scribes	and	Pharisees	hypocrites	
G3759		G5213	G1122	G2532	G5330	G5273	
ὅτι	κατεσθίετε	τὰς	οἰκίας	τῶν	χρηρῶν,	καὶ	προφάσει
! for	ye devour	G3588	houses	G3588	widows	and	for a pretence
G3754	G2719		G3614		G5503	G2532	G4392
μακρὰ	προσευχόμενοι·	διὰ	τοῦτο	λήψεσθε			
long	make	therefore	G5124	ye shall receive			
G3117	G4336	G1223		G2983			
περισσότερον	κρίμα						
G4053	damnation						
	G2917						

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