

Matthew 23:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

όδηγοὶ τυφλοί οἱ διϋλίζοντες τὸν κώνωπα τὴν δὲ
guides Ye blind G3588 which strain at G3588 a gnat G3588 and
G3595 G5185 G1368 G2971 G1161

κάμηλον καταπίνοντες

a camel swallow
G2574 G2666

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 19:24 (Parallel theme): And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew 23:16 (Parallel theme): Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

Matthew 7:4 (Parallel theme): Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

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