

Matthew 24:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	διὰ	τὸ	πληθυνθῆναι	τὴν	ἀνομίαν	ψυγήσεται	ἡ
And	because	G3588	shall abound	G3588	iniquity	shall wax cold	G3588
G2532	G1223		G4129		G458	G5594	
ἀγάπη	τῶν	πολλῶν					
the love	G3588	of many					
G26		G4183					

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 3:15 (Parallel theme): I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Revelation 2:10 (Parallel theme): Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.