

Matthew 24:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

ἐὰν οὖν εἴπωσιν ὑμῖν Ἰδού, ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ
if Wherefore they shall say unto you Behold he is in G3588 the desert
G1437 G3767 G2036 G5213 G2400 G1722 G3588 G2048

ἐστίν, μὴ ἐξέλθητε· Ἰδού, ἐν τοῖς ταμείοις
he is it not forth Behold he is in G3588 the secret chambers
G2076 G3361 G1831 G2400 G1722 G5009

μὴ πιστεύσητε·

it not believe
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