

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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

ἐστίν, μὴ ἐξέλθητε· Ἴδού, 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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