

Matthew 24:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form 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

ἐκεῖνο	δὲ	γινώσκετε	ὅτι	εἰ	ἤδει	ὁ
this	But	know	that	if	had known	G3588
G1565	G1161	G1097	G3754	G1487	G1492	
οἰκοδεσπότης	ποίᾳ	φυλακῇ	ὁ	κλέπτης	ἔρχεται	
the goodman of the house	in what	watch	G3588	the thief	would come	
G3617	G4169	G5438		G2812	G2064	
ἐγρηγόρησεν	ἂν	καὶ	οὐκ	ἂν	εἴασεν	διορυγῆναι
have watched	he would	and	not	he would	have suffered	to be broken up
G1127	G302	G2532	G3756	G302	G1439	G1358
τὴν	οἰκίαν	αὐτοῦ				
G3588	house	G846				
	G3614					

Additional Cross-References

Luke 12:39 (Good): And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Matthew 24:44 (Parallel theme): Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.