

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 ἦδει 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 ἀν καὶ οὐκ ἀν 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.