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However, they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little,
they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and
found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;
They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,
and the LORD shall be their King forever.

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB:

Then Job answered and said,
Oh would that my words were written down!
Would that they were inscribed in a record:
That with an iron chisel and with lead,
they were cut in the rock forever!
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;
Whom I myself shall see. My own eyes, not another's,
shall behold him
And from my flesh I shall see God;
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

The Lord God will destroy death forever

On this mountain the LORD of hosts

will provide for all peoples

On this mountain, he will destroy the veil

that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;

he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

the reproach of his people he will remove

from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day, it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord

1.4 Isaiah: 25, 6. 7-9

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM:

A blameless life is a ripe old age.
The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age, that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time, nor can it be measured
in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the crown
for all people, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved;
that one who lived among sinners was transported-
snatched away, lest wickedness pervert the mind
or deceit beguile the soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore God sped him out of the midst of wickedness.
But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES:

There is a time for everything under heaven
There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has
put the timeless into their hearts without men's discovering,
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS:

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save.
My soul is deprived of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the LORD.
The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS:

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.
Her children rise up and praise her;
her husband, too, extols her:
“Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all.”
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET DANIEL:

Of those who lie, sleeping in the dust of the earth
many will awake.

[I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord:]

At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
some shall live forever,

others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly

like the splendor of the firmament,

And those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH:

Now will I praise those godly men and women,
our ancestors, each in his own time.
These were godly people whose virtues
have not been forgotten;
Their wealth remains in their families,
their heritage with their descendants;
Through God's covenant with them their family endures,
their posterity, for their sake.
And for all time their progeny will endure,
Their glory will never be blotted out;
their bodies are peacefully laid away,
But their name lives on and on.
At gatherings, their wisdom is retold,
and the assembly proclaims their praise.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF MACCABEES:

It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in an excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH:

Children, listen to me, your father; act accordingly,
that you may be safe.

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and
confirms a mother's authority over her sons.

Those who honor their father atone for sins;
they store up riches who respect their mother.

Those who honor their father will have joy in their own
children, and when they pray they are heard.

Those who respect their father will live a long life;
those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

In word and deed honor your father,
that all blessings may come to you from him;
Since a father's blessing
makes the houses of his children firm.

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH:

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter;
whoever finds one finds a treasure.
Faithful friends are beyond price,
no amount can balance their worth.
Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;
those who fear God will find them.
Let your acquaintances be many,
but one in a thousand your faithful friend.
For he who loves his friends behaves accordingly,
and his friends will be like himself.

The Word of the Lord

1.14 Sirach 6:5-17

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word (that) he sent to the children of Israel
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed
by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and
(in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify
that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in
him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord

ES1.1 Acts of the Apostle 10:34-43

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ES 1. 2 Acts of the Apostle 10:34-36, 42-43

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say,

“Write this down:

Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” said the Spirit,

“let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them, they will be his people,
and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.”

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty, I will give a gift from the spring
of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,

I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord

ES1. 4 Revelations 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God
has been poured out into our hearts
through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
Not only that, but we also boast of God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

2.1 Romans 5: 5-11

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord

2.2 Romans 6:3-9

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The Word of the Lord

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and sisters,

We have our citizenship in heaven;
it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours
and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body,
by his power to subject everything to himself.

The Word of the Lord

2.4...Philippians 3, 20-21

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

If, by the transgression of one person,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace
and of the gift of justification come to reign in life
through the one person Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.
For just as through the disobedience of one person
the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase
but, where sin increased,
grace overflowed all the more,
so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign
through justification for eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

2.5...Romans 5: 17-21

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God, for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord

2.6...Romans 8:14-23

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

No one of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?
Or you, why do you look down on your brother?
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend
before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God

The Word of the Lord

2.7...Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS:

Brothers and sisters,

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ (Jesus) who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

2.8...Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS:

Brothers and sisters,
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since, death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom
to his God and Father,
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for “he subjected everything under his feet.”
But when it says that everything has been subjected,
it is clear that it excludes the one
who subjected everything to him.
When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself
will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to
him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

2.9...1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

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The Word of the Lord

2.10...1 Corinthians 15: 20-23

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised
incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself
with incorruptibility,

and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself
with incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

2.11...1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged, rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord

2.12 2...Corinthians 4:14, 5:1

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Brothers and sisters,

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous, although we know
that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

2.13 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS:

Brothers and sisters,

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,

singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

2.14 Colossians 3:12-17

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL
TO TIMOTHY:**

I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,
and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his
appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength.
The Lord has rescued me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To God be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

2.15 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17, 18

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if, we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God,
through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together
with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL
TO TIMOTHY:**

Beloved,

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
a descendant of David: such is my gospel,
for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains,
like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those
who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him;
if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord

2.17 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN:

Beloved,

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now,
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord

2.18 1 John 3:1-2

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN:

Beloved,

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that
he laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord

2.19 1 John 3: 14-16

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL
TO THE CORINTHIANS:**

If I speak in human and angelic tongue-but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries
and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains
but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so
that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It is not jealous,
[love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered,
it does not brood over injury, and it does not rejoice over
wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things

Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord

2.20 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

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endures all things. Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child,
reason as a child; when I became a man,
I put aside childish things.

At present, we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then face to face. At present, I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three
but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

2.21 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

