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Chapter 1

1 God, who in various portions and in a multitude of ways spoke (*through and about the coming of Christ*) in former times (*when death reigned over all*) to the fathers through the prophets,

2 Has (*now*) in these last days (*before death is completely removed from the earth*) spoken to us by His Son (*Christ Jesus*), whom He has appointed the heir of all things, by whom also He created all things (*that were created*);

3 Who is (*who was, and will forever shine in*) the brightness of His glory, and the exact (*image and*) expression of His substance, (*the assurance of His person*) and (*who*) upholding all things through the (*immutable*) word of His power, when He had by (*providing*) Himself (*the lamb*) purged our death (*in His flesh*), sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 (*Having*) been made (*a man in glorified flesh and bone forever seated in the immortality of God*), (*that which is*) far superior to the angels, as He has by (*the*) inheritance (*of God*) obtained a more excellent name than they.

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5 For to which of the angels has He said at any time, “You are My Son, this day have I begotten you (*declaring you to be My Son with power in the resurrection from the dead immortal*)? And again (*with the same glory we had before the world began*), I will be to Him a Father, and he will be to me a Son?

6 And again, when He brings in the first begotten (*of many brethren*) into the world, He said, and let all the angels of God be in subjection to Him.

7 And about the angels He said, Who makes His angels like the wind and (*has created them*) His servants (*like*) a flame of fire.

8 However, to the Son He said, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever (*without end*): the testimony of Your life (*and bodily immortality*) is (*forever*) the mark of Your kingdom.”

9 You have loved the life that God can serve you with and hated (*the*) lawlessness (*of serving yourself*); therefore God, even Your God (*and Father*) has anointed You with the oil (*of the Spirit*) of gladness above all your equals.

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10 And, You Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Your hands:

11 They will (*both*) perish; but you (*will*) remain; they will all grow old like a garment does;

12 And as an old piece of clothing you will fold them up, and they will be changed (*corruptible to incorruptible*) but You are the same and Your years will not (*ever*) fail.

13 But to which of the angels said He at any time, sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool?

14 (*Not one! But*) are they not all ministering spirits, sent (*for the specific purpose*) to serve to those who will inherit the life (*and immortality*) of God?

Chapter 2

1 Therefore we ought to give more diligence to (*closely examine*) the things we have heard (*in the Son, Christ Jesus*), (*so that we do*) not ever drift away (*from the truth*).

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2 Because if the word spoken (*by God and delivered*) through the angels was sure (*and unalterable*) and every overstep and refusal to listen (*to its judgment*) received (*that words*) just repayment of reward (*according to the judgment*);

3 How will we escape (*the reward*) if we neglect (*or completely disregard*) so great a salvation (*in the word spoken in the Son wherein He delivered us from death*); which (*salvation*) was first spoken by the Lord (*Jesus*) and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him;

4 (*And*) God (*Himself*) has also bore witness (*to Him*), both with signs and wonders, and with various miracles, and gifts from the Holy Ghost, (*confirming the word which is*) according to His own will (*to freely give us His life and immortality inside of flesh that can never die again*)?

5 For He has not placed the world to come in subjection to (*any of*) the angels, (*this world*) of which we are speaking.

6 But one in a certain place gave testimony, saying, what is (*it about*) man, that You are (*always*) mindful (*of and remembering Your promise*) to him? or the son of man, that You

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visited (*and cared for*) Him (*preserving His life from death immortal*)?

7 You made Him a little lower than the angels (*for a short while*); (*but*) You have crowned Him with glory and honor, and have set Him over (*the world to come and all*) the works of Your hands:

8 You have put all things (*in heaven and earth*) in subjection under His feet. And in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left out nothing that is not put under Him. But now we do not yet see all things put under Him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels because of the suffering of death (*in the flesh*), (*who has been*) decorated with (*the*) glory (*of God inside of flesh that will never die again*) and in honor (*seated at the Father's right hand*); so that He through the grace (*and everlasting kindness*) of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it is only fitting for Him, for whom all things (*were made*) and by whom all things (*were made*), in bringing many sons to (*the same*) glory (*and immortality*), to make the author of their salvation perfect (*by raising Him*

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up a new man free from death in the image and likeness of God) through suffering (of death in the flesh).

11 Because both He that cleanses (*them*) from death, and they who are cleansed from death (*and have been set apart for His life*) are all one (*flesh*): for that reason, He is not ashamed to call them (*His*) brothers.

12 Saying, I will declare Your name (*Father*) to My brothers in the middle of the assembly (*of those You have set apart for Your life*) will I sing praises to You (*crying out unto You who is able to save Me from death*).

13 And again (*He declared in another place*); I will put My trust in Him (*to rescue Me from death*). And again (*saying*), behold (*both*) I and the children which God has given Me (*will be saved*).

14 Since therefore the children had partaken of flesh and (*were corrupted by*) blood He also Himself likewise (*willingly*) took part in the same (*death that this served them*), so that by His death He might destroy the one who held the

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dominion of death, (*that slanderous accuser*) the devil;

15 And (*so that He could*) deliver (*setting free*) those who through the fear of death were all their lifetime were held (*captive*) in bondage.

16 For surely, He did not take on (*the appearance of*) angels; but took the place of (*a man born*) the seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore in all things it was fitting for Him to come in the likeness of His brothers, so that He might become a merciful and trustworthy high priest (*of men*) in all things pertaining to God, to show Himself gracious in removing (*the suffering at the hands of*) death from the people.

18 For given that He Himself has (*also*) suffered being tempted (*by death to preserve His own life as they are*), He is able to powerfully rescue them that are tempted (*removing their fear of death*).

Chapter 3

1 Therefore (*we, His*) brothers who have been set apart for the same life, (*made to be*) partakers of

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the heavenly calling, (*should*) carefully consider Christ Jesus, the apostle and high priest of the faith we profess (*for He is God's message to us; God Himself, ministering life to us*);

2 Who was faithful (*being the full expression of the faith*) from Him that appointed Him (*the High Priest over His entire house*), as also Moses was faithful in all His house.

3 But this man (*Christ Jesus*) was considered fitting of greater honor than Moses, because (*He built the house and*) He who has built the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by some man (*both those of greater and lesser honor*); but He that built all things is God.

5 And Moses was certainly faithful in all His house, as a servant, because (*he gave*) a testimony (*pertaining to*) those things which were to be spoken after (*by God Himself in Christ*);

6 But Christ (*was faithful*) as the Son over His own house (*being fully persuaded of God's faithfulness towards mankind, to provide Himself the lamb to sanctify us from death and also being*

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fully persuaded of the Father's faithfulness towards Him to raise Him from the dead); Whose house we are, if truly our hearts are apprehended (*by Him*) being confident and rejoicing in the sure hope (*of His same life*) that endures to the end.

7 Therefore as the Holy Ghost said (*testifying about Christ*), today if you will hear His voice (*and rest in the work which God has done in Him*),

8 Harden not your hearts as (*your fathers did*) when they rebelled (*in unbelief*), in the day of temptation (*in drought*) in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted Me, to prove Myself (*and My goodness toward them*) and having seen My works for forty years (*still would not rest in My goodness and strength to give them the promised land as their inheritance*).

10 Therefore was I grieved with that generation, and said, they do always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways (*because death has put a veil over their hearts*).

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11 So (*being grieved*) I swore in My wrath (*to destroy death knowing*) that they could not (*ever*) enter My rest (*by the works of their own hands*).

12 Listen diligently, (*therefore*) brothers (*to hear the word which God has spoken in Christ*), so that (*after beholding the work that God has done to conquer death and raise you to His life*) there would not remain in any of you an evil heart (*which is one filled with the work you must do to rescue yourself from destruction, which comes*) from unbelief, in departing from (*trusting in*) the living God (*the only immortal, to serve you with His life*).

13 But encourage (*yourselves and*) each other daily (*fellowshipping around the work that God has done in Christ*), while it is called today; so that none of you would have a heart hardened through the deceitfulness (*that comes*) from death (*not partaking of and resting in His good work*).

14 Because we are made partakers (*of the life*) of Christ, if indeed we (*are fully persuaded of the work that God did*) being apprehended by (*the faith of Jesus Christ*) the beginning (*and end*) of

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our assurance (*of His same life*), (*the hope which*) endures to the end;

15 As it is said, today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in (*the day of*) the rebellion (*in the wilderness*).

16 Because some, when they had heard (*His voice and saw His works forty years*), did rebel (*in unbelief*): however not all that came out of Egypt by Moses (*rebelled*).

17 But who was it that grieved Him forty years? was it not those who (*after seeing all His mighty works for forty years continued*) in unbelief, trusting in the strength of their own hands to preserve their lives (*from destruction*) whose bodies fell (*dead*) in the wilderness?

18 And to whom He did swear (*in His passion for the life that only He could serve them with, being grieved*) that they could not enter into His rest (*through the strength of their own hands*), but unto those who disobeyed (*not resting in His good work*)?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because (*their heart*) of unbelief (*because their*

hearts being consumed with the works of their own hand, could never allow them to rest in His work).

Chapter 4

1 Let us therefore hearken diligently (*to hear His voice*) with all reverence (*and harden not our hearts*) so that we (*also*) do not forsake (*or depart from*) the promise of entering into His rest, lest anyone would think they come short of the promise (*of His life and immortality*).

2 For unto us was the good news preached as well as unto them (*that it is through God and His strength alone that we will enter into His promised rest*): but the word they heard had no benefit to them, not being joined together (*united*) with the faith in them that heard it (*and refused to rest in the promise even after seeing His works for forty years*).

3 Because we which have believed (*on the good work that God has done in Christ*) do enter into (*His*) rest (*and have ceased from our own works*), as He said, As I have sworn in My passion (*for the incorruptible life which only I can serve them with*), being grieved, because they cannot enter into My rest (*having sought it by their own*

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works): although the works (*which I have done for them to enter into*) were finished from the foundation of the world (*before death entered*).

4 Because He spoke in this certain place about the seventh day, when it says; And God rested the seventh day from all His works (*which works He prepared for us to walk therein*).

5 And (*He says*) again in this place (*in the wilderness*) that they did not enter into My rest.

6 Therefore (*we see that*) there remains a rest for some to enter into (*that causes them to cease from their own works*), and they to whom the good news was first preached did not enter in because of their disobedience to the faith (*who after seeing the work of God, refused to rest therein but continued to trust in their own works and perished in the wilderness*):

7 And again, He speaks about another day, through David saying, today, after so long a time, as it is said; today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

8 Because if Joshua had given them rest (*where they ceased from their own works*), then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remains therefore a (*Sabbath*) rest (*revealed in the faith of Jesus Christ*) for the

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people of God (*where they rest in His life and immortality and do no work, and He will be their God and they will be His people*).

10 For he that has entered into that rest (*which Christ' death and resurrection brings*), has also ceased from his own works, as God did from His.

11 Therefore we should be diligent (*to hearken unto the faith of Jesus Christ*) to enter into His rest, so that no one would fall (*into the condemnation that death serves*) after the same example of disobedience (*in those who fell in the wilderness refusing God's work for their own*).

12 Because the word which God has spoken in (*the faith of*) Jesus Christ is alive (*energized*) and full of power, and is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to penetrate through both the soul and the spirit from the joints and marrow (*of a man's heart*) and is the discerner of all the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And there is not any creature hidden from before His eyes. But rather all things are uncovered and laid bare to Him who has (*given*) His word and testimony (*about us*).

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14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, who is passed into the heavens (*in glorified human flesh, forever free from death*), Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold firm (*to keep hearing the faith, so that*) the confession (*of our hearts be united together with His*).

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with the feeling of our death; but He was in all points tempted (*by death*) the same way we are, yet without ever enlisting His own ability to save Himself (*but cried out to the One who could save Him from death*).

16 We should come therefore with boldness (*and frankness of speech*) to the throne of (*His*) grace (*and strength to overcome death*), so that we may (*also*) receive mercy (*to escape the death and corruption that is in the world through lust*) and (*where we will*) find (*rest in*) His grace to strengthen us in our time of need.

Chapter 5

1 For every high priest (*since they are*) taken from among men are appointed for men in things pertaining to God, so that they may offer both gifts and sacrifices for death:

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2 Who (*also being a man*) can have compassion on the ones who are ignorant, and on them that are (*willfully going*) out of the way; because he himself is also clothed with the infirmity (*of the body of death*).

3 And for that reason, just as he is obligated (*to make an offering*) for the people, so also (*must he make offering*) for himself, for death.

4 And no man receives this honor from himself, but he must be called of God, as was Aaron.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to be made a high priest; but He that said unto Him, “You are My Son, today have I begotten you”, (*He has appointed Him*).

6 As He said also in another place, “You are a priest (*to the world*) forever (*without beginning or end*) after the image of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of His (*suffering of affliction in the*) flesh, when He had offered up (*His own body with*) prayers and strong crying and tears from a meek and lowly heart unto the (*only*) One that was able to save Him from death and was heard in that He (*was fully persuaded that He*)

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revered God's strength alone (*to deliver Him from death*);

8 Though He was a Son, yet He learned by harkening diligently (*to the word of promise from the Father to save Him*) from the things which He suffered (*in the flesh*);

9 And having been made perfect (*raised unto the likeness of God in glorified human flesh*) He became the author of eternal salvation unto all of those who harken diligently to (*hear*) Him;

10 Called (*and appointed*) of God, a high priest after the image of Melchisedec (*who sits forever in the power of an endless life in immortal flesh*).

11 Concerning whom we have many things to say (*to you*), which are hard to be understood and difficult to be interpreted, seeing as you are slothful (*not being diligent*) in your hearing.

12 For by this time when you ought to be teachers, you (*still*) need someone to teach you again the beginning teachings of the utterances of God (*contained in the law which were always pointing to Christ*); and have become like babes

that still have need of milk and cannot handle strong meat.

13 Because everyone that (*has been slothful in their hearing*) needs milk and are without experience or understanding (*still being ignorant*) of the word (*contained in the law that spoke*) of God's righteousness towards us to (*provide Himself the lamb that would cleanse us from death once and forever and*) serve us with His life and immortality (*as our inheritance*): for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongs to those who are of full age (*mature*), the ones who have had their senses exercised (*after having grappled with an unconcealed heart are persuaded by the word contained in the law of God's righteousness toward them and who now look to the faith of Jesus Christ and are able*) to discern between that which is born from the word of life and that which brings death.

Chapter 6

1 Therefore leaving behind the beginning teachings of Christ (*that came through the gifts and sacrifices of the law*), let us move on to

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perfection (*where we rest looking to the faith of Jesus Christ wherein we were once and for all time sanctified from death by the blood of Christ, the lamb of God and not by washings, cleansings and sacrifices from the blood of bulls and goats which could never make us perfect unto immortality in our flesh*), not laying again the foundation of these offerings which (*were only a shadow to keep us and teach us until Christ, the substance, would come but which*) had no power to purge our conscience from (*from death and from performing those*) dead works and renew a heart filled with faith toward God (*where we rested from our own works*),

2 (*Moving on*) from the (*beginning*) teachings (*and rituals*) of washings (*that could not ever cleanse us from our dying flesh*) and the laying on of hands, and the of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment (*which things were only ever a shadow, but the substance was always pointing to the faith that would come in Christ*).

3 And these sacrifices and offerings we will move on from, God willing (*once we see what the law was truly speaking about and go to rest in Christ sacrifice that sanctified us from death once and for all time*).

4 Because it is impossible for those who (*have seen the word that the law was always speaking about was Christ, who has forever sanctified us from death*) having been once enlightened (*by that teaching in the law*), and have tasted of the gift of God from heaven, and saw they were

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offered the same share in the gift of the Holy Spirit (*and the life which He brings*);

5 And have tasted the goodness of the word of God (*in Christ*), and the strength (*and glorification*) of the world to come (*if they reject His sacrifice; for them to find their heart renewed and filled with faith toward God*),

6 If they (*who were once enlightened, reject His sacrifice and*) turn aside (*from Christ but continue performing the dead works contained in ceremonies and sacrifices of the law*), (*it is impossible for them to find that those sacrifices are able*) to renew their conscience (*where they rest and do no work*); seeing as they crucify to themselves continually the Son of God (*considering the blood He shed as common as the blood of bulls and goats, where they disesteem*) putting Him (*and the word which He has spoken*) to public shame (*and never finding their conscience renewed where they rest from their own works with their faith toward God*).

7 For (*just as*) the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes on it brings forth fruit fitting for them for whose sake it was made and by whom it was also tilled, (*so also do we*) receive the fruit of God's life (*when we are diligent with His word, to hear and soak in that which has rained from heaven in Christ, settling it in our heart*):

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8 But (*just as*) the land that (*does not receive the rain*) produces thorns and briars is rejected (*and barren to them*) and is near to (*being under*) a curse, and that land's end is only to be burned up (*and consumed in the fire, so are the dead works of those who refuse to rest in His good work*).

9 However, beloved we are persuaded of better things about you, and of all the things that accompany the salvation (*wherein He has rescued our lives from death and corruption, serving us with all the fruit of His life unto immortality in our flesh*), even though we have spoken (*frankly*) in this manner.

10 Because God is not unjust to forget the works of you (*that were born*) from (*His*) love (*toward you*), which (*work*) you have shown toward His name (*being diligent to hear Him*), whereby you have (*continually*) ministered (*His love*) to the saints and do (*still*) minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to (*hear the faith that keeps you in*) the full assurance of hope (*of His same life being formed in you*) which endures to the end:

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12 That you would be not slothful (*hearers*), but followers of them who through (*the hearing of the faith*) are fully persuaded, and (*being certain*) do patiently wait for (*resting in*) the promise of His life and immortality.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham (*that he would be the father of many nations*), because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

14 Saying, surely blessing I will bless you (*with many descendants*) and multiplying I will multiply you (*and your descendants like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore*).

15 And so, after he had patiently waited (*believing upon the One who had spoken to him*), he obtained the promise.

16 For men do (*always*) swear by the greater: and take an oath that establishes a guarantee (*that creates confidence*) to them and brings an end to all (*arguments and*) contradictions.

17 Wherein God, desiring more abundantly to show the heirs of the promise the (*unalterable and*) unchangeableness of His purpose (*and*

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will), confirmed it by (*swearing by Himself*) an oath:

18 That by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, (*so that in this*) we might have strong comfort (*and confidence*), (*we*) who have (*all our days*) fled (*looking*) for refuge (*and help*) to lay hold upon the (*certainty of the*) hope (*that is now*) set before us:

19 Which hope we now have (*in Christ*) as an anchor of the soul, which contains both a certainty and unchangeability, and which (*gives the confidence to*) enter into (*His rest*) which is behind the veil;

20 Where the forerunner has for us (*already*) entered, even Jesus Christ, made a high priest (*to the world*) forever (*without beginning or end*) after the image of Melchisedec (*who sits forever in the power of an endless life in immortal flesh*).

Chapter 7

1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings (*bringing him gifts of bread and wine*), and (*who*) blessed him

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(saying, *blessed are you from the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth*);

2 To this Melchisedec also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (*the goods*); first being interpreted King of righteousness (*possessing the life which God saw as it ought to be*), and after that also King of Salem, which is (*interpreted*), King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descendants, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the image of the Son of God; who abides a priest (*to the world*) continually (*in perpetuity*).

4 Now consider how great (*Abraham recognized*) this man was, that even the founding father offered the tenth of all the goods.

5 For indeed those who are from the sons of Levi have received the office of the priesthood, and have a commandment to take a tenth from the people according to the law, and that is, from their brethren, even though they have come out of the loins of Abraham:

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6 But he who has no descendants (*whose ancestry*) is not counted from the sons of Levi received a tenth from Abraham and blessed him, the one who received the promise (*of His life and immortality*).

7 Apart now from any and all dispute (*we can say with certainty that*) the lesser (*possessing no ability to serve himself with life and immortality*) is blessed from the greater (*the only immortal, the possessor of heaven and earth*).

8 And here men that die receive the tenth; but there the one who received them, is one of whom it testifies that he lives (*forever without end of days*).

9 And if I may so say, Levi also, who received the tenth under the law, paid the tenth in Abraham.

10 Because he was yet in the lions of his father (*Abraham*) when Melchisedec met him.

11 Therefore if perfection (*where seeing your death has been sent away once and for all time, and you rest from all your work in the promise of His life unto immortality in your flesh*) were to come through the Levitical priesthood, (for under

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that priesthood the people received the law), why would there be any need for another priesthood to rise after the image of Melchisedec, and not be called after the image of Aaron's priesthood?

12 But because the priesthood (*of Aaron was inferior in its ability to bring perfection, it needed to be*) changed, and therefore by necessity there would also be a change of the law.

13 Because He (*who is called of God a high priest after the image of Melchisedec*) of whom these things are spoken (*and prophesied of Christ Jesus our Lord*), belongs to another tribe, from which (*tribe*) no man has served at the altar.

14 For it is apparent that our Lord Jesus has sprung from out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood.

15 But it is even more apparent: that after the resemblance of Melchisedec there would arise another priest,

16 Who is made (*the high priest of God*), not according to (*the weakness and inferiority of performing the carnal commandments (and ceremonies)*) under the law, but according to the

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power of an endless life (*in His resurrection from the dead*).

17 Because He testified (*about Him saying*), You are a priest forever after the image of Melchisedec (*without beginning or end, in perpetuity*)

18 For there is indeed a disannulling (*a putting away of that priesthood that was*) of the commandment (*being that it was only ever a shadow of good things to come and was*) beforehand intended to be done away with because of the weakness and unprofitableness of it to bring (*perfection to the hearers*).

19 For the law (*of commandment*) made nothing perfect (*immortal*), but the bringing in of a better hope (*in bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ*) did; by (*the hearing of*) which (*faith*) we draw near to God (*unto perfection; His life unto immortality in our flesh*).

20 To the degree that He was not made a priest without an oath (*but God Himself swore an oath*):

21 Because those priests (*from Aaron's priesthood*) were made (*priests*) without an oath;

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but this (*man*) with an oath by the One that said unto Him, The Lord (*Himself*) has sworn and will not repent, you are a priest forever after the image of Melchisedec:

22 By so much (*more then*) was Jesus made (*a high priest that is*) the certainty of a better covenant (*which is able to bring us to perfection; in the same life and immortality that is in Him*).

23 And truly (*under this old priesthood*) there were many priests that were not allowed to continue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because He lives forevermore (*in glorified flesh that can never die again*) He has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost (*completely healing them from the sting of death unto immortality in their flesh*) who come to God through Him, seeing as He ever lives to make intercession in their hearts (*of the certainty of His same life manifested in them*).

26 For truly it was fitting for us (*and for the life God promised us from the beginning*) to have a high priest who is holy, (*set apart for the life that*

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cannot ever die), innocent (*of death's accusation*), undefiled (*by death*), (*forever*) separated from death and who was made (*in immortal flesh so that He could ascend in it*) higher than the heavens;

27 Who does not need to daily, as those (*Levitical*) high priests to offer up sacrifice, first for His own death, and then for the people's (*death*): because this He did one time (*sanctifying all from death*) when He offered up Himself.

28 Because the law makes men high priests who have (*the*) infirmity (*of death in their flesh*); but the word of the oath (*which He swore declares the Son a high priest after the power of an endless life*), which changes the law, making the Son (*a high priest*), who is perfected (*in an immortal human body at the right hand of the Father*) forevermore.

Chapter 8

1 Now of all the things which we have spoken (*to you*) this is the principal thing: We now have a high priest such as this, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the

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heavens (*a man in glorified flesh and bone that cannot ever die again*);

2 A minister (*who serves continually*) in the holy of holies (*having already entered into the place set apart and prepared for you*), and from the true tabernacle (*of God*) which the Lord has built and fastened together, and not man's hands.

3 Because every high priest is appointed so that they can offer gifts and sacrifices (*for the people*): for which reason it is necessary that this man also would have something to offer (*which was His own blood*).

4 Because if He were on the earth, He would not be a priest (*of the heavenly*), seeing as the (*earthly*) priests that offer gifts (*and sacrifices by the sprinkling the blood of bulls and goats to the purification of the flesh do so only as an example*) according to (*the pattern given in*) the law:

5 Which serve (*only*) as the example and shadow of heavenly things (*and not the very substance*), as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, He said, that you make all things according to the pattern which I showed to you on the mountain.

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6 But now has He (*as our high priest*) obtained a more excellent ministry (*who after being sanctified from death once and for all time, appeared in the heavenly tabernacle in immortal flesh and bone with His own blood*), by how much greater (*of a ministry*) is He now also the arbitrator of a better testament, which was established upon better promises (*of the same life and immortality in our flesh*).

7 For if that first (*priesthood of the old*) covenant (*along with its sacrifices in the earthly tabernacle made after the pattern given in the law*) had been free from fault (*able to bring perfection, purging a man's conscience from death where they rested in the work that God has done to perfect them once and for all time unto immortality in their flesh*) there would have been no desire for the second.

8 Therefore finding fault with those things (*which were only ever meant to serve as a shadow pointing to the very substance*), He said, Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

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9 Not according to the covenant (*that only testified of the promise good things to come but was not the substance*) that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out (*of the bondage*) of the land of Egypt; because (*in that covenant*) they (*did not rest in the works of My hand but*) continued (*to trust in the works of their own hands and*) not in My covenant (*although I was a husband to them*), and I disregarded their works (*which only served them with the fruit of death and could never allow them to rest in Me to care for them and serve them with My life and immortality*), saith the Lord.

10 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put My (*Spirit into them and My*) teaching and instruction into their minds and write it on their hearts (*the work which I have done to provide Myself the lamb to remove their death once and for all time*): (*so that*) I will be to them a God, and they will be to Me a people (*where they reap all the fruit of My life where they have not sown*):

11 And they will not need to teach every man his neighbor, and every man teach his brother,

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saying, know the Lord: because (*I will place My Spirit within them*) all will know Me (*intimately as Father*), from the least to the greatest.

12 Because I will be merciful to (*remove from them*) the injustice death has brought them and their death and (*the sting of*) iniquity, (*along with all the fruit of death that it served them*) will I remember no more.

13 In that He said, A new covenant, He has immediately made the first one obsolete (*declaring that it was decaying and growing old and that it would pass away because it was not sufficient for them to rest in Him to be their God and they to be His people*). Now that which decays and that which grows old is already near to vanish away.

Chapter 9

1 Now certainly the first (*covenant pointed to the promise and*) also had (*high priests performing*) acts of service (*for the people as established by the law, which service was a shadow testifying about how God would purge them from death*) and (*also had*) the earthly sanctuary (*that was*

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made after the pattern which God showed Moses).

2 For there was a tabernacle prepared; the first room (*that the priests would enter every sabbath*), containing the candlestick, and the table and the shewbread; which is called the Holy place.

3 Now behind the second veil was the (*second*) tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which (*the high priest must enter every year with blood, having*) the golden censer (*to carry burning coals from the altar of incense to behind the veil*), and the ark of the covenant covered all around with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of testimony;

5 And over the ark the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.

6 Now (*for that present time*) when these things were thus ordained (*and in place*), the priests always went (*every sabbath*) into (*the Holy place*)

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the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service (*for the people*) of God.

7 But into the second (*tabernacle behind the veil*) the high priest went in alone and only once every year, and not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people (*who had ignorantly gone out of the way unto life*):

8 The Holy Ghost was signifying (*by this*), that the way into the Holiest of all (*in the true heavenly tabernacle*) was not yet made manifest, while as the earthly tabernacle (*along with its gifts and sacrifices*) were still in place:

9 Which was only a shadow for that specific period of time, in which both gifts and sacrifices were offered, that could not ever make the one that did the service perfect, as pertaining to (*purging of the*) conscience (*from the death in their flesh*);

10 But only consisted in meats and drinks, and divers' washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them (*to keep them shut up unto the faith*) until the time of reformation (*when God*

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would make straight that which got crooked purging our conscience of our body of death).

11 However, Christ having appeared (*in the holiest place*), coming as a high priest (*the substance*) of the good things to come, (*who came*) by a greater and more perfect tabernacle (*in the heavens*), not made with hands, that is to say, not of this (*earthly*) building (*of which we have spoken*);

12 Neither (*has He entered*) by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the true Holiest of all (*in the heavens*), having (*once and forever*) obtained eternal redemption (*from death*) for us all.

13 For if the (*continued offering of the*) blood of bulls and goats, and the burnt ashes of a heifer (*mixed with water and*) sprinkled upon those spotted by death, (*was meant to keep us*), sanctifying (*our hearts by pointing us*) to the purifying of the flesh (*which was to come*):

14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself (*once and for all time and appeared with His own blood in flesh and bone immortal, forever*) unspotted

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(*by death*) to God, purge your conscience from performing dead works to serve the living God?

15 And because of this, He is the mediator (*the One who guarantees all the terms*) of a new (*and better*) covenant, so that by means of (*His*) death, for the redemption of the transgressions (*deviations, and willful disregard*) there was under the first covenant, (*so that being released from the bondage of death*) all those who are called (*His son's*) might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 Because where there is a will, there must also of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

17 For a will is only in force after men are dead: otherwise, it is of no strength at all while the one who has made it lives.

18 For that same reason neither was the first (*covenant*) set apart as sanctified without (*the shedding of*) blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to (*instruct*) all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, mixed with

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water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book (*of the covenant*), and all the people,

20 Saying, this is the blood that testifies of all that God (*will do which He*) has charged (*be done*) concerning you.

21 Then he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all (*the patterns of heavenly*) things are by the law purged with blood (*in the earthly tabernacle*); because apart from the shedding of blood there is no sending away (*of death*).

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things (*which were only representative of things*) in the heavens, should be purified with these (*sacrifices*); but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these (*which by the law were only patterns*).

24 For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but (*has entered*) into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor (*has He entered*) that He should offer Himself often (*annually*), as the high priest

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enters into the holiest place every year with blood of another (*kind and not their own*);

26 Otherwise, it would have been necessary for Him to have offered Himself repeatedly (*for our death*) since the foundation of the world (*when death first entered*), but now once near the culmination of the age (*of death's reign*) has He appeared to put away death (*once and for all time*) through the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And in the same way it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was also offered once to bear the transgressions which brought death to many (*sending their death away*); and unto them that patiently wait for Him will He appear the second time (*from heaven*) apart from death (*bringing justice*) unto the salvation (*of our bodies immortal subduing the earth cleansing it of every remnant of death, joining heaven and earth as one*).

Chapter 10

1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come (*through the faith revealed in Jesus Christ*), but not the very shape and substance of the

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things, can never with those sacrifices (*of bulls and goats*) which they offered year by year continually make those who (*desire to*) draw near to (*God*) perfect (*in their conscience, where they come boldly with full assurance to Him for reward having been once and for all time purged from death to serve the living God*).

2 Otherwise would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshippers (*seeing they were*) once purged (*from death*) should no longer have a conscience that is (*filled with laboring and toiling to preserve their own lives*) from death.

3 But in those sacrifices, there is a remembrance made again every year of (*the*) death (*that looms over them*).

4 Because it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats could ever send away (*conquering the*) death (*in a man's flesh*).

5 For that reason when He came into the world (*as a man*), He said, (*Abba, You have opened My ears*) sacrifice and offering (*of the blood of bulls and goats*) You did not desire (*from Me*).

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however, a body have You prepared Me (*that I might provide Myself the lamb*)

6 In burnt offering and sacrifice (*of bulls and goats*) for (*their*) death You have had no pleasure (*because those offerings could never satisfy Your desire to be with them and stand face to face with them in Your love, forever*).

7 Then I said, behold (*I AM*), in the volume (*and the midst of the scroll*) of the book it is written of Me. (*I AM manifest in the flesh*) to fulfill Your will O God (*to provide Myself, the lamb*).

8 After when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings (*of the blood of bulls and goats*) for (*their*) death You did not desire of Me, neither did You have pleasure (*where Your will was forever satisfied*) in those (*sacrifices*); which are offered according to the law;

9 Then said He, behold, I delight to do Your will, O God. (*In which*) He abolishes (*the necessity for*) the first (*sacrifices contained in the law which were only ever a shadow*), that He may establish the second (*which is able to bring about His will and satisfy His desire to be with man forever*).

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10 By which will we are sanctified (*from death*) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all time.

11 But yet every priest stands serving daily (*at the altar*) and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which cannot ever send away death:

12 But this man, after He had offered Himself one time as the sacrifice for (*our*) death forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From then on expectantly waiting (*for the sure hope*) until (*the day*) His enemies (*death and the grave*) are made His footstool (*in all the earth*).

14 Because by the one offering (*of Himself*) has He perfected forever those that are purified (*from death having been set apart for His life*).

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: because after that He has said,

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord; I will put My (*Spirit into them and My*) teaching and instruction into their minds and write it on their

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hearts (*the work which I have done to provide Myself the lamb to remove their death once and for all time*);

17 And their death and (*the sting of*) iniquity, (*along with all the fruit of death that it served them*) will I remember no more.

18 Now where death is sent away there is no longer an offering for iniquity (*because the ones who see they were once and for all time purged from death rest from their labor to preserve their own lives*).

19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter (*with confidence*) into the holiest place (*where we with an unveiled face may stand face to face with God*) by the blood of (*the Lamb*) Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which He has authored (*and set apart*) for us through the veil, that is to say, through His flesh (*being rent for our body of death*);

21 And having a (*greater*) high priest (*who lives forever in glorified flesh*) over the house of God;

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22 Let us then draw near (*to Him and enter*) with a genuine heart with the full assurance of the faith (*of Jesus Christ*), having our hearts sprinkled (*clean*) from a conscience filled with our own works and our flesh washed clean (*where our members go to rest*) in the pure water (*of the word of His testimony about us*).

23 Let us hold fast to the (*same*) confession of our (*sure*) hope without wavering; for the One who promised (*us the same life and immortality*) is trustworthy (*to perform it*).

24 And let us think of one another to stir up (*each another*) to love and to (*rest in His*) good works:

25 Not abandoning the gathering of ourselves together, as is common among some, but (*gathering together to*) exhort one another (*of the sure hope we have in Him*); and so much more so as we see the day (*of salvation*) approaching (*where all death and corruption in the earth will be removed in His return*).

26 Because if we willfully disregard (*rejecting His sacrifice*) and forfeit our share in His life after we have received the knowledge of the truth (*that He*

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is the lamb God provided for our death that the law was always speaking about), there remains no other sacrifice for death,

27 But (*only*) a certain fearful expectation of the judgment and fiery zeal (*that is coming to remove every remnant of death from the earth*), which (*fire*) will devour all the enemies (*on the last day*).

28 He that despised (*and rejected the mercy spoken of in*) Moses law died without (*receiving its*) mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much worse a punishment (*of death that came from transgressing the law*), do you think would be deemed fitting (*of comparison*), (*for the one*) who has (*treated with disregard, having*) trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has considered the blood of the testament (*which secured the promise*) by which (*blood*) he was sanctified (*from death*), an ordinary thing (*thinking of it as common as the blood of bulls and goats*), and has done despite to (*rejecting*) the Spirit of grace (*which punishment in comparison seems like no punishment at all should one perish in the second death on the last day*)?

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30 For we know Him Who has promised, Vengeance belongs to Me, I will recompense (*for death and reward with My life and immortality*), says the Lord. And again, The Lord will bring His (*mercy and*) justice to His people.

31 It is a fearful thing (*for the one expecting punishment and not reward*) to fall into the hands of the living God (*that though He has mercy in His hands they flee in fear unto destruction*).

32 But rather keep in remembrance the former days, where after you were first enlightened (*by the truth revealed in the faith of Jesus Christ*), how you endured a great struggle of sufferings;

33 Whereby were you indeed made a spectacle both by reviling (*insults*) and tribulations (*and persecution*); because you became partners along with those that were so reproached.

34 Because you had compassion for me in my bonds and accepted the spoiling of your goods joyfully, knowing in your hearts that you have a better and more enduring (*incorruptible*) substance (*reserved for you*) in heaven.

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35 Cast not away therefore your confidence (*in the sure hope of the same life revealed in Jesus Christ*), which has great recompence of reward.

36 For you have need of patience (*which this hope and confidence brings you*), so that after you have trusted in the will of God (*to clothe you with His life*), you might receive the promise.

37 For in yet a little while, and the One who (*has promised He*) will come, will (*of a certainty*) come, and (*though men may think it be delayed, wait for it; because it will surely come*) it will not delay.

38 Now the just (*who rest in the certainty of Him to decorate them with all the fruit of His life unto immortality in their flesh*) will live by the faith (*revealed*) of Jesus Christ: but if any man draws back (*cowering away in fear*), (*He has said*) My soul will have no pleasure in him (*who perishes running unto destruction*).

39 But we are not of them who draw back (*in fear*) unto destruction; but of them that are fully persuaded (*of the faith revealed in the death, burial, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ*) unto the complete wholeness of the entire

person (to appear in His same life and immortality).

Chapter 11

1 Now (the word that was with God, that originated from God and was God, has come and perfected His promise inside of human flesh) the word made immortal flesh (in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who) is the substance of the faith, (the originator and the perfecter) that gives the full assurance of everything ever hoped for, and provides the indisputable evidence, proving (the certainty of) that which is not yet seen.

2 For by that word (which was from the beginning) the elders obtained a good report (of the work that God would do to fulfil the promise).

3 Through the (same) faith (that has been made flesh in Jesus) we understand that the universe was (shaped,) formed (and fashioned) by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made by the things which do appear (but by the word of God that was from the beginning).

4 (Being persuaded) by the same faith (that was from the beginning and testified of the work

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which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen) Abel offered unto God a far superior sacrifice than Cain, by which (faith) he obtained witness (from God Himself) that he was righteous (in resting in His promise to provide Himself the lamb and decorate him in His life), God testifying of (the superiority of) his gifts: that being persuaded by that faith though he being dead yet speaks.

5 *(Being persuaded) by the same faith (that was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen) Enoch was translated (from death to life) not seeing (God as the one who punishes with) death (but only seeing the reward of His life); and was found no more, because God had taken him: because before his translation he bore the testimony (of God), by which he (walked in agreement with and) pleased God (diligently seeking Him for the reward of His life).*

6 *But without the faith (contained in the word that was from the beginning and was made flesh in Jesus Christ) it is impossible that He find any pleasure (seeing anyone drawback unto destruction): for he that comes to God (comes*

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because he) is (fully) persuaded that He (already) is (pleased), and that He is the rewarder (of life and immortality and not the destroyer) of them that diligently seek Him.

7 *(Being persuaded) by the same faith (that was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen) Noah, (having seen grace in God's eyes toward him and all mankind) was warned by God concerning (the revelation of) things not yet seen, moved with reverential awe to prepared an ark (that was pitched within and without according to God's instructions) to the saving of his house; by which (faith) he condemned (the life he could have in) the world (filled with labor and anguish, preaching to all people God's desire to preserve their lives from the destruction in the world), and became an heir of the life that only comes from trusting in the work of God (to fulfil His promise).*

8 *(Being persuaded) by the same faith (that was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen) Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which (God promised that) he (and his seed) should afterward receive*

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for an inheritance, obeyed (*believing God*); and (*even though he had yet no child*) he went out, not knowing where he went.

9 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) he dwelled in the land of promise, as a stranger in a strange country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who were the heirs along with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which had foundations (*not built with man's hands that could never see corruption*), whose builder and maker is God.

11 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Sara also herself (*when she was old and barren*) received strength to conceive (*the promised*) seed and was able to deliver a child when she was past age, because she considered (*not the deadness of her womb but*) the One who had promised (*it as a certainty*) trustworthy (*to also be able to perform it*).

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12 Therefore from (*the seed of*) one (*man*), and his own body (*impotent and*) as good as dead, were born so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand of the seashore uncountable.

13 All these died in the same faith (*fully confident in the work that God said He would do*) but without having received the promises, only seeing them from afar and being persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were like strangers in a strange land in the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare bluntly that they seek a country (*which they have yet come to*).

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of (*fondly remembering*) the country from where they came out of, they might have found an opportunity to return.

16 But instead they longed for a better country, one that is of a heavenly substance (*from above*): therefore, God is not ashamed to be surnamed their God (*the God of Abraham, Isaac, and*

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Jacob): for He has prepared (*just such*) a city for them.

17 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Abraham, when he was proven (*the faith manifested in his heart and he believed God*), offered up Isaac (*in the place where he saw God would provide Himself the lamb*): and he that had received the promises (*that through him and his seed he would become the father of many nations*) offered up his only begotten son (*believing the promise that God would preserve him and his seed eternally*).

18 Of whom it was said, that through Isaac will (*you and*) your seed be called (*blessed, the father of many nations*):

19 Considering that God (*who promised*) was also able to raise Isaac up, even from the dead: from where he also had received him (*from the deadness of his own body*) in the same way.

20 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty*

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of things not yet seen) Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning (*good*) things to come (*not yet seen*).

21 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Jacob, when he was a dying, (*strengthened himself sitting upon his bed and*) blessed both the sons of Joseph; (*bowed his head*) and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel (*saying surely God will visit you, and will bring you out of this land to the land concerning which God promised to our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*); and (*for that reason*) gave instructions concerning his bones.

23 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Moses, when he was born,

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was hid (*and nourished up*) three months of his parents, because they saw he was an exceedingly beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) Moses, when he was grown (*to a full forty years old*), he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with (*his brethren*) the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures (*of self-preservation which perish*) that he could gather to himself (*in Egypt*) for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ as greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: because he had the highest regard for and looked toward the (*the promise of the riches of God's life for*) reward.

27 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) he left Egypt, not fearing

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the wrath of the king: for he persevered by seeing (*the faith of*) Him who was not yet seen.

28 By (*continually hearing this same*) faith he observed the Passover (*celebration of God's promise to provide Himself the lamb*), and the sprinkling of blood, so that the death which destroyed the firstborn could not touch them.

29 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith they passed through the Red sea as if it were by dry ground: which the Egyptians attempting to do the same were drowned.

30 By (*this same*) faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) the walls of Jericho fell down, having been encircled for seven days.

31 (*Being persuaded*) by the same faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) the harlot Rahab did not perish with them who (*disobeyed, not allowing themselves to be persuaded that it is God who would preserve their life and*) believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

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32 And what more shall I say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of all the prophets:

33 Who through the faith (*which was from the beginning and testified of the work which God would do in Christ, and the certainty of things not yet seen*) subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were strengthened out of weakness, became mighty in battle, putting to flight the armies of the strangers.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting (*a mortal*) deliverance; so that they might obtain a better (*incorruptible*) resurrection (*from the dead*):

36 And others received trials of (*torture inflicted*) mockings and scourging's, in addition to chains and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawed in two, were tried, were slain with the sword: they

wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 Of whom the world (*and the life it could offer them*) was not fitting (*to be compared to the life God promised to serve them with*): they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in huts and caves of the earth (*refusing any other life*).

39 And all these, having obtained a good report through (*the same word of*) faith (*that was from the beginning and was made flesh in Jesus Christ*), received not the promise:

40 God having foreseen (*that He would provide*) something better for us, and that they (*who saw the promises afar off*) would not be made perfect apart from us (*who have seen the promise made immortal flesh*).

Chapter 12

1 Therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a multitude of witnesses (*of the resurrection which is the promise of eternal life made immortal flesh*), let us lay aside every weight (*that the death in the world can bring*), and the temptation to serve ourselves with life

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(*and peace*) which does so easily entangle us, and (*seeing the certainty that His life and immortality will also manifest in us*) let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking (*diligently*) unto Jesus, the originator and the perfecter of the faith (*made immortal flesh in the resurrection*); Who for the joy (*of the certainty of the life and immortality*) that was set before Him endured the cross (*with patience, whereby He even said My cup runs over*), and considered not the shame (*of His nakedness as anything that could injure the life that the Father promised to clothe Him with*), and who is set down at the right hand of God (*in glorified immortal flesh and bone*).

3 For consider Him who endured such great contradiction from those blinded by death (*pertaining to*) the temptation to save His own life (*that came*) against Himself (*at the cross where He rested in the promise of the Father to clothe Him with His life and immortality*); so that (*when you are tempted to serve yourself with life*) you will (*rest in the certainty that He will also decorate you with that same life and*) not grow weary (*striving against death's accusation in your own strength*) whereby you faint in your minds.

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4 *(Therefore consider the faith of Him because) you have not yet resisted (the temptation to preserve your own life) unto (the shedding of) blood, struggling against the temptation (to enlist your own members) to preserve your life.*

5 And you have forgotten the word which brings comfort and speaks to you as *(His) children, My son, do not despise (or neglect) the correction of the Lord, or grow weary (and lose heart) when you are admonished of Him:*

6 Because the Lord corrects *(all of) the ones who He loves and scourges (the death that speaks lies and erroneous doctrines contrary to His life in the heart of) every son who He receives (as His own).*

7 If you endure correction *(knowing that you are His beloved children), (you see that) God is dealing with you as with sons; because what son is there where the father does not (instruct and) correct (pertaining to life)?*

8 But if you reject *(His) correction (unto life) which all have a share in (and access to), then you have made yourself bastards, and not sons (by rejecting and disregarding the correction of the Father as His sons).*

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9 Furthermore, we have had earthly fathers which corrected us, and we have had respect for them (*and their instruction*): how much more so should we stand (*in awe of, and diligently harkening unto Him, being*) in subjection to the (*correction of*) the Father of the word of life (*made immortal flesh*) and live (*forever*).

10 For our earthly fathers corrected us for just a few days after their own pleasure but He (*has corrected our erroneous belief pertaining to the way unto life and immortality in Jesus Christ*) so that we might (*attain to our inheritance and*) share in the life which He has set apart for us (*to live forever in His life and likeness in immortal flesh, which life He set as the mark for our lives from the beginning*).

11 Now no correction at first seems to be joyous but can bring sorrow: but afterward (*if it is sown in peace, from above by the One who makes peace*) it yields the peaceful fruit (*that brings you rest*) which comes from (*beholding*) the (*holy*) life (*you were set apart for, in the hearts*) of those who (*after having grappled with an unconcealed heart*) are trained (*being persuaded*) by it.

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12 Therefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the weakened knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet (*which have gotten crooked*), so that which is lame would not be put out of joint; but that it would rather be healed (*and your life preserved forever*).

14 Pursue peace (*and His rest which brings tranquility*) with all men, and (*run your race with the patience and certainty of His*) holiness (*a life that has been sanctified from death*), for apart from (*seeing His desire to serve you with*) such (*a life will*) no man see the Lord (*with a pure heart*):

15 Looking diligently (*unto Jesus*) so that no man would (*grow weary striving against death in their own strength and thereby*) fail of the grace of God; so that no (*poisonous*) root of bitterness would spring up and trouble anyone (*with its erroneous doctrines*), and thereby be defiled (*in the bond of iniquity*);

16 So that there would not be any fornicator (*among you who goes and worships other gods*), or profane person (*whose heart is turned away from the Lord to serve their bellies with the works of their own hands*), such as Esau, who for one

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morsel of meat sold his birthright (*the blessing of the first born*).

17 For you know how that afterward, when he (*wished he*) would (*still*) have inherited the blessing (*of the first born*), he was rejected: for he had no change in his heart (*regarding the reasonings by which he sold his birthright, thinking instead that he was still due the blessing*), (*and was denied*) though he sought it carefully with tears.

18 For you are not come to the mount that might be touched (*as those who would not draw near when He spoke on earth*) and which (*mountain*) burned with fire, nor unto the thick cloud (*that concealed with*) blackness and darkness and thunder (*shaking the earth*),

19 And to the sound of a trumpet (*which signaled they could approach*), and the voice of (*His*) words, which voice they that heard begged (*Moses imploring him*) that the word should not be spoken to them anymore (*for fear that they would die*):

20 For they could not endure (*the temptation to preserve their own lives but withdrew because of*

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the fear that death brought to their hearts in) that which was commanded: (which said) “if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it will be stoned or shot through with a dart (it will not live): (but when the trumpet sounded long, they will approach the mount):”

21 And so dreadful was the appearance, that *(even) Moses (who did draw near the mount) said, I exceedingly fear and tremble:*

22 But you are come unto mount Zion *(from where the word of the Lord has gone forth again from heaven)*, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem *(that abides forever)*, and to an innumerable multitude of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of *(Jesus Christ) the firstborn (from the dead)*, whose names are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men *(whose consciences have been purged from death) made perfect (reserved unto the same inheritance incorruptible)*,

24 And to Jesus Christ *(the second Adam and the Lord from heaven)* the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling *(which*

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purges our conscience from death), that speaks (saying death that has been conquered and justice has been served) a more excellent thing than (the blood) of Abel (which cried out for justice from the ground).

25 See that you do not refuse (*to hear*) Him that speaks (*His judgment unto life*). For if they who refused (*to hear*) Him withdrew when He spoke on earth, much more will we also drawback, if we turn away from (*hearing the faith of*) Him that speaks from heaven:

26 Whose voice at that time shook the earth: but now He has promised, saying, yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also heaven (*the sea and the dry land*).

27 And (*the same spirit of faith contained in*) this word, (*which He has spoken*) yet once more (*in Christ*), signifies the removing of those things which (*will pass away that*) are shaken, as in (*the purifying by fire*) the things that are created, so that those things which cannot (*ever be moved or*) be shaken may remain (*incorruptible, baptized in the fire of His life*).

28 Therefore, (*seeing as*) we are (*come to and are*) receiving a kingdom (*the heavenly Jerusalem that abides forever*) which cannot ever be moved (*or shaken*), let us receive (*His*) grace (*and strength*). Whereby we rest in Him (*and His everlasting-kindness to serve us with all the fruit of His life unto immortality in our flesh*), so that we may worship God in a way well pleasing to Him, with all reverence and godly fear (*and awe of Him as the only One who can serve us with that life*).

29 Because our God is a consuming fire (*even a jealous God who is passionate over our lives, as a Father who desires to serve His children with the only life He saw fitting for us from the beginning*).

Chapter 13

1 Let brotherly love (*kindness and affection*) continue (*to abide in you, as you abide in Him, where you honor one another, for we are all members of one body*).

2 And do not be forgetful to (*share this*) love and be generous with strangers (*even to the least of these*): for in doing so some have entertained messengers (*of the Lord*) without knowing it.

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3 Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them (*as members of the same body*); and them which suffer adversity (*and are mistreated*), because you yourselves are also in the body.

4 Marriage is honorable (*precious and to be esteemed*) by all (*who take part in it*), and the (*marriage*) bed is (*pure and*) undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God judges (*that they trespass against their own body*).

5 Let your way of life to be free from the love of money (*always lusting for more*); but be satisfied with such things as you have: for (*all that He has is yours and*) He Himself has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my (*shepherd, my ever present*) helper (*in my time of need, who rescues my life from destruction*), so that I will not fear what man will do to me.

7 Be mindful of those which have the rule over you, who have spoken to you the word of God: of whom, observing closely the end of their way of life; follow the faith (*of Jesus Christ*).

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

9 Do not be carried (*and tossed*) about with various and strange doctrines (*which are outside of the faith of Jesus Christ*). For it is good that the heart be established (*and to find its strength only*) in (*the*) grace (*and strength of the Lord Jesus*), not with food rituals (*and restrictions*) which have not profited those who have been occupied with them (*because those things have no ability to strengthen them unto the life and immortality of God*).

10 We have an altar (*upon which God has provided Himself the lamb*), from which they have no right to eat (*seeing as they*) which serve the tabernacle (*do so upon the altar made with man's hands providing themselves a lamb*).

11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for the trespasses of the people, (*neither the people nor the priests may eat thereof but*) are burned outside the camp (*the Holy Spirit signifying that the way to the holiest place was not manifest upon the altar made with man's hands*).

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12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people (*from death*) with His own blood, suffered (*death in the flesh*) outside the gate.

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp, (*seeing as we also are*) bearing the (*same*) reproach as Him (*of death in our flesh; looking unto the faith of Jesus Christ, where we find the strength for our hearts to disesteem the shame the death in the world can bring us as anything that can injure the life that the Father promised to clothe us with, seeing the joy and certainty of the life which manifested in Him in immortal flesh in the resurrection*).

14 For (*we are strangers*) here (*in a world filled with death and corruption*) having no continuing city (*that will abide forever*), but we seek (*the*) one to come (*knowing that we are citizens of a heavenly country; that is under the reign of an indestructible life*).

15 By (*looking unto and calling upon*) Him therefore let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, which is, the fruit of (*His life that the Spirit brings to*) our lips (*whereby we cry Abba Father*) giving thanks to His name.

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16 And do not forget to do good (*to those in need*) and to share (*your substance with others as well as communicate the hope that you have in you*): for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Listen carefully to (*and allow yourself to be persuaded by*) those who (*have spoken the word of God to you and*) have rule over you (*leading you toward the faith of Jesus Christ*) and submit yourselves (*to their counsel in the Lord*): for they watch for your souls as ones that must deliver a word (*as if about their very own lives, expressing the thoughts of the Father through the Spirit*), so that they may do it with joy, and not groaning (*within themselves in anger or frustration*): because that is unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us (*and our ministry*): for we are persuaded we have a good conscience (*in Christ*), in all these things desiring to live honestly.

19 But I urge you even more abundantly to pray for me, so that I may be restored (*and return*) to you sooner.

20 Now the God of peace (*fill you with hope*), who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

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through the blood of the everlasting covenant (*that is without end*),

21 Make you perfect (*as He is perfect, sanctified from death*) unto every good work (*which work He has beforehand prepared for you to walk in*) to walk in His will (*and the justice of His incorruptible life*), working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight (*unto His same life and immortality in your flesh*), through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22 And I implore you, brethren, to listen closely (*to consider*) this word of exhortation (*and comfort so that you may endure any and all contradiction*): for I have written a letter to you in few words.

23 Know that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you as well.

24 Salute all of them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

25 The grace (*of our Lord Jesus*) be with you all. Amen.

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