

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

¹ THE elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. ² Beloved, I wish above all *things* that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. ³ For I rejoiced greatly, when *the* brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. ⁵ Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; ⁶ which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: ⁷ because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. ⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

⁹ I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. ¹⁰ Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church. ¹¹ Beloved, follow not *that which is* evil, but *that which is* good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. ¹² Demetrius hath good report of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we

also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

¹³ I had many *things* to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: ¹⁴ but I trust *I* shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

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