*The Second Epistle of Paul to the*

**Corinthians**

*Paul had established the church at Corinth during his first stay there and later wrote the first letter to them concerning the dishonorable behavior of some of its members. Apparently Paul paid them another visit, which was not very pleasant, between the first time he stayed there and the time that this letter was written (2 Cor. 12:14; 13:1). As he traveled through Macedonia (northern Greece) on his way to Corinth (located in Achaia or southern Greece), he met with Titus and discovered that his first letter to the Corinthians church had been received and accomplished much good (2 Cor. 7:5-11). Nevertheless, there were still some serious problems in the church at Corinth, including a faction in the congregation who denied that Paul was truly an apostle of Jesus. As a result, Paul immediately wrote this letter, probably from Philippi, and sent it on ahead with Titus (see 2 Cor. 8:16, 17; 9:2-4). This is believed to have been written about A.D. 54 or 55, only eight months to a year after the writing of the Book of 1 Corinthians. Paul spent the next winter in Corinth as he had planned (Acts 20:2, 3; 1 Cor. 16:5, 6).*

*The Apostle Paul's intense emotions and fiery personality are more evident in this letter than in any other epistle. The Book of 2 Corinthians has only a vague systematic form, and except for Paul’s letter to Philemon, has the least emphasis on doctrinal issues. He shared some of his personal experiences, such as the vision I which he was “caught up into the third heaven” (2 Cor. 12:1-4) and his “thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7-9).*

*Pual warned the Corinthians about certain doctrinal errors, instructed them in matters of duty as Christians, and expressed joy that they had heeded his instructions in the first letter. He also defended his authority as an apostle against the attacks of legalistic teachers who sought to disrupt his work. The main theme of the Book of 2 Corinthians is that one should always be faithful to Christ. (Key Word, page 1442)*

**Chapter 1**

1 [Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-1/)

*Apostle 652, Apostolos, ap-os’-tol-ay’: from 649; a delegate; specially an ambassador of the gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ.*

*Church 1577 ekklesia, ed-klay-see’-ah; from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both)*

[2 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-2/)

*Grace 5485, charis, khar’-ece; from 5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon th heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):…*

***“The God of All Comfort”***

[3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-3/)

*Blessed 2128, eulogetos, yoo-log-ay-tos’; from 2127; adorable: -blessed.*

[4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-4/)

[5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-5/)

*Acts 9:*  [*3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-3/)

[*4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-4/)

[*5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-5/)

[6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual *(Or, is wrought)* in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-6/)

[7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-7/)

*Romans 8:*  [*16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-16/)

[*17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-17/)

[8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-8/)

[9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-9/)

[10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-10/)

*2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

[11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-11/)

*Gift 5486, charisma, char’-is-mah; from 5483; a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (special) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subject) religious qualification, or (objective) miraculous faculty: - (free) gift.*

***Paul’s Sincerity***

[12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-12/)

[13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-13/)

[14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-14/)

[15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit *(Or, grace)*;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-15/)

[16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-16/)

[17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-17/)

[18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-18/)

[19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-19/)

[20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-20/)

[21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-21/)

*1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

[22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-22/)

[23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-23/)

[24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-24/)

**Chapter 2**

1 [But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-1/)

[2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-2/)

[3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-3/)

[4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-4/)

***Forgiveness for a Penitent Man***

[5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-5/)

[6 Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment *(Or, censure)*, which *was inflicted* of many.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-6/)

[7 So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-7/)

*Galatians 6:1*[*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-6-1/)

[*2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-6-2/)

[*3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-6-3/)

[*4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-6-4/)

[*5 For every man shall bear his own burden.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-6-5/)

[8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-8/)

[9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-9/)

[10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person *(Or, in the sight)* of Christ;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-10/)

[11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-11/)

[12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-12/)

*Acts 16:*  [*7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-16-7/)

[*8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-16-8/)

[*9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-16-9/)

[13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-13/)

***Victory in Christ***

[14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-14/)

*Song of Solomon 1:3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name*is as*ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.*

[15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-15/)

[16 To the one *we are* the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-16/)

*John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.*

[17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-2-17/)

**Chapter 3**

***A New Ministry***

1 [Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some *others*, epistles of commendation to you, or *letters* of commendation from you?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-1/)

[2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-2/)

*Epistle, 1992, epistolfrom ssage: -eee, ep-is-tol-ay’; from 1989; a written message: -“epistle”, letter.*

[3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-3/)

*Hebrew 8:10 For this*is*the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*

[4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-4/)

[5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-5/)

[6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth *(Or, quickeneth)* life.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-6/)

*Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

[7 But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-7/)

*Exodus 34:*  [*29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-34-29/)

[*30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-34-30/)

[8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-8/)

[9 For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-9/)

*Romans 3:*  [*20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law*is*the knowledge of sin.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-3-20/)

[*21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-3-21/)

[*22 Even the righteousness of God*which is*by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-3-22/)

[*23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-3-23/)

[10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-10/)

[11 For if that which is done away *was* glorious, much more that which remaineth *is* glorious.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-11/)

[12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness *(Or, boldness)* of speech:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-12/)

[13 And not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-13/)

[14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-14/)

*Matthew 13:*  [*9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-9/)

[*10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-10/)

[*11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-11/)

[*12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-13-12/)

[15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-15/)

[16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-16/)

*Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

[17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-17/)

[18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord *(Or, of the Lord the Spirit)*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-18/)

*Collosians 3:10 And have put on the new*man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

**Chapter 4**

***Never Give Up***

1 [Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-1/)

[2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty *(Gr. Shame)*, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-2/)

*Dishonesty, 152, aischune, ahee-skhoo’-nay; from 153; shame or disgrace (abstract or concrete): -dishonesty, shame.*

[3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-3/)

[4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-4/)

*John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11; John 1:18*

[5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-5/)

[6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-6/)

*Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

[7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-7/)

[8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair *(Or, not altogether without help, or, means)*;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-8/)

[9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-9/)

[10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-10/)

*Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with*him*, that we may be also glorified together.*

[11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-11/)

*Romans 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

[12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-12/)

[13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-13/)

*Psalms 116:*  [*8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-116-8/)

[*9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-116-9/)

[*10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-116-10/)

[14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-14/)

[15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-15/)

[16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-16/)

[17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-17/)

*Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great*is*your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

[18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-4-18/)

*Hebrews 11:1* [*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-11-1/)

**Chapter 5**

1 [For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-1/)

*What Paul is saying here is that the spirit is the real person, not the body. The body is represented by the Greek word skenon (4633) “tent.” Paul explains that through this earthly body (“house”) will be “dissolved,” God has promised that there will be a “building of God.” This is a description of the death of the mortal body, yet it is intended to ne encouragement for th believer as he or she looks at death.*

[2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-2/)

[3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-3/)

*Naked 1131, gumnos, goom-nos’; of uncertain affinity; nude (absolute or relative, literal or figurative): -naked.*

*Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed*is*he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

[4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-4/)

[5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-5/)

*Romans 8:*  [*19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-19/)

[*20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-20/)

[*21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-21/)

[*22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-22/)

[*23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-23/)

[*24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-8-24/)

[6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-6/)

[7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-7/)

[8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-8/)

[9 Wherefore we labour *(Or, endeavor)*, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-9/)

[10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-10/)

*Revelation 22:*  [*10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-22-10/)

[*11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-22-11/)

[*12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-22-12/)

[*13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-22-13/)

***Paul Defends Himself***

[11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-11/)

*Terror 5401, phobos, fob’-os; from a primary, phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: -be afraid, +exceedingly, fear, terror.*

[12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-12/)

[13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-13/)

[14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-14/)

[15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-15/)

*1 Peter 4:1* [*Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-4-1/)

[*2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-4-2/)

[16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-16/)

[17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-17/)

*Revelations 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

[18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-18/)

[19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto *(Gr. Put in us)* us the word of reconciliation.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-19/)

[20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-20/)

[21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-5-21/)

*Isaiah 53:*  [*3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-3/)

[*4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-4/)

[*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-5/)

[*6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-6/)

[*7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-7/)

[*8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-8/)

[*9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-9/)

[*10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-10/)

[*11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-11/)

[*12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-53-12/)

**Chapter 6**

***The Apostle’s Fidelity and Love***

1 [We then, *as* workers together *with him*, beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-1/)

*Hebrews 12:*  [*14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-12-14/)

[*15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-12-15/)

[*16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-12-16/)

[*17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-12-17/)

[2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-2/)

*Succoured 997, boetheo, bo-ay-theh’-o; from 998; to aidor relieve: -help, succour.*

[3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-3/)

[4 But in all *things* approving *(Gr. Commending)* ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-4/)

[5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-5/)

[6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost *(Spirit)*, by love unfeigned,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-6/)

[7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-7/)

*Ephesians 6:*  [*11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-11/)

[*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-12/)

[*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-13/)

[*14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-14/)

[*15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-15/)

[*16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-16/)

[*17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-17/)

[*18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-6-18/)

[8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-8/)

[9 As unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-9/)

*Psalms 118:*  [*17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-118-17/)

[*18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-118-18/)

[10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-10/)

[11 O *ye* Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-11/)

[12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-12/)

[13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-13/)

[14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-14/)

*Deuteronomy 7:1* [*When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Deuteronomy-7-1/)

[*2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Deuteronomy-7-2/)

[*3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Deuteronomy-7-3/)

[15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-15/)

[16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-16/)

*Zechariah 8:8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.*

*Zechariah 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It*is*my people: and they shall say, The LORD*is*my God.*

[17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-17/)

*Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

[18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-18/)

*Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

**Chapter 7**

1 [Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-1/)

*1 John 3:1* [*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-1/)

[*2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-2/)

[*3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-3/)

***The Former Letter***

[2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-2/)

[3 I speak not *this* to condemn *you*: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with *you*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-3/)

*2 Corinthians 6:11-12*

[4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-4/)

[5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-5/)

*2 Corinthians 2:13*

*2 Corinthians 4:8*

[6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-6/)

*Comforteth 3870, parakaleo, par-ak-al-eh’-o; from 3844 and 2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by implication hortation or consolation): -beseech, call for (be good) comfort, desire, call for, beseech with a stronger force than aiteo (154).*

[7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-7/)

[8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-8/)

[9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly *(Or, according to God)* manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-9/)

[10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-10/)

*2 Samuel 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.*

[11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-11/)

[12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-12/)

[13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-13/)

*Romans 15:*  [*29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-29/)

[*30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-30/)

[*31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-31/)

[*32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-32/)

[*33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-33/)

[14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-14/)

[15 And his inward *(Gr. Bowels)* affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-15/)

[16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-7-16/)

*Philippians 2:*  [*9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-9/)

[*10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-10/)

[*11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-11/)

[*12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-12/)

[*13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-13/)

[*14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-14/)

[*15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-15/)

**Chapter 8**

***The Macedonian Saints***

1 [Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-1/)

[2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality *(Gr. Simplicity)*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-2/)

*Jesus stated of the widow who gave all she had in Mark 12:* [*43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Mark-12-43/)

[*44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Mark-12-44/)

[3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-3/)

[4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-4/)

*Intreaty, 3874, paraklesis, par-ak’-lay-sis; from 3870; imploration, hortation, solace: -comfort, consolation, exhortation, entreaty.*

[5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-5/)

[6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-6/)

[7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-7/)

[8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-8/)

*As he had stated in 1 Corinthians 7:6 But I speak this by permission,*and*not of commandment.*

[9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-9/)

*Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air*have*nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay*his*head.*

[10 And herein I give *my* advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward *(Gr. willing)* a year ago.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-10/)

*Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.*

[11 Now therefore perform the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-11/)

[12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-12/)

[13 For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-13/)

[14 But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-14/)

[15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-15/)

*Exodus 16:*  [*15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-16-15/)

[*16 This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-16-16/)

[*17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-16-17/)

[*18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Exodus-16-18/)

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[16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-16/)

[17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-17/)

[18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-18/)

[19 And not *that* only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of* your ready mind:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-19/)

[20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-20/)

[21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-21/)

*Romans 12:*  [*16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-12-16/)

[*17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-12-17/)

[*18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-12-18/)

[22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which *I have* in you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-22/)

[23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-23/)

*Philippians 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.*

[24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-8-24/)

**Chapter 9**

***Free and Cheerful Giving***

1 [For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-1/)

*Superfluous, 4053, perissos, per-is-sos’; from 4012 (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); (by implication) excessive; adverb (with 1537) violently; neuter (as noun) preeminence:*

[2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-2/)

[3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-3/)

[4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-4/)

[5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty *(Gr. Blessing)*, whereof ye had notice before *(Or, which hath been so much spoken of before)*, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-5/)

[6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-6/)

*Proverbs 11:*  [*23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-11-23/)

[*24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-11-24/)

[7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-7/)

*Deuteronomy 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:*

[8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-8/)

*Proverbs 28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.*

[9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-9/)

*Psalms 112:9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

[10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-10/)

*Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for*it is*time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.*

[11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-11/)

[12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-12/)

[13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-13/)

*Experiment 1382, dokime, dok’-ee-may’; from the same as 1384; test (abstract or concrete); (by implication) trustiness: -experience (-riment), proof, trial.*

[14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-14/)

[15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-9-15/)

**Chapter 10**

***Paul’s Self-Vindication***

1 [Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *(Or, in outward appearance)* *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-1/)

[2 But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think *(Or, reckon)* of us as if we walked according to the flesh.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-2/)

[3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-3/)

[4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-4/)

*Jeremiah 1:*  [*9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jeremiah-1-9/)

[*10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jeremiah-1-10/)

[5 Casting down imaginations *(Or, reasonings)*, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-5/)

[6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-6/)

[7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-7/)

*Jesus stated in John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*

[8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-8/)

[9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-9/)

[10 For *his* letters, say *(Gr. Saith he)* they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-10/)

[11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-11/)

[12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise *(Or, understand it not)*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-12/)

[13 But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-13/)

[14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-14/)

[15 Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is*, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-15/)

*Romans 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.*

[16 To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-16/)

[17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-17/)

*Isaiah 65:16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.*

[18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-10-18/)

*Proverbs 27:1* [*Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-27-1/)

[*2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-27-2/)

**Chapter 11**

1 [Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me (Or, ye do bear with me).](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-1/)

[2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-2/)

[3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-3/)

*Genesis 3:1*[*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-3-1/)

[*2And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-3-2/)

[*3But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-3-3/)

[*4And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-3-4/)

*John 8:*  [*41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-41/)

[*42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-42/)

[*43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-43/)

[*44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-44/)

[*45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-45/)

[4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-4/)

[5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-5/)

*The phrase “very chiefest” is a translation of the Greek word huperlian (5244), meaning “exceedingly great.” Some believe that his word is an indication that Paul was equal in authority and station to the Twelve Apostles. Hence, Paul declared in Galatians 2:6 that he was equal with Peter in every respect. Others suggest that Paul used this word to speak sarcastically of those people who wanted to be seen as outstanding apostles, who thought their words should be regarded as more valid than those of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 12:11) The context indicates that there were those in Corinth who wanted to impose their views over Paul’s teaching. It is to these “false apostles” that Paul makes reference (see also 2 Cor. 11:13-15). (Key Word, page 1451)*

[( But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-6/)

*Rude, 2399, idiotes, id-ee-o’-tace; from 2398; a private person, i.e. (by implication) an ignoramus (compared “idiot”): -ignorant, rude, unlearned.*

[7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-7/)

[8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-8/)

[9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-9/)

*Acts 20:*  [*32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-20-32/)

[*33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-20-33/)

[*34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-20-34/)

[10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting *(Gr., this boasting shall not be stopped in me)* in the regions of Achaia.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-10/)

[11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-11/)

[12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-12/)

[13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-13/)

*Romans 16:*  [*17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-16-17/)

[*18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-16-18/)

[14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-14/)

[15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-15/)

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[16 I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive *(Or, suffer)* me, that I may boast myself a little.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-16/)

[17 That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-17/)

[18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-18/)

[19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-19/)

[20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you*, if a man take *of you*, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-20/)

[21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-21/)

[22 Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-22/)

*Acts 22:3 I am verily a man*which am*a Jew, born in Tarsus,*a city*in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel,*and*taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.*

[23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-23/)

[24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-24/)

*As the law states in Deuteronomy 25:*  [*2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Deuteronomy-25-2/)

[*3 Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Deuteronomy-25-3/)

[25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-25/)

[26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-26/)

[27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-27/)

[28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-28/)

[29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-29/)

[30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-30/)

[31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-31/)

*Romans 9:5 Whose*are*the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ*came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.*

[32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-32/)

[33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-11-33/)

*This account is found in Acts 9:*  [*22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-22/)

[*23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-23/)

[*24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-24/)

[*25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-25/)

[*26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-26/)

[*27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-27/)

[*28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-9-28/)

**Chapter 12**

***Paul’s Vision***

*12:1-10 The Apostle Paul reveals his unique experience of being “caught up to the third heaven.” Although the person mentioned in verse two is not named, it is obvious from verse seven that Paul is speaking about himself. Perhaps Paul mentioned this experience to the Corinthians because they were bragging about their own spiritual visions and gifts. Paul wanted to demonstrate to the Corinthians that he had a spiritual experience far superior to anything they had encountered. Yet, Paul was modest about his experience (seen in the use of the third person). This was to serve as an example to the Corinthians. (Key Word, page 1453)*

1 [It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come *(Gr. For I will come)* to visions and revelations of the Lord.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-1/)

[2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-2/)

[3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-3/)

[4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful *(Or, possible)* for a man to utter.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-4/)

[5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-5/)

[6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-6/)

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[7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-7/)

*Job 2:7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*

[8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-8/)

*Matthew 26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.*

[9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-9/)

[10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-10/)

*Romans 5:3 And not only*so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;*

[11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-11/)

[12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-12/)

*Romans 15:*  [*18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-18/)

[*19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-15-19/)

[13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except *it be* that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-13/)

[14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-14/)

[15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you *(Gr. Your souls)*; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-15/)

[16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-16/)

[17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-17/)

[18 I desired Titus, and with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-18/)

[19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-19/)

[20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-20/)

[21 *And* lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and *that* I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-12-21/)

**Chapter 13**

***Paul’s Desire to Visit Corinth Again***

1 [This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-1/)

[2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-2/)

*2 Cor. 10:2, 2 Cor. 12:21, and 2 Cor. 1:23*

[3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-3/)

*Matthew 10:*  [*19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-10-19/)

[*20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.*](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-10-20/)

[4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-4/)

[5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-5/)

[6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-6/)

[7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-7/)

[8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-8/)

[9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-9/)

[10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-10/)

[11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-11/)

[12 Greet one another with an holy kiss.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-12/)

[13 All the saints salute you.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-13/)

[14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen. (*The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.*)](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-13-14/)

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