Sonnet 54: Of this worlds Theatre

Sunday, March 17, 1594 Fifth Sunday in Lent Epistle: Heb 9.11-16 Gospel: Joh 8.46-59 Morning Prayer: Psa 79-81; Exo 3; Joh 4 Evening Prayer: Psa 82-85; Exo 5; 2Th 3

Epistle: Hebrews 9.11-16

11 But Christ being come an hie Priest of good things to come, by a greater and a more perfite Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this buylding,

12 Nether by the blood of goates and calues: but by his owne blood entred he in once vnto the holie place, and obteined eternal redemption *for vs*.

13 For if the blood of bulles & of goates, & the asshes of an heifer, sprinkling them that are vncleane, sanctifieth as touching the purifying of the flesh,

14 How muche more shal the blood of Christ which through the eternal Spirit offred him self without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead workes, to serue the liuing God?

15 And for this cause is he the Mediatour of the new Testament, that through death which was for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* in the former Testament, they which were called, might receive the promes of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a Testament *is*, there must be the death of him that made the testament.

Gospel: John 8.46-59

46 Which of you can rebuke me of sinne? and if I say the trueth, why do ye not beleue me?

47 He that is of God, heareth Gods wordes: ye therefore heare them not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Iewes, and said vnto him, Say we not wel that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a deuil?

49 Iesus answered, I haue not a deuil, but I honour my Father, and ye haue dishonored me.

50 And I seke not mine owne praise: but there is one that seketh it, and iudgeth.

51 Verely, verely I say vnto you, If a man kepe my word, he shal neuer se death.

52 Then said the Iewes to him, Now knowe we that thou hast a deuil. Abraham is dead, and the Prophetes: and thou saist, If a man kepe my worde, he shal neuer tast of death.

53 Art thou greater then our father Abraham, which is dead? and the Prophetes are dead: whome makest thou thy self?

54 Iesus answered, If I honour my self, mine honour is nothing worthe: it is my Father that honoureth me, whome ye say, that he is your God.

55 Yet ye haue not knowen him: but I knowe him, and if I shulde say I knowe him not, I shulde be a liar like vnto you: but I knowe him, and kepe his worde.

56 Your father Abraham reioyced to se my day, and he sawe it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Iewes vnto him, Thou art not yet fiftie yere olde, and hast thou sene Abraham?

58 Iesus said vnto them, Verely, verely I say vnto you, before Abraham was, I am. 59 Then toke they vp stones, to cast at him, but Iesus hid him self, and went out of the Temple (*And he passed through the middes of them, and so went his way*).

Morning Prayer: Psalms 79-81

PSAL. LXXIX.

¶ A Psalme committed to Asaph.

God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance: thine holie Temple haue they defiled, & made Ierusalem heapes *of stones*.

2 The dead bodies of thy seruants have thei given to be meat vnto foules of the heaven: *and* the flesh of thy Sainctes vnto the beastes of the earth.

3 Their blood haue thei shed like waters round about Ierusalem, and there was none to burye them.

4 We are a reproche to our neighbours, *euen* a scorne and derision vnto them that are round about vs.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angrie, for euer? shal thy gelousie burne like fyer?

6 Powre out thy wrath vpon the heathen that haue not knowen thee, and vpon the kingdomes that haue not called vpon thy Name.

7 For thei haue deuoured Iaakob and made his dwelling place desolate.

8 Remember not against vs the former iniquities, *but* make haste& let thy tendre mercies preuent vs: for we are in great miserie.

9 Helpe vs, ô God of our saluacion, for the glorie of thy Name, and deliuer vs, and be merciful vnto our sinnes for thy names sake.

10 Wherefore shulde the heathen saie, Where is their God? let him be knowen among the heathen in our sight by the vengeance of the blood of thy seruants that is shed. 11 Let the sighing of the prisoners come before thee: according to thy mightie arme preserue the children of death,

12 And render to our neighbours seuen folde into their bosome their reproche, wherewith they haue reproched thee, ô Lord.
13 So we thy people, and shepe of thy pasture shal praise thee for euer: and from generation to generation we wil set forthe thy praise.

PSAL. LXXX.

¶ To him that excelleth on Shoshannim Eduth.

A Psalme committed to Asaph.

Heare, ô thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Ioseph like shepe: shew *thy* brightnes, thou that sittest between the Cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim and Beniamin and Manasseh stirre vp thy strength, and come to helpe vs.

3 Turne vs againe, ô God, and cause thy face to shine that we maie be saued.

4 O Lord God of hostes, how long wilt thou be angrie against the praier of thy people?

5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of teares, and giuen them teares to drinke with greate measure.

6 Thou hast made vs a strife vnto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh *at vs* among them selues.

7 Turne vs againe, ô God of hostes: cause thy face to shine, and we shalbe saued.

8 Thou hast broght a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest roume for it, and didest cause it to take roote, and it filled the land.

10 The mountaines were couered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodlie cedres.

11 She stretched out her branches vnto the Sea, and her boughes vnto the Riuer.

12 Why hast thou *then* broken downe her hedges, so that all thei, which passe by the waie, haue plucked her?

13 The wilde bore out of the wood hathe destroied it, and the wilde beastes of the field haue eaten it vp.

14 Returne we beseech thee, ô God of hostes: loke downe from heauen and beholde and visit this vine,

15 And the vineyarde, that thy right hand hathe planted, and the yong vine, *which* thou madest strong for thy self.

16 It is burnt with fyer *and* cut downe: *and* they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thine hand be vpon the man of thy right hand, *and* vpon the sonne of man, *whome* thou madest strong for thine owne self.

18 So wil not we go backe from thee: reuiue thou vs, and we shal call vpon thy Name.

19 Turne vs againe, ô Lord God of hostes: cause thy face to shine and we shalbe saued.

PSAL. LXXXI.

¶ To him that excelleth vpon Gittith. A Psalme committed *to Asaph.*

S Ing ioyfully vnto God our strength: sing loude vnto the God of Iaakob.

2 Take the song and bring for the timbrel, the pleasant harpe with the viole.

3 Blowe the trumpet in the newemoone, *euen* in the time appointed, at our feastdaie.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, & a Law of the God of Iaakob.

5 He set this in Ioseph for a testimonie, when he came out of the land of Egypt, *where* I heard a language, that I vnderstode not.

6 I have withdrawen his shulder from the burden, & his handes have left the pottes.

7 Thou calledst in affliction and I deliuered thee, *and* answered thee in the secret of the thunder: I proued thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 Heare, ô my people, and I wil protest vnto thee: ô Israel, if thou wilt hearken vnto me,

9 Let there be no strange god in thee, nether worship thou any strange god.

10 *For* I am the Lord thy God, which broght thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I wil fil it.

11 But my people wolde not heare my voice, and Israel wolde none of me.

12 So I gaue them vp vnto the hardenes of their heart, & thei haue walked in their owne cousels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened vnto me, & Israel had walked in my waies.

14 I wolde sone haue humbled their enemies, and turned mine hand against their aduersaries.

15 The haters of the Lord shulde haue bene subject vnto him, and their time shulde haue endured for euer.

16 And *God* wolde haue fed them with the fat of wheat, and with honie out of the rocke would I haue sufficed thee.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 3

CHAP. III.

Hen Moses kept the shepe of Jethro his father in lawe, Priest of Midian, & droue the flocke to the backe side of the desert, and came to the Mountaine of God, Horeb,

2 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared vnto him in a flame of fyre, out of the middes of a bushe: & he loked, & beholde, the bushe burned with fyre, and the bushe was not consumed.

3 Therefore Moses said, I will turne aside now, & se this great sight, why the bushe burneth not.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to se, God called vnto him out of the middes of the bushe, and said, Moses, Moses. And he answered, I am here.

5 Then he said, Come not hither, put thy shooes off thy fete: for the place whereon thou standest is holy grounde.

6 Moreouer he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Izhak, & the God of Iaakob. Then Moses hid his face: for he was afraied to loke vpon God.

7 ¶ Then the Lord said, I haue surely sene the trouble of my people, which are in Egypt, & haue heard their crye, because of their taskemasters: for I knowe their sorowes.

8 Therefore I am come downe to deliuer them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land into a good land and a large, into a land that floweth with milke & hony, *euen* into the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, & the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites.

9 And now lo, the crye of the children of Israel is come vnto me, and I haue also sene the oppression, wherewith the Egyptians oppresse them.

10 Come now therefore, and I wil send thee vnto Pharaoh, that thou maiest bring my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ But Moses said vnto God, Who am I, that I shulde go vnto Pharaoh, and that I shulde bring the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12 And he answered, Certeinely I wil be with thee: & this shall be a token vnto thee, that I haue sent thee, After that thou haste broght the people out of Egypt, ye shal serue God vpon this Mountaine.

13 Then Moses said vnto God, Beholde, *when* I shal come vnto the children of Israel, and shal say vnto them, The God of your fathers hathe sent me vnto you: if thei say vnto me, What is his Name? what answere shal I giue them?

14 And God answered Moses, I A M THAT I A M. Also he said, Thus shalt thou say vnto the children of Israel, I A M hathe sent me vnto you.

15 And God spake further vnto Moses, Thus shalt thou say vnto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Izhak, and the God of Iaakob hathe sent me vnto you: this is my Name for euer, & this is my memorial vnto all ages.

16 Go and gather the Elders of Israel together, & thou shalt say vnto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Izhak, & Iaakob appeared vnto me, & said, I haue surely remembred you, & that which is done to you in Egypt.

17 Therefore I did say, I wil bring you out of the affliction of Egypt vnto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, & the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, vnto a land that floweth with milke and hony.

18 Then shal thei obeie thy voyce, & thou and the Elders of Israel shal go vnto the King of Egypt, and saie vnto him, The Lord God of the Ebrewes hathe met with vs: we pray thee now therefore, let vs go thre dayes iourney in the wildernes, that we may sacrifice vnto the Lord our God.

19 ¶ But I knowe, that the King of Egypt wil not let you go, but by strong hand.

20 Therefore wil I stretch out mine hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders, which I wil do in the middes thereof: and after that shal he let you go.

21 And I wil make this people to be fauoured of the Egyptians: so that when ye go, ye shal not go emptie.

22 For euerie woman shal aske of her neighbour, and of her that soiourneth in her house, iewels of siluer and iewels of golde and raiment, & ye shall put them on your sonnes, and on your daughters, and shal spoile the Egyptians.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: John 4

CHAP. IIII.

Ow when the Lord knewe, how the Pharises had heard, that Iesus made and baptized mo disciples then Iohn,

2 (Thogh Iesus him self baptized not: but his disciples)

3 He left Iudea, and departed againe into Galile.

4 And he must nedes go through Samaria.

5 Then came hee to a citie of Samaria called Sychar, nere vnto the possession that Iacob gaue to his sonne Ioseph.

6 And there was Iacobs well. Iesus then wearied in the iorney, sate thus on the well: it was about the sixt houre.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to drawe water. Iesus said vnto her, Giue me drinke.

8 For his disciples were gone away into the citie, to bye meat.

9 Then said the woman of Samaria vnto him, How is it, that thou being a Iewe, askest drinke of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Iewes medle not with the Samaritans.

10 Iesus answered & said vnto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Giue me drinke, thou woldest haue asked of him, and he wolde haue giuen thee water of life. 11 The woman said vnto him, Syr, thou hast nothing to drawe with, & the well is depe: from whence then hast thou that water of life?

12 Art thou greater then our father Iacob, which gaue vs the well,& he him self dranke thereof, & his children, and his cattel?

13 Iesus answered, and said vnto her, Whosoeuer drinketh of this water, shal thirst againe:

14 But whosoeuer drinketh of the water that I shal giue him, shal neuer be more a thirst: but the water that I shal giue him, shalbe in him a well of water, springing vp into euerlasting life.

15 The woman said vnto him, Syr, giue me of that water, that I may not thirst, nether come hither to drawe.

16 Iesus said vnto her, Go, call thine housband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered, and said I haue no housband. Iesus said to her, Thou hast wel said, I haue no housband.

18 For thou hast had fiue housbands, and he whom thou now hast, is not thine housband: that saidest thou truely.

19 The woman said vnto him, Syr, I se that thou art a Prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountaine, and ye say, that in Ierusalem is the place where men oght to worship.

21 Iesus said vnto her, Woman, beleue me, the houre cometh, when ye shal nether in this mountaine, nor at Ierusalem worship the Father.

22 Ye worship that which ye knowe not: we worship that which we knowe: for saluation is of the Iewes.

23 But the houre cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shal worship the Father in spirit, & trueth: for the Father requireth euen suche to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit & trueth.

25 The woman said vnto him, I knowe wel that Messias shal come, which is called Christ: when he is come, he wil tell vs all things.

26 Iesus said vnto her, I am he, that speake vnto thee.

27 ¶ And vpon that came his disciples, and marueiled that he talked with a woman: yet no man said vnto him, What askest thou? or why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the citie, & said to the men,

29 Come, se a man which hathe tolde me all things that euer I did: is not he the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the citie, & came vnto him.

31 ¶ In the meane while, the disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said vnto them, I haue meat to eat, that ye knowe not of.

33 Then said the disciples betwene them selues, Hathe anie man broght him meat?

34 Iesus said vnto them, My meat is that I may do the wil of him that sent me, and finish his worke.

35 Say not ye, There are yet foure moneths, & *then* cometh haruest? Beholde, I say vnto you, Lift vp your eyes, and loke on the regions: for they are white already vnto haruest.

36 And he that reapeth, receiueth wages, & gathereth frute vnto life eternal, that both he that soweth, & he that reapeth, might reioyce together.

37 For herein is the saying true, that one soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reape that, whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, & ye are entred into their labours.

39 Now manie of the Saamaritans of that citie beleued in him, for the saying of the woman which testified, He hathe tolde me all things that euer I did.

40 Then when the Samaritans were come vnto him, they besoght him, that he wolde tarie with them: and he abode there two dayes.

41 And many mo beleued because of his owne word.

42 And thei said vnto the woman, Now we beleue, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him our selues, & knowe that this is in dede the Christ the Sauiour of the worlde.

43 ¶ So two dayes after he departed thence, and went into Galile.
44 For Iesus him self had testified, that a Prophet hath none honour in his owne countrey.

45 Then when he was come into Galile, the Galileans received him, which had sene all the things that he did at Ierusalem at the feast: for they went also vnto the feast.

46 And Iesus came againe into Cana *a towne* of Galile, where he had made of water wine. And there was a certeine ruler, whose sonne was sicke at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Iesus was come out of Iudea into Galile, he went vnto him, & besoght him that he wolde go downe, & heale his sonne: for he was euen ready to dye.

48 Then said Iesus vnto him, Except ye se signes and wonders, ye wil not beleue.

49 The ruler said vnto him, Sir, go downe before my sonne dye.

50 Iesus said vnto him, Go thy way, thy sonne liueth: and the man beleued the worde that Iesus had spoken vnto him, & went his way.

51 And as he was now going downe, his seruants met him, saying, Thy sonne liueth.

52 Then enquired he of them the houre when he began to amende. And they said vnto him, Yesterday the seuenth houre the feuer left him.

53 Then the father knew, that it was the same houre in the which Iesus had said vnto him, Thy sonne liueth. And he beleued, and all his houshold.

54 This seconde miracle did Iesus againe, after he was come out of Iudea into Galile.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 82-85

PSAL. LXXXII.

¶ A Psalme committed to Aspah.

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2 How long wil ye iudge vniustly, and accept the persones of the wicked? Selah.

3 Do right to the poore and fatherles: do iustice to the poore and nedie.

4 Deliuer the poore and nedie: saue *them* from the hand of the wicked.

5 They knowe not & vnderstand nothing: they walke in darkenes, *albeit* all the fundacions of the earth be moued.

6 I haue said, Ye are gods, and ye all are children of the most High.

7 But ye shal dye as a man, & ye princes, shal fall like others.

8 O God, arise, *therefore* iudge thou the earth: for thou shalt inherite all nations.

PSAL. LXXXIII. ¶ A song, or Psalme committed to Asaph.

Epe not thou silence, ô God: be not stil and cease not, ô God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumulte: & they that hate thee, haue lifted vp the head.

3 Thei haue taken craftie counsel against thy people, and haue consulted against thy secret ones.

4 Thei haue said, Come and let vs cut them of from being a nation: and let the name of Israel be no more in remembrance.

5 For thei haue consulted together in heart, & haue made a league against thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Agarims:

7 Gebal and Ammon, and Amalech, the Philistims with the inhabitants of Tyrus:

8 Asshur also is ioyned with them: thei haue bene an arme to the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do thou to them as vnto the Midianites: as to Sisera & as to Iabin at the riuer of Kishon.

10 Thei perished at En-dor, & were dongue for the earth.

11 Make them, *euen* their princes like Oreb and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes like Zebah and like Zalmuna.

12 Which haue said, Let vs take for our possession the habitacions of God.

13 O my God, make them like vnto a whele, & as the stubble before the winde.

14 As the fyer burneth the forest, and as the flame setteth the mountaines on fyre:

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraied with thy storme.

16 Fil their faces with shame, that thei maie seke thy Name, ô Lord.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for euer: yea, let them be put to shame and perish,

18 That they maie knowe that thou, which art called Iehouah, art alone, *euen* the moste High ouer all the earth.

PSAL. LXXXIIII.

¶ To him that excelleth upon Gittith. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

O Lord of hostes, howe amiable *are* thy Tabernacles! 2 My soule longeth, yea, & fainteth for the courtes of the Lord: *for* mine heart and my flesh reioyce in the liuing God.

3 Yea, the sparowe hathe founde *her* an house, and the swallowe a nest for her, where she maie lay her yong: *euen* by thine altars, ô Lord of hostes, my King *and* my God.

4 Blessed *are* thei that dwell in thine house: they wil euer praise thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man, whose strength *is* in thee, & in whose heart *are thy* waies.

6 They going through the vale of Baca, make welles therein: the raine also couereth the pooles.

7 They go from strength to strength, *til euerie one* appeare before God in Zion.

8 O Lord God of hostes, heare my praier: hearken, ô God of Iaakob. Selah.

9 Beholde, ô God, our shield, & loke vpon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For a daie in thy courtes is better then a thousand *other where*:I had rather be a dorekeper in the House of my God, then to dwell in the tabernacles of wickednes.

11 For the Lord God is the sunne & shield *vnto vs*: the Lord wil giue grace & glorie, & no good thing wil he withholde from them that walke vprightly.

12 O Lord of hostes, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSAL. LXXXV.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme committed to the sonnes of Korah.

Ord, thou hast bene fauourable vnto thy land: thou hast broght againe the captivitie of Iaakob.

2 Thou hast forgiuen the iniquitie of thy people, *and* couered all their sinnes. Selah.

3 Thou hast withdrawen all thine angre, & hast turned backe fro the fiercenes of thy wrath.

4 Turne vs, ô God of our saluacion, & release thine angre towards vs.

5 Wilt thou be angrie with vs for euer? & wilt thou prolong thy wrath from one generacion to another?

6 Wilt thou not turne againe *and* quicken vs, that thy people maie reioyce in thee?

7 Shew vs thy mercie, ô Lord, and grante vs thy saluacion.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will saie: for he wil speake peace vnto his people, & to his Saints, that they turne not againe to folie.

9 Surely his saluacion is nere to them that feare him, that glorie maie dwell in our land.

10 Mercie and trueth shal mete: righteousnes and peace shall kisse *one another*.

11 Trueth shal bud out of the earth, and righteousnes shal loke downe from heauen.

12 Yea, the Lord shal giue good things, and our land shal giue her increase.

13 Righteousnes shal go before him, and shal set her steps in the waie.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Exodus 5

CHAP. V.

Then afterward Moses & Aaron went & said to Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they maie celebrate a feast vnto me in the wildernes.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I shulde heare his voyce, & let Israel go? I knowe not the Lord, nether wil I let Israel go.

3 And they said, We worship the God of the Ebrewes: we pray thee, suffre vs to go thre daies iournei in the desert and sacrifice vnto the Lord our God, lest he bring vpon vs the pestilence or sworde.

4 Then said the King of Egypt vnto them, Moses & Aaron, why cause ye the people to cease from their workes? get you to your burdens.

5 Pharaoh said furthermore, Beholde, muche people *is* now in the land, & ye make them leaue their burdens.

6 Therefore Pharaoh gaue commandement the same day vnto the taskemasters of the people, and to their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall give the people no more strawe, to make bricke (as in time past) *but* let them go and gather them strawe them selues:

8 Notwithstanding lay vpon them the nombre of bricke, which they made in time past, diminish nothing thereof: for they be idle, therefore they crye, saying, Let vs go to offre sacrifice vnto our God. 9 Lay more worke vpon the men, & cause them to do it, and let them not regarde vaine wordes.

10 Then went the taskemasters of the people & their officers out, and tolde the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I wil giue you no more straw.

11 Go your selues, get you straw where ye can finde it, yet shal nothing of your labour bee diminished.

12 Then were the people scatted abrode throughout all the land of Egypt, for to gather stubble in stede of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Finish your dayes worke euerie dayes taske, as ye *did* when ye had straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaohs taskemasters had set ouer them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore haue ye not fulfilled your taske in making bricke yesterday and to day, as in times past?

15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came, & cryed vnto Pharaoh, saying, Wherfore dealest thou thus with thy seruants?

16 There is no strawe giuen to thy seruants, and they say vnto vs, Make bricke: and lo, thy seruants are beaten, and thy people is blamed.

17 But he said, Ye are to muche idle: therfore ye say, Let vs go to offre sacrifice to the Lord.

18 Go therefore now & worke: for there shal no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the whole tale of bricke.

19 Then the officers of the children of Israel sawe them selues in an euil case, because it was saide, Ye shal diminish nothing of your bricke, *nor* of euerie daies taske,

20 ¶ And they met Moses & Aaron, which stode in their way as they came out from Pharaoh,

21 To whome they said, The Lord loke vpon you and iudge: for ye haue made our sauour to stincke before Pharaoh and before his seruants, in that ye haue put a sworde in their hand to slay vs.

Wherefore Moses returned to th Lorde, and said, Lorde, whyhast thou afflicted this people? wherefore hast thou thus sent me?For since I came to Pharaoh to speake in thy Name, he hathevexed this people, and yet thou hast not deliuered thy people.

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Furthermore, brethren, pray for vs, that the worde of the Lord may have fre passage, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you, And that we may be delivered from vnreasonable and evil men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, which wil stablish you, and kepe you from euil.

4 And we are persuaded of you through the Lord, that ye bothe do, and wil do the things which we commande you.

5 And the Lord guide your hearts to the loue of God, & the weating for of Christ.

6 We commande you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ, that ye withdrawe your selues from euerie brother that walketh inordinately, and not after the instruction, which he receiued of vs.

7 For ye your selues knowe how ye oght to folowe vs: for we behaued not our selues inordinately among you,

8 Nether toke we bread of anie man for noght: but we wroght with labour & trauaile night & day, because we wolde not be chargeable to anie of you. 9 Not but that we had autoritie, but that we might make our selues an ensample vnto you to folowe vs.

10 For euen when we were with you, this we warned you of, that if there were anie, which wolde not worke, that he shulde not eat.

11 For we heard, that there are some which walke among you inordinately, and worke not at all, but are busie bodies.

12 Therefore them that are suche, we commande and exhorte by our Lord Iesus Christ, that they worke with quietnes, and eat their owne bread.

13 And ye, brethren, be not wearie in wel doing.

14 If anie man obey not this our sayings, note him by a lettre, and haue no companie with him, that he maie be ashamed:

15 Yet count him not as an enemie, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace giue you peace alwaies by all meanes.The Lorde *be* with you all.

17 The salutacion of me Paul, with mine owne hand, which is the token in euerie Epistle: so I write,

18 The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

The second *Epistle* to the Thessalonians, written from Athens.

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