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 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
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 kgm ages, the ‘immortal, ! the invisible, AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 Hsp.at2,™the only +God, ™be honour and nal, immortal, invisible,   
 ™yues”” glory for ever and ever. Amen. only wise God, be honour   
 and glory for ever and   
 ever. Amen. 18 This charge   
 Vimitet by 18 This commandment °I commit I commit unto thee, son   
 our oldest unto thee, my child Timothy, ? ac- Timothy, according to the   
 vi181 cording to the former prophecies|Jore prophecies which went be-   
 concerning thee, that thou mayest   
 war in them the good warfare; them mightest war a good   
 19 holding faith, and a good con- warfare; holding faith,   
 science; which some having thrust and a good conscience;   
 from them \*made shipwreck con- which some having put away   
 concerning faith have made   
 Bch. vi.9.   
   
   
 himself and every thing else, makes the lowing.—This command I commit (as a   
 following sentence exclusive as applied to deposit, to be faithfully and kept)   
 God. Compare by all means the very unto thee, my child Timothy (sce on ver.   
 similar doxology, Rom xvi. 25 ff.: and see, according to (in pursuance of) the former   
 on their similarity, the inferences in the prophecies concerning thee (the directions,   
 Introduction, § i. 33, note) to the King or, prophecies properly so called, of the   
 (this name, as applied to God, is found, in Holy Spirit, which were spoken concerning   
 the New Test., only in Matt. v. 35 [not Timothy at his first conversion, or at his   
 xxv. 33 ff.] and our ch. vi. See below) admission [compare ch. iv. 14] into the   
 of the ages (i.e. of eternity. In Ps. exly. ministry, by the “prophets” in the   
 13 we have (see margin of A. V.) “My church. We have instances of such pro-   
 Kingdom is a kingdom of ail ages: in phetic intimations in Acts xiii. 1, 2,—   
 Tobit xiii. God is called the original, ix 28,]—xxi. 10, 11. By such intima-   
 ‘the King of the ages :’ in Ecclus. xxxvi. tions, spoken perhaps by Silas, who was   
 17, ‘the God of the ages. Comparing with him, and who was a prophet {Acts xv.   
 these with the well-known expression, fo 32], may St. Paul have been first induced   
 the ages of the ages (see below), and the to take Timothy to him as a companion,   
 like, it far more likely the ages here Acts xvi. 3), that thou mayest (purpose,   
 should mean eternity, than the ages of this and at the same time purport, of the com-   
 world, as many have understood it. The dox- mandment) war (this word extends to the   
 ology is to the Father, not to the Trinity, whole business of the employed soldier;   
 nor to the Son), the incorruptible (in not indicating merely fighting, properly so   
 xvi. 27 only used of God), invisible (see called) in them (not, as A. V., them,’   
 ch. vi. 16: Johni. 18), only God (the word but ‘zn,’ as clad with them, as if they   
 wise has apparently come from the doxology were his defence and confirmation) the   
 at the end of Romans, where it is most ap- good warfare (not as Conybeare, ‘fight   
 propriate), be honour and glory to the ages the good fight.’ It is whole campaign,   
 of the ages (the periods are made upof. uot the fight alone, which is here spoken   
 ages, as these last of years,—as years are of); holding [fast] (more than ‘having ;”   
 of days: see note, Eph. iii. Amen. but we must hardly carry on the metaphor   
 18 ff. He now returns to the matter which and think of the shield of faith Eph. vi.   
 he dropped in ver. 3, not indeed formally, 16, such continuation being rendered un-   
 so as to supply the termination of the likely the unmetaphorical character of the   
 sentence there neglected, but virtually: following words, @ good conscience) faith,   
 the commandinent not being the one there and good conscience (compare ver. 5),—   
 hinted at, for that was one not given which (latter, viz. good conscience—not,   
 to Timothy, but fo be given by him. Nor both) some having thrust from them   
 is it that in ver. 5, that is introduced (there is something in the word implying   
 as regarding a matter quite different from the violence of the act required, and the   
 the preseut—viz. the aberrations of the importunity of conscience, reluctant to be   
 false teachers, who do not here appear till so extruded) made shipwreck (the simi-   
 the exhortation to Timothy is over. What litude is so common a one, that it is   
 this command is, is plain from the fol- necessary to extend the figure of a ship-