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 over you, and submit to them: for over you, and submit your-   
 selves : they watch for   
 , they keep watch on behalf of your your souls, as they that   
 souls, as having to give account, inust give account, that   
 that they may do it with joy, and Mey may do it with joy,   
 and not with grief: for   
 not with lamentation, for that is that is unprofitable ‘for   
 ¢ Rom. xv. unprofitable for you. 18 © Pray for you. 18 Pray for us : for   
 19, us: for we trust we have 4a good we érust we have a good   
 conscience, desiring in all things to \eonscience, in all things   
 8 willing to live honestly.   
 xxiv. 10, behave ourselves with seemliness.|19 But I beseech you the   
 Ex 19 But I the more abundantly ex-|7#ther to do this, that I   
 ¢ Philem, 22. hort you °to do this, that I may be may be restored to you the   
 restored to you the sooner. sooner. 20 Now the God of   
 20 But fthe God of peace, & that peace, that brought again   
 £ Rom, xv.   
 Thess. v.23, 24 & viii, 1 Cor. 14. & Xv. 2Cor.iv.14. Gal.it. Col.ti.12, 1   
   
 notices. 14.) Having already in ver. 7 cluding the Writer and his companions, is   
 spoken of their deceased leaders in the in fact a transition note between ver. 17   
 church, and thereby been reminded of their andver.19, See Eph. vi. Rom. xv.30;   
 steadfastness in the faith, he has taken oc- 2 Cor. i, 11): for we are persuaded that   
 casion in the intervening verses to we have a good conscience, desiring in   
 them respecting the danger of apostasy to all things to behave ourselves with seem-   
 Judaism, and to exhort them to come fear- liness (i.e. to live without giving offence   
 lessly out of it to Now he returns or scandal. ‘This appears to point at some   
 to their duty to their leaders. Obey your offence of the same kind as we know to   
 leaders, and submit (to them) (obey, in liave been taken at the life and teaching   
 the regular course of your habits, guided by of St, Paul with reference to the law and   
 them, persuaded that their rule is right Jewish cnstoms). 19.] But I the more   
 submit, where that rule interferes with abundantly (see on ch. ii. exhort you to   
 your own will: obey has more of free do this (i. e. to for us), that I may be   
 following, submit of dutiful yielding): the sooner restored to you (on theinferences   
 for they (on their part) keep watch on from this and the other notices in this   
 behalf of your souls (not the same as on concluding passage, see Introduction.)   
 behalf of you, but rather equivalent to 20, 21.] Solemn concluding prayer.   
 «on behalf of you for your salvation :” the “He first asks their prayers, then prays   
 word soul bringing in the idea of im- for all blessings on them.” Chrysostom.   
 mortality), as having to give an account 20.] But (breaking off, as we   
 (by these words, as Theophylact well ob- use the same term: see again ver. 22)   
 serves, bestir up the rulers also to the God of peace (so often, at the   
 diligence, and remembering their own end of St. Paul’s Epistles: see Rom.   
 responsibility): that they may do this Xv, 33; xvi. 20; 1 Cor. xiv. 33; 2 Cor.   
 (viz. watch, not give an account, for 11; Phil. iv. 9; 1 Thess, 23;   
 thus the present tenses which follow would and 2 Thess. iii. In the presence of   
 be inapplicable) with joy, and not lament- so many instances of the expression under   
 ing (over your disobedience): for this different circumstances, it would perhaps   
 (their having to lament over you) is un- be hardly safe to infer from it here any   
 profitable for you. 18.) Pray for reference to danger of strife within the   
 us (here, as elsewhere, it is probably a church addressed. Still the words are not   
 mistake to suppose that the first person a mere formula, and in all the above   
 plural indicates the Writer alone. As places, some reference is made, doubtless,   
 Delitzsch observes, the passage from the to cireumstauces either of internal dis-   
 rulers to the Writer individually would seusion or external tribulation. And cer-   
 be harsh. And when Bleek finds in ver. tainly both the exhortations in vv. 17—19   
 19 a proof that the Writer ouly is meant, point to a state in which there was danger   
 he misses the point, that this us, in- of disobedience within and suspicion to-