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 TV. \ The elders which] VY, 1 The elders + therefore which + 50H USS,   
 are among you I exhort, e among you I exhort, who am   
 who am also an elder, and | \*an elder, and ¥a witness of the aPhitem.».   
 of witness and the sufferiags | of Christ, and also ¢a B buke xxiv.   
 taker of the glory that Act 8,   
 shall be revealed: 2feea|Partaker of the glory which i 22.32. 1%   
 the flock of God which to be revealed: 24 feed the flock of a.onn sxi15,   
 is among you, taking the God which is among you [ft ove 1617, “Acts   
 oversight thercof, not by ing it], © not by constraint, but will- 8 fiti   
 constraint, but willingly ;| t Notexprened   
 not for filthy luere, but of ingly t; ‘not for filthy luere, but of rete ort.   
 olde! s.   
 ‘add to God, £1 Tim. 11.88, ‘Titus   
 with active practice of good”) unto a faith- the glory which is about to be revealed   
 ful Creator (in God being our Creator, (I prefer to take this as an allusion our   
 without whom not a hair fills the ground, Lord’s own words John 36, “ Thou   
 we have an assurance that we are not over- shalt follow me afterwards,” rather than   
 looked by Him: in His being a faithful regard it as alluding to the Transfigura-   
 Creator, whose covenant we are within that tion, as some, or to the certainty that   
 sull i ding to His will those who suffer with Him will be gloritied   
 Tis children. This title God must: with Him. As bearing that promise, he   
 not be understood of second creation in came to them with great weight of autho-   
 the new birth, rity as an exhorter—having scen the suf-   
 Cnar. V.1—11.] Last and hortatory ferings of which he speaks, and being him-   
 portion of the Epistle in which the word self an heir of that to which he points   
 well-doing, ending (in the original) the onwards),—tend (or keep. It is the samo   
 former portion, is taken up and spread over word as in John xxi. 16 [not 15 and 17):   
 rious classes among tae readers: thus vv. see note there) the flock (the verb includes   
 1—+4, heexhorts the leaders of the church ; in one word the various offices of a shep-   
 ver, 5, the younger members [sce note herd ; the leading, fecding, heeding) of   
 there]; vv. 6B—9, all in commou. Then, God (see Acts xx. 28. The similitude is   
 vy. 10, 11, follows his parting wish among the commonest in Scripture: see   
 und ascription of praise to God. Jer, iii. xxiii, 1—4; Ezek. xxxiv. 2 ff.   
 1.] Elders therefore among you I exhort John x11 ff.) Which is among you (le   
 (the designation elders or presbyters here orders them to feed the flock of God, not   
 is evidently an official [ver. 2], but at generally, nor acumenically, but. locally,   
 the same time reference to age is : as far as concerned that part of it found   
 see ver. 5, The therefore takes up the among them) [, overseeing (it) (this word,   
 above exhortation eh, iv. 19), who am a “episcopountes,” has perhaps been re-   
 fellow-elder (with yon: Bengel remarks, moved for ecclesiastical reasons, for fear   
 that “mutual exhortation among equals presbyters should be supposed to he, as   
 and colleagues is of great force”), and they really were, episcopot, bishops)] not   
 witness of the sufferings of Christ (not in constrainedly (“so, as men do who would   
 the sense of Acts i. 8, ii. 32, x. &., be of some other profession if they could   
 —a witness testify to by words,—nor as afford it, and are consequently idle and   
 Bit 1; Acts xxii. 20; Re 13, cold-hearted in their work”), but will-   
 xvii. 6, a witness, in bearing about in his ingly (ont of love to the great Shepherd,   
 own person,— nor both of these together; — and to the flock. The addition, “ acco:   
 but in the sense of an eye-witness, on the ing to God,” is curious, and ‘not easily   
 ground of which his apostolie testimony acconnted for. It certainly docs not, as   
 rested: T who say to you, “ Christ suffered Hauther says, clear up the thought, but   
 in the flesh,” say this of sufferings which rather obscures it. The expression is sel-   
 my own eyes saw. Thus this clause links dom found; and never in the seuse here   
 on the following exhortation to the pre- required) ; nor yet (brings in clinmx each   
 ceding portion of the Epistle concerning time) with a view to base gain (sve Isa,   
 Christian suffering, and also to justify li. 115 Jer. vi. 13, 10; Ezek, xxxiv,   
 the therefore), who am also a partaker of 2, 3, &e. ; and Titus i. 7), but earnestly   
 (prompted by a desire not of gain, of