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 will put upon you none other burden. 25 But ‘that which res. tis.   
 other burden. \* But that ye have, hold fast till I come.   
 which ye have already hold 26 And he that overcometh, and   
 fast till I come. #6 And   
 he that overcometh, and he that keepeth \*my works unto \*Jehn vi:29,   
 keepeth my works unto the end, ‘to him will I ee autho- ¢ mate   
 the end, to him will I rity over the nations: 27" and he   
 give power over the na- “oie   
 tions : 27 and he shall rule Salle. Dansvil.22, Si S.8 318.16   
   
 words surely would not bear the sense ereeis too clear and prominent to allow of   
 thus assigned to them, viz. that they could any other meaning coming into question :   
 go deeper than and ontwit Satan in his at least any other which sets that. entirely   
 ‘own kingdom: and sccing morcover, that aside. Others may be deduced and flow   
 no such formula, or any resembling it, is from that one, which have meaning for   
 fonnd as used by the ancient Gnostic here- the church now that those former subjects   
 tics: or 2) that the words as they call of controversy have passed away   
 them apply only to the word depths, and (“only:” i.e., not that the Keenes   
 that, when, according to their way of just accorded involves this sacred obliga-   
 speaking, “of God” should have followed tion) that which ye have (see ch. iii.   
 [1 Cor. ii. 10}, the Lord in indignation not to be restricted in its sense to their   
 Substitutes of Satan. This has been the stedfastness in resisting Jezebel and   
 sense taken by most Commentators. And Dut representing the sum total of Chri   
 it appears to me that this alone comes in doctrine and hope and privilege; the“, “faith   
 any measure up to the requirements of the once for all delivered to the saints” of   
 passage, in intensity of meaning and so- Tnde"3), hold fast (the word in the ori-   
 Temnity, as well as in likelihood); I cast ginal sets forth not so much the continuing   
 not upon you any other burden (to what habit, as the renewed and determined grasp   
 do the words refer? There can, Limagine, of every intervening moment of the space   
 he little doubt as to the answer, if we re- prescribed) until the time when I shall   
 member some of the expressions used in come (the original gives an uncertainty   
 the apostolic decree in which these very when the time shall be, which we cannot   
 matters here in question, fornication and convey in our language). 26,] And   
 abstaining from unholy meats, were the (the announcement of reward to the con-   
 only things forbidden to the Gentile con- queror now first precedes the proclamation   
 verts. For our Lord here takes up aud to hear what the Spirit saith to the   
 refers to those very words. In Acts xv. 28 churches: and is joined, here alone, by   
 we read, “It seemed good to the Holy “and” to the preceding portion of the   
 Ghost and to us to lay upon yon no Epistle; being indeed more closely con-   
 greater burden than these necessary nected with it in this case than in any   
 things, that ye abstain from meats offered of the others: see below) he that con-   
 fo idols, and from blood, and from things quereth and he that (by this second de-   
 strangled, and from fornication.” This signation this second class is precluded   
 act of simple obedience, and no deep mat- from being taken as merely explanatory   
 ters beyond their reach, was what the of the first, is specified as included in   
 Lord required of them. And this burden it) Keepeth to the end (it is remarkable,   
 resolved itself into keeping the faith once that immediately after the words, so point-   
 Gelivered to the saints, as enjoined in the edly alluded to above, in the apostolic   
 next sentence. The word has been very decree, Acts xv. 28, was added, + which   
 variously understood :-—of the trouble if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well)   
 given them by Jezebel and her followers : my works (contrast to her works, ver. 22:   
 —of the punishments about to befall the but extending beyond that contrast to a   
 heretics, which were not to be feared by general and blessed truth. My works, i.e.   
 the Christians :—of the burden of previous which belong to Me, are the attributes of   
 suffering implied in the word patience Myself and of Mine), I will give to him   
 above,—and of the sense of “ burden,” so authority over the nations (compare the   
 often occurring in the prophets when they words, “Have thou authority over the   
 denounce the divine threatenings, But to cities,” Luke 17, which is the reward   
 my mind the allusion to the apostolic de- of hiin who obeyed the command, “Oceupy