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 Spirits of God, and the’ of God, and the seven stars; I venta   
 seven stars; I know thy! know thy works, that thou has   
 works, that thon hast a) a   
 name that thou livest, and HaMe that thou livest, ° and art Epis. v 6   
 art dead. % Be watehful,| ead. % Be watchful, and strengthen   
 aud strengthen the things! the things which remain, that were   
 which remain, that are ready to die for I have not found   
 ready to die: for I have   
   
   
 saith He that hath the seven spirits of ministering angels, and has them, and all   
 God (this designation of our Lord his not that is theirs, in His hand): I know thy   
 hefore occurred : but it is new rather in works, that thou hast a name that thon   
 form than in substance, We have men- livest (I need only mention for warning   
 tion in eh. i. + of the seven spirits w the childish fancy, that the Bishop o   
 are before God's throne: and we there ridis named Zosimus or Vitalis (liv-   
 found oceasion to interpret them of the ing). The expression explains itself   
 plenitude of the Godhead in its attributes hast a repute that thon livest : art nomi-   
 and energi ec, for further nally, as we commonly now say, Christian),   
 ch. iv. 5, v. 6. s pleni: and (the mere copul 3 the   
 tude, Christ, the Lord of the Church, pos- far more vividly and pathetically   
 sesses, is clothed and invested with, in all it is made rhetorieally complete   
 fulness. From Him the spiritual life of ing “yet”) art dead (spiritual:   
 his churches comes as its source, void of vitality and truitfulness: sunk in   
 clements of vitality. He scarches all the that deep deadly sleep which, if not broken   
 depths both of our depravity and of His in npon and ronsed up, is death itsel   
 own applications of grace. Mle has in his St. Paul, Eph. v. 14). Be (literal   
 hand all the Spirit’s of conviction. come: hecanse a change is involved: be-   
 Ile wields the tire of! purification the come what thon art not) watehfal (we ean   
 fire of destruetion. Whether the Spirit hardly help in English substituting the   
 informs, or rebukes, or warns, or comforts, adjective for the participle “watching ;”   
 or promises, whether He softens or hi thereby losing objective vividness, and   
 dens men’s hearts, it is who, search- xctting instead a subjective attribute of   
 ing the hearts as Son of God and feeling charact « Awake and watch” would be,   
 their feelings as Son of man, wields and in paraphrase, tantamonnt to the text),   
 applies the one and manifold Spirit, and strengthen the remaining things,   
 The designation here has its appropriate- which were (the time is transferred to that,   
 ness in the whole character of this solemn indicated by the fulfilment of the command   
 Epistle. The Lord of the Church comes, which were, when thon shalt apply thyself   
 armed with all the powers of the Spirit; to strengthen them) about to die (there is   
 searching the depths of hypocrisy, judging a question whether these remaining mat-   
 of the worthlessness of works not done in ters are to be understood as things, matters   
 faith. The difficulty of this attri- in which the Sardian church was not yet   
 bute of Christ, and not any one selected totally without spiritual vitality, or ‘us   
 specially as applying to Sardis being here persons, who were not yet passed into the   
 introduced, seems to be best accounted for, almost universal death-slumber of hypo-   
 not, as Ebrard, hy the general prophetic crisy. The latter view is tnken by vi   
 import of the Epistle, but by the fact that. many Commentators. And there is nothing   
 the minatory strain of the Hpistle justities in the construction to preclude it. But if   
 the alleging the whole weight and majesty 1 mistake not, there is in the context.   
 of the divine character of our Lord, t> For to assuine that the persons remaining   
 create alarm and bring about repentance), could be thus described, would surely be to   
 and Vor. seven stars (the former symbolism leave no room for those Bk with   
 [eh i. 16, 20] still holds in all its striet- s0 much praise below in ver. 4. Had the   
 ness. Nor have we the least right here, things which remain not occurred, we   
 as some do, to suppose that the stars and inight have well understood strengthen   
 the spirits are identical. The motive men- those that were ready to die,” of contirm-   
 tioned above would fully account for this ing those thy weak members who ow ae-   
 designation also: The Lord of all the count of the general deadness were neat   
 churches: He who appoints them their losing their spiritual lite nltogether: but