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# Reading the Church's Mail



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***Riches  
Without  
Wealth***



# ***2. The Letter***



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# ***To Smyrna***

**Revelation 2:8** - "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. **9** "'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. **10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. **11** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'











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## 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 –

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

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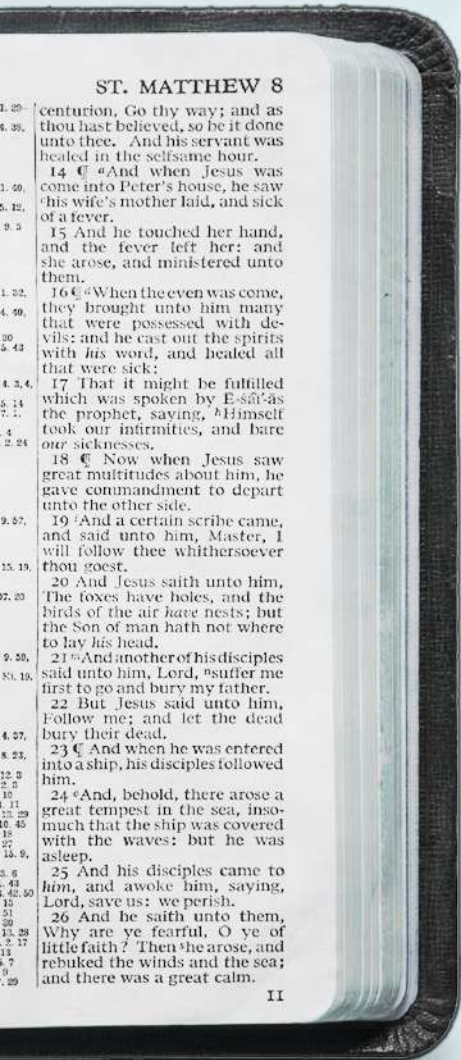
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For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints – and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

**James 2:5** - Listen,  
my beloved brothers,  
has not God chosen  
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