

THE THIRD EPISTLE
of
JOHN

- 1 The elder *man* to Gaius, most dear *brother* [most dear], whom I love in truth.
- 2 Most dear *brother*, of all things I make prayer, that thou enter, and fare wellfully, as thy soul doeth wellfully. [+Most dear, of all things I make prayer, that thou enter, and fare wellsofely, as thy soul fareth wellsofely.]
- 3 I joyed [full] greatly, for brethren came, and bare witnessing to thy truth, as thou walkest in truth.
- 4 I have not more grace of these things, than that I hear that my sons walk in truth.
- 5 Most dear *brother*, thou doest faithfully, whatever thou workest in brethren [Most dear, thou doest faithfully, whatever thou workest into brethren], and that into pilgrims,
- 6 which yielded witnessing to thy charity, in the sight of the church; which thou ledest forth [whom thou ledest forth], and doest well-worthy to God.
- 7 For they went forth for his name, and took nothing of heathen men. [Soothly for his name they went forth, nothing taking of heathen men.]
- 8 Therefore we owe to receive such, that we be even-workers of truth.
- 9 I had written peradventure to the church, but this Diotrephes, that loveth to bear primacy in them [that loveth for to bear primacy, or *chief places*, in them], receiveth not us.
- 10 For this thing, if I shall come, I shall admonish his works, which he doeth, chiding against us with evil words [+garring, or *chiding*/chattering against us with evil words]. And as if these things suffice not to him, neither he receiveth brethren, and forbiddeth them that receive, and putteth out of the church [and casteth out of the church].
- 11 Most dear *brother* [Most dear], do not thou follow evil thing, but that that is good thing. He that doeth well, is of God; he that doeth evil, seeth not God.

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12 Witnessing is yielded to Demetrius of all men, and of truth itself; but also we bear witnessing, and thou knowest, that our witnessing is true.

13 I had many things to write to thee, but I would not write to thee by ink and pen.

14 For I hope soon to see thee, and we shall speak mouth to mouth. Peace *be* to thee. Friends greet thee well. Greet thou well friends by name.