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Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1. 6–10

We have an everlasting home in the heavens.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up,
there is a house built by God for us,
an everlasting home not made by human hands,
in the heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then,
when we remember that to live in the body
means to be exiled from the Lord,
going as we do by faith and not by sight
— we are full of confidence, I say,
and actually want to be exiled from the body
and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing him.

For all the truth about us
will be brought out in the law court of Christ,
and each of us will get what he deserves
for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.