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***in the midst of moral, societal and
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- 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?
- 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

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- 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.
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 ...a scattered your enemies with you...
 ...heavens are yours, and the earth is y...
 ...everything in the world is yours—you...
 ...created north and south.
 ...Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon praise
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 ...Strong is your hand!
 ...Your right hand is lifted high in glorious...
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