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## Letter from Robert Hanson to Francis P. Porter

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Camp, Shiloh, Plain  
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of the pleasures of Heaven. I have a Father &  
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the haven of eternal rest. I have no home now  
but one day with the blessing of Heaven I  
will have home, in that land of rest that  
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See Hebrews 4:9-10



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