

مَقْدَمَةُ الرِّسَالَةِ

¹بُولُسُ، رَسُولُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ لِأَجْلِ وَعْدِ الْحَيَاةِ الَّتِي فِي يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ²إِلَى تِيمُوثَاوُسَ، الْإِنِّ الْحَبِيبِ، نِعْمَةً وَرَحْمَةً وَسَلَامٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

اللَّهُ أَعْطَانَا رُوحَ الْقُوَّةِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ

³إِنِّي أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَعْبُدُهُ مِنْ أَجْدَادِي بِصَمِيرٍ طَاهِرٍ، كَمَا أَذْكُرُكَ بِلاَ انْقِطَاعٍ فِي طَلِبَاتِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا، ⁴مُشْتَاقًا أَنْ أَرَاكَ، ذَاكِرًا دُمُوعَكَ لِكَيِّ أَقْتَلِيَ قَرَحًا، ⁵إِذْ أَتَذْكُرُ الْإِيمَانَ الْعَدِيمَ الرِّبَاءِ الَّذِي فِيكَ، الَّذِي سَكَنَ أَوَّلًا فِي جَدِّكَ لَوْئِيسَ وَأُمَّكَ أَفِينِيكَ، وَلَكِنِّي مُوقِنٌ أَنَّهُ فِيكَ أَيْضًا. ⁶فَلِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَذْكُرُكَ أَنْ تُضَرِمَ أَيْضًا مَوْهَبَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فِيكَ بِوَضْعِ يَدَيَّ. ⁷لَآنَ اللَّهَ لَمْ يُعْطِنَا رُوحَ الْفَسْلِ بَلْ رُوحَ الْقُوَّةِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ وَالنُّصْحِ.

⁸فَلَا تَحْجَلْ بِشَهَادَةِ رَبَّنَا وَلَا بِي أَنَا، أَسِيرُهُ، بَلْ اسْتَرْكُ فِي اخْتِمَالِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ لِأَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِحَسَبِ قُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، ⁹الَّذِي خَلَصَنَا وَدَعَانَا دَعْوَةً مُقَدَّسَةً، لَا بِمُقْتَضَى أَعْمَالِنَا بَلْ بِمُقْتَضَى الْقَصْدِ وَالنَّعْمَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتْ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ قَبْلَ الْأَرْمِيَةِ الْأَرْلِيَّةِ، ¹⁰وَأِنَّمَا أَطْهَرْتُ الْآنَ بِظُهُورِ مُخْلِصِنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي أَبْطَلَ الْمَوْتَ وَأَنَارَ الْحَيَاةَ وَالْخُلُودَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، ¹¹الَّذِي جَعَلْتُ أَنَا لَهُ كَارِزًا وَرَسُولًا وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْأَمَمِ. ¹²لِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَحْتَمِلُ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ أَيْضًا، لِكَيْتَنِي لَسْتُ أَحْجَلُ، لِأَنِّي عَالِمٌ بِمَنْ آمَنْتُ وَمُوقِنٌ أَنَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَحْفَظَ وَدِيْعَتِي إِلَى ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. ¹³تَمَسَّكَ بِصُورَةِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي فِي الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. ¹⁴إِحْفَظِ الْوَدِيعَةَ الصَّالِحَةَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ السَّاكِنِ فِيْنَا.

إِرْتِدَادُ الْكَنِيسَةِ فِي أَسِيَّا

¹⁵أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ هَذَا، أَنَّ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ فِي أَسِيَّا ارْتَدُّوا عَنِّي، الَّذِينَ مِنْهُمْ فِيخَلْسُ وَهَرْمُوجَانِسُ. ¹⁶لِيُعْطِ الرَّبُّ رَحْمَةً لِيَيْتَ أَنْسِيفُورُسَ لِأَنَّهُ مِرَارًا كَثِيرَةً أَرَاخِنِي وَلَمْ يَحْجَلْ يَسْلِسِلَتِي، ¹⁷بَلْ لَمَّا كَانَ فِي رُومَةٍ طَلَبَنِي بِأَوْفَرِ اجْتِهَادٍ فَوَجَدَنِي، ¹⁸لِيُعْطِيَ الرَّبُّ أَنْ يَجِدَ رَحْمَةً مِنَ الرَّبِّ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. وَكُلُّ مَا كَانَ يَحْدِثُ فِي أَفُسُسَ أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُهُ جَيِّدًا.

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; ⁴Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; ⁵When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. ⁶Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ⁸Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; ⁹Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, ¹⁰But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: ¹¹Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹²For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able

to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.¹³ Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.¹⁵ This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.¹⁶ The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:¹⁷ But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.¹⁸ The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.