

¹To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:²Both low and high, rich and poor, together.³My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.⁴I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.⁵Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?⁶They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;⁷None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:⁸(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)⁹That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.¹⁰For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.¹¹Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.¹²Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.¹³This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.¹⁴Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.¹⁶Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;¹⁷For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall

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¹اسْمَعُوا هَذَا، يَا جَمِيعَ الشُّعُوبِ، اَصْغُوا، يَا جَمِيعَ سُكَّانِ الدُّنْيَا،²عَالٌ وَدُونٌ، اَغْنِيَاءٌ وَفُقَرَاءٌ سَوَاءً.³فَمِى يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْحِكْمِ وَلَهْجٌ قَلْبِى فَهَمْ.⁴اَمِلْ اُذُنِى اِلَى مَثَلٍ وَاَوْصَحْ بَعْدَ لُغْزِى.

⁵لِمَاذَا اَخَافُ فِى اَيَّامِ الشَّرِّ، عِنْدَمَا يُحِيطُ بِي اِنَّمِ مُتَعَقِّبِي؟⁶الَّذِينَ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ عَلَى تَرَوْتِهِمْ وَيَكْتَرُونَ غَنَاهُمْ يَفْتَخِرُونَ.⁷الْاَخُ لَنْ يَفْدِيَ الْاِنْسَانَ فِدَاءً وَلَا يُعْطِيَ اللّٰهَ كَفَّارَةً عَنْهُ.⁸وَكَرِيمَةٌ هِىَ فِدْيَةُ نَفْسِهِمْ، فَغَلِقْتُ اِلَى الدَّهْرِ، حَتَّى يَحْيَا اِلَى الْاَبَدِ فَلَا يَرَى الْقَبْرَ.¹⁰بَلْ يَرَاهُ. الْحُكَمَاءُ يَمُوتُونَ، كَذَلِكَ الْجَاهِلُ وَالْبَلِيدُ يَهْلِكَانِ وَيَبْثُرُكَانِ تَرَوْتُهُمَا لآخِرِينَ.¹¹بَاطِنُهُمْ اَنَّ يَبُوتَهُمْ اِلَى الْاَبَدِ، مَسَاكِنُهُمْ اِلَى دَوْرٍ قَدَوْرٍ، يُبَادُونَ بِاَسْمَائِهِمْ فِى الْاَرَاضِ.¹²وَالْاِنْسَانُ فِى كَرَامَةٍ لَا يَبِيتُ، يُشْبِهُ الْبَهَائِمَ الَّتِي تُبَادُ.¹³هَذَا طَرِيقُهُمْ، اَعْتِمَادُهُمْ، وَخُلُقُهُمْ يَرْتَضُونَ بِاَقْوَالِهِمْ. سِلَاحٌ.¹⁴مِثْلُ الْعَتَمِ لِلْهَاقِيَةِ يُسَاقُونَ، الْمَوْتُ يَرْغَاهُمْ وَيَسُوْدُهُمْ الْمُسْتَقِيمُونَ. عَدَاةٌ وَصُورُهُمْ تَبْلَى، الْهَاقِيَةُ مَسْكَنُ لَهُمْ.¹⁵اِنَّمَا اللّٰهُ يَفْدِى نَفْسِى مِنْ يَدِ الْهَاقِيَةِ لِأَنَّهُ يَأْخُذْنِى. سِلَاحٌ.

¹⁶لَا تَخْشَ إِذَا اسْتَعْنَى اِنْسَانٌ، إِذَا رَادَ مَجْدُ بَنِيهِ.¹⁷لَآئِهْ عِنْدَ مَوْتِهِ كُلُّهُ لَا يَأْخُذُ، لَا يَبْتَرِلُ وَرَاءَهُ مَجْدُهُ.¹⁸لَآئِهْ فِى حَيَاتِهِ يُبَارِكُ نَفْسَهُ، وَيَحْمَدُوتُكَ إِذَا أَحْسَنْتَ اِلَى نَفْسِكَ.¹⁹تَدْخُلُ اِلَى جِيلِ اَبَائِهِ الَّذِينَ لَا يُعَايِنُونَ النُّورَ اِلَى الْاَبَدِ.²⁰اِنْسَانٌ فِى كَرَامَةٍ وَلَا يَفْهَمُ، يُشْبِهُ الْبَهَائِمَ الَّتِي تُبَادُ.

not descend after him.¹⁸ Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.¹⁹ He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.²⁰ Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.