

تاريخ الآباء

¹قَائِلِي لَسْتُ أَرِيدُ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَجْهَلُوا أَنَّ آبَاءَنَا جَمِيعَهُمْ كَانُوا تَحْتَ السَّحَابَةِ وَجَمِيعَهُمْ اجْتَارُوا فِي الْبَحْرِ² وَجَمِيعَهُمْ اعْتَمَدُوا لِمُوسَى فِي السَّحَابَةِ وَفِي الْبَحْرِ³ وَجَمِيعَهُمْ أَكَلُوا طَعَامًا وَاحِدًا رُوحِيًّا⁴ وَجَمِيعَهُمْ شَرَبُوا سَرَابًا وَاحِدًا رُوحِيًّا، لِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَشْرَبُونَ مِنْ صَخْرَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ تَابِعْتَهُمْ وَالصَّخْرَةُ كَانَتْ الْمَسِيحَ،⁵ لَكِنْ بِأَكْثَرِهِمْ لَمْ يُسَرِّ اللَّهُ لَأَنَّهُمْ طَرَحُوا فِي الْقَفْرِ.⁶ وَهَذِهِ الْأُمُورُ حَدَّثَتْ مِنَالَا لَنَا حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ تَحْنُ مُسْتَهِينِينَ سُرُورًا كَمَا اسْتَهَى أَوْلَيْكَ.⁷ فَلَا تَكُونُوا عِبْدَةَ أُوتَانٍ كَمَا كَانَ آتَانُ مِنْهُمْ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "جَلَسَ الشَّعْبُ لِلْأَكْلِ وَالشَّرْبِ ثُمَّ قَامُوا لِلْعِبِّ."⁸ وَلَا تَزِنِ كَمَا زَنَى آتَانُ مِنْهُمْ، فَسَقَطَ فِي يَوْمٍ وَاحِدٍ ثَلَاثَةُ وَعِشْرُونَ أَلْفًا.⁹ وَلَا تُجْرَبِ الْمَسِيحَ كَمَا جَرَّبَ آيْضًا آتَانُ مِنْهُمْ، فَأَهْلَكْتَهُمُ الْحَيَاثُ.¹⁰ وَلَا تَتَذَمَّرُوا كَمَا تَذَمَّرَ آيْضًا آتَانُ مِنْهُمْ، فَأَهْلَكَهُمُ الْمُهْلِكُ.¹¹ فَهَذِهِ الْأُمُورُ جَمِيعُهَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مِنَالَا وَكُتِبَتْ لِإِذَارَتِنَا تَحْنُ، الَّذِينَ انْتَهَتْ إِلَيْنَا أَوَاخِرُ الدَّهُورِ.¹² إِذَا مَنْ يَطُنُّ أَنَّهُ قَانِمٌ فَلْيَنْطُرْ أَنْ لَا يَسْقُطَ.¹³ لَمْ تُصِيبْكُمْ تَجْرِبَةٌ إِلَّا بِسَرِّهِ، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمِينُ الَّذِي لَا يَدْعُكُمْ تُجْرَبُونَ فَوْقَ مَا تَسْتَطِيعُونَ بَلْ سَيَجْعَلُ مَعَ التَّجْرِبَةِ آيْضًا الْمُنْقَذَ لِنَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ نَحْتَمِلُوا.¹⁴ لِذَلِكَ، يَا أَجَائِي، اهْزُبُوا مِنْ عِبَادَةِ الْأُوتَانِ.

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¹⁵أَقُولُ كَمَا لِلْحُكَمَاءِ: احْكُمُوا أَنْتُمْ فِي مَا أَقُولُ.¹⁶ كَأْسُ الْبَرَكَةِ الَّتِي تُبَارِكُهَا، أَلَيْسَتْ هِيَ شَرِكَةٌ دَمِ الْمَسِيحِ؟ الْخُبْزُ الَّذِي تَكْسِرُهُ، أَلَيْسَ هُوَ شَرِكَةٌ جَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ؟¹⁷ قَائِلًا تَحْنُ الْكَثِيرِينَ خُبْزٌ وَاحِدٌ، جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ، لَأَنَّا جَمِيعًا نَشْرِكُ فِي الْخُبْزِ الْوَاحِدِ.¹⁸ انْطَرُوا إِسْرَائِيلَ حَسَبَ الْجَسَدِ: أَلَيْسَ الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الذَّبَائِحَ هُمْ شُرَكَاءَ الْمَذْبَحِ؟¹⁹ قَمَادًا أَقُولُ: إِنْ الْوَتَنُ شَيْءٌ؟ أَوْ إِنْ مَا دُبِحَ لِلْوَتَنِ شَيْءٌ؟²⁰ بَلْ إِنْ مَا يَدْبَحُهُ الْأُمَمُ فَلَا مَا يَدْبَحُوهُ لِلشَّيَاطِينِ، لَا إِلَهَ، فَلَسْتُ أَرِيدُ أَنْ تَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ شُرَكَاءَ الشَّيَاطِينِ.²¹ لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَشْرَبُوا كَأْسَ الرَّبِّ وَكَأْسَ شَيَْاطِينٍ. لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَشْرَبُوا فِي مَائِدَةِ الرَّبِّ وَفِي مَائِدَةِ شَيَْاطِينٍ.²² أَمْ تُغَيِّرُ الرَّبَّ؟ أَلَعَلَّنَا أَقْوَى مِنْهُ؟

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²³كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحِلُّ لِي لَكِنْ لَيْسَ كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تُوَافِقُ، كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحِلُّ لِي وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَنْبِي.²⁴ لَا يَطْلُبُ

¹Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;³ And did all eat the same spiritual meat;⁴ And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.⁵ But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.⁷ Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.⁸ Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.⁹ Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.¹⁰ Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.¹⁴ Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.¹⁵ I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless,

أَحَدٌ مَا هُوَ لِنَفْسِهِ بَلْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مَا هُوَ لِلْآخَرِ.²⁵ كُلُّ مَا
يُبَاعُ فِي الْمَلْحَمَةِ كُلُّهُ غَيْرَ فَاحِصِينَ عَنْ سَيِّئٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ
الصَّامِرِ،²⁶ لِأَنَّ لِلرَّبِّ الْأَرْضَ وَمِلَاحَهَا.²⁷ وَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ مِنْ
غَيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَدْعُوكُمْ وَتُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَذْهَبُوا، فَكُلُّ مَا
يُقَدَّمُ لَكُمْ، كُلُّوا مِنْهُ غَيْرَ فَاحِصِينَ مِنْ أَجْلِ
الصَّامِرِ.²⁸ وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هَذَا مَذْبُوحٌ لِوَتَنٍ، فَلَا
تَأْكُلُوا مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَاكَ الَّذِي أَعْلَمَكُمْ وَالصَّامِرِ، لِأَنَّ لِلرَّبِّ
الْأَرْضَ وَمِلَاحَهَا.²⁹ أَقُولُ الصَّامِرِ، لَيْسَ صَمِيرَكَ أَنْتَ بَلْ
صَمِيرُ الْآخَرِ، لِأَنَّهُ لِمَادَا يُحْكَمُ فِي خُرَّتِي مِنْ صَمِيرٍ
آخَرَ؟³⁰ فَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا أَتَاوَلُ بِشُكْرٍ، فَلِمَادَا يُفْتَرَى عَلَيَّ
لِأَجْلِ مَا أَشْكُرُ عَلَيْهِ؟³¹ فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ تَأْكُلُونَ أَوْ تَشْرَبُونَ أَوْ
تَفْعَلُونَ شَيْئًا، فَافْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.³² كُونُوا بِلاَ
عُتْرَةٍ لِلْيَهُودِ وَلِلْيُونَانِيِّينَ وَلِكَنِيسَةِ اللَّهِ،³³ كَمَا أَنَا أَيْضًا
أَرْضِي الْجَمِيعَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ غَيْرَ طَالِبٍ مَا يُوَافِقُ
نَفْسِي بَلِ الْكَثِيرِينَ، لِكَيْ يَخْلُصُوا.

is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?¹⁷ For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.¹⁸ Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?¹⁹ What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?²⁰ But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.²¹ Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.²² Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?²³ All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.²⁴ Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.²⁵ Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:²⁶ For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.²⁷ If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.²⁸ But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.²⁹ Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?³⁰ For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give

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thanks?³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.³² Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:³³ Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.