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¹ هَكَذَا فَلْيُخَسِبْنَا الْإِنْسَانُ كَخَدَّامِ الْمَسِيحِ وَوُكَلَاءِ سَرَائِرِ
اللَّهِ. ² ثُمَّ يُسْأَلُ فِي الْوُكَلَاءِ لِكَيْ يُوجَدَ الْإِنْسَانُ
أَمِينًا. ³ وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَأَقُلُّ شَيْءٌ عِنْدِي أَنْ يُحْكَمَ فِيَّ مِنْكُمْ أَوْ
مِنْ يَوْمِ بَشَرٍ، بَلْ لَسْتُ أَحْكُمُ فِي نَفْسِي أَيْضًا. ⁴ فَإِنِّي
لَسْتُ أَشْعُرُ بِشَيْءٍ فِي دَانِي، لَكِنِّي لَسْتُ بِذَلِكَ مُبَرَّرًا،
وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِي يُحْكَمُ فِيَّ هُوَ الرَّبُّ. ⁵ إِذَا، لَا تَحْكُمُوا فِي
شَيْءٍ قَبْلَ الْوَقْتِ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ الرَّبُّ الَّذِي سَيُنِيرُ خَفَايَا
الظَّلَامِ وَيُظْهِرُ آرَاءَ الْقُلُوبِ، وَجَيِّدٌ يَكُونُ الْمَدْحُ لِكُلِّ
وَاحِدٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

⁶ فَهَذَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، حَوْلْتُ نَفْسِي إِلَى نَفْسِي وَإِلَى
أَبْلُوسٍ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ لِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا فِينَا أَنْ لَا تَفْتَكِرُوا قَوْقَ
مَا هُوَ مَكْنُوثٌ، كَيْ لَا يَتَفَخَّ أَحَدٌ لِأَجْلِ الْوَاحِدِ عَلَى
الْآخَرِ. ⁷ لِأَنَّهُ مَنْ يُمَيِّزُ؟ وَأَيُّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ لَمْ تَأْخُذْ؟ وَإِنْ
كُنْتَ قَدْ أَخَذْتَ، فَلِمَاذَا تَفْتَحِرُ كَأَنَّكَ لَمْ تَأْخُذْ؟ ⁸ إِنَّكُمْ قَدْ
سَعَيْتُمْ، قَدْ اسْتَعْنَيْتُمْ، مَلَكَتُمْ بِذُنُوبِنَا، وَلَيْتَكُمْ مَلَكَتُمْ
لِنَفْسِكُمْ تَحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَكُمْ. ⁹ فَإِنِّي أَرَى أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَبْرَرَنَا تَحْنُ
الرُّسُلِ آخَرِينَ، كَأَنَّا مَحْكُومُونَ عَلَيْنَا بِالْمَوْتِ، لِأَنَّا صِرْنَا
مَنْظَرًا لِلْعَالَمِ، لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَالنَّاسِ. ¹⁰ تَحْنُ جُهَاثٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ
الْمَسِيحِ وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَحُكَمَاءُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، تَحْنُ ضِعْفَاءُ
وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَأَقْوِيَاءُ، أَنْتُمْ مُكْرَّمُونَ وَأَمَّا تَحْنُ فَبِلَا
كَرَامَةٍ. ¹¹ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ تَجُوعٌ وَنُفْطَشٌ وَتَعْرَى وَتَلْكُمُ
وَلَيْسَ لَنَا إِقَامَةٌ، ¹² وَتَتَعَبُ عَامِلِينَ بِأَيْدِينَا، نُسْتَمُ قَتِيرًا،
نُضْطَهَدُ فَتَحْتَمِلُ، ¹³ يُفْتَرَى عَلَيْنَا فَتَعِطُ، صِرْنَا كَأَفْدَارِ
الْعَالَمِ وَوَسَخَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ إِلَى الْآبِ. ¹⁴ لَيْسَ لِكَيْ أَجْلَلَكُمُ
أَكْتُبُ بِهِذَا، بَلْ كَأَوْلَادِي الْأَجْبَاءِ أَنْذِرْكُمْ. ¹⁵ لِأَنَّهُ وَإِنْ كَانَ
لَكُمْ رِبَاثٌ مِنَ الْمُزْنِيبِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ لَكِنْ لَيْسَ آبَاءُ
كَيِّرُونَ، لِأَنِّي أَنَا وَلَدْتُكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ
بِالْإِنْجِيلِ. ¹⁶ فَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُتَمَثِّلِينَ بِي. ¹⁷ لِذَلِكَ
أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ تِيمُوثَايُوسَ، الَّذِي هُوَ أَيْبَى الْحَبِيبُ وَالْإِيمِينُ
فِي الرَّبِّ، الَّذِي يُذَكِّرُكُمْ بِطُرُقِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ كَمَا أَعْلَمُ
فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ فِي كُلِّ كَنِيسَةٍ. ¹⁸ فَأَتَفَخَّ قَوْمٌ كَأَنِّي لَسْتُ
أَتِيَا إِلَيْكُمْ. ¹⁹ وَلَكِنِّي سَأَتِي إِلَيْكُمْ سَرِيعًا، إِنْ شَاءَ الرَّبُّ،
فَسَأَعْرِفُ لَيْسَ كَلَامَ الَّذِينَ اتَّفَعُوا بَلْ قُوَّتَهُمْ. ²⁰ لِأَنَّ
مَلَكَوْتُ اللَّهِ لَيْسَ بِكَلَامٍ بَلْ بِقُوَّةٍ. ²¹ مَاذَا تُرِيدُونَ؟ أَيْعَصَا
أَتِي إِلَيْكُمْ أَمْ بِالْمَحَبَّةِ وَرُوحِ الْوَدَاعَةِ؟

¹ Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. ⁴ For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. ⁶ And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. ⁷ For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? ⁸ Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. ⁹ For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. ¹¹ Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; ¹² And labour, working with

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our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:¹³ Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.¹⁴ I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.¹⁵ For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.¹⁶ Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.¹⁷ For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.¹⁸ Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.¹⁹ But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.²¹ What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?