

أَكْلُ مَا ذُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ

¹وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ مَا ذُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ فَتَعْلَمُ أَنَّ لِكُلِّمِنَا عِلْمًا. الْعِلْمُ يَنْفُخُ وَلَكِنَّ الْمَحَبَّةَ تَبْنِي. ²فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يَظُنُّ أَنَّهُ يَعْرِفُ شَيْئًا، فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يَعْرِفْ شَيْئًا بَعْدَ كَمَا يَجِبُ أَنْ يَعْرِفَ. ³وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُحِبُّ اللَّهَ، فَهَذَا مَعْرُوفٌ عِنْدَهُ. ⁴فَمِنْ جِهَةِ أَكْلِ مَا ذُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ تَعْلَمُ أَنْ لَيْسَ وَتَنْ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَأَنْ لَيْسَ إِلَهٌ آخَرُ إِلَّا وَاحِدًا. ⁵لَئِنَّهُ وَإِنْ وَجِدَ مَا يُسَمَّى إِلَهَةً، سَوَاءٌ كَانَ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَوْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، كَمَا يُوجَدُ إِلَهُهُ كَثِيرُونَ وَأَرْثَابُ كَثِيرُونَ. ⁶لَكِنْ لَنَا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ، الْآبُ، الَّذِي مِنْهُ جَمِيعُ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَخُنْ لَهُ، وَرَبُّ وَاحِدٌ، يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، الَّذِي بِهِ جَمِيعُ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَخُنْ بِهِ. ⁷وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ الْعِلْمُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ، بَلْ أَنَا سَ بِالضَّمِيرِ نَحْوُ الْوَتَنِ، إِلَى الْآنَ يَأْكُلُونَ كَأَنَّهُ مِمَّا ذُبِحَ لَوَتْنِ، فَضَمِيرُهُمْ إِذْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ، يَتَجَسَّسُ. ⁸وَلَكِنَّ الطَّعَامَ لَا يُقَدِّمُنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّا إِنْ أَكَلْنَا لَا نَزِيدُ، وَإِنْ لَمْ نَأْكُلْ لَا نَقُصُ. ⁹وَلَكِنْ انْظُرُوا لِنَلَّا يَصِيرَ سُلْطَانُكُمْ هَذَا مَعْتَرَةً لِلضَّعْفَاءِ. ¹⁰لَئِنَّهُ إِنْ رَأَى أَحَدٌ، يَا مَنْ لَهُ عِلْمٌ، مُتَّكِنًا فِي هَيْكَلِ وَتْنِ، أَقْلًا يَتَقَوَّى ضَمِيرُهُ، إِذْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ، حَتَّى يَأْكُلَ مَا ذُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ؟ ¹¹فَيَهْلِكُ يَسْتَبِ عِلْمُكَ الْآخِ الضَّعِيفُ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ، ¹²وَهَكَذَا، إِذْ تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ وَتَجْرَحُونَ ضَمِيرَهُمُ الضَّعِيفَ، تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ. ¹³لِذَلِكَ إِنْ كَانَ طَعَامٌ يُغَيِّرُ أَخِي، فَلَنْ أَكُلَ لَحْمًا إِلَى الْآبَدِ، لِنَلَّا أَغْثَرَ أَخِي.

¹Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. ²And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. ³But if any man love God, the same is known of him. ⁴As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. ⁵For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) ⁶But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. ⁷Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. ⁹But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. ¹⁰For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; ¹¹And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? ¹²But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. ¹³Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while

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the world standeth, lest I make my brother
to offend.