

¹أَنْظُرُوا آيَةً مَحَبَّةٍ أَعْطَانَا الْآبُ حَتَّى نُدْعَى أَوْلَادَ اللَّهِ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا لَا يَعْرِفُنَا الْعَالَمُ لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَعْرِفُهُ. ²أَيُّهَا الْأَجْبَاءُ، الْآنَ نَحْنُ أَوْلَادُ اللَّهِ وَلَمْ يُطَهَّرْ بَعْدَ مَاذَا سَتَكُونُ، وَلَكِنْ تَعْلَمُ، أَنَّهُ إِذَا أَطَهَّرَ، تَكُونُ مِثْلَهُ لِأَنَّا سَتَرَاهُ كَمَا هُوَ. ³وَكُلُّ مَنْ عِنْدَهُ هَذَا الرَّجَاءُ بِهِ يُطَهَّرُ نَفْسَهُ كَمَا هُوَ طَاهِرٌ. ⁴كُلُّ مَنْ يَفْعَلُ الْخَطِيئَةَ يَفْعَلُ الْبَغْضَى أَيْضًا، وَالْخَطِيئَةُ هِيَ الْبَغْضَى. ⁵وَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ ذَاكَ أَطَهَّرَ لِكَيْ يَرْفَعَ خَطَايَانَا وَلَيْسَ فِيهِ خَطِيئَةٌ. ⁶كُلُّ مَنْ يَنْبُتُ فِيهِ لَا يُخْطِئُ، كُلُّ مَنْ يُخْطِئُ لَمْ يُبْصِرْهُ وَلَا عَرَفَهُ. ⁷أَيُّهَا الْأَوْلَادُ، لَا يُضِلُّكُمْ أَحَدٌ. مَنْ يَفْعَلُ الْبِرَّ فَهُوَ بَارٌّ كَمَا أَنَّ ذَاكَ بَارٌّ. ⁸مَنْ يَفْعَلُ الْخَطِيئَةَ فَهُوَ مِنْ إِبْلِيسَ، لِأَنَّ إِبْلِيسَ مِنَ الْبَدْءِ يُخْطِئُ. لِأَجْلِ هَذَا أَطَهَّرَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ لِكَيْ يَنْقُصَ أَعْمَالَ إِبْلِيسَ. ⁹كُلُّ مَنْ هُوَ مَوْلُودٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ لَا يَفْعَلُ خَطِيئَةً، لِأَنَّ زَرْعَهُ يَنْبُتُ فِيهِ وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يُخْطِئَ لِأَنَّهُ مَوْلُودٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ. ¹⁰بِهَذَا أَوْلَادُ اللَّهِ طَاهِرُونَ وَأَوْلَادُ إِبْلِيسَ: كُلُّ مَنْ لَا يَفْعَلُ الْبِرَّ فَلَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَكَذَا مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّ أَخَاهُ.

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¹¹لِأَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْخَيْرُ الَّذِي سَمِعْنَاهُ مِنَ الْبَدْءِ، أَنْ يُحِبَّ بَعْضًا بَعْضًا، لَيْسَ كَمَا كَانَ قَائِلِينَ مِنَ الشَّرِّيرِ وَدَبَّحَ أَخَاهُ. وَلِمَاذَا دَبَّحَهُ؟ لِأَنَّ أَعْمَالَهُ كَانَتْ شَرِيرَةً وَأَعْمَالُ أَخِيهِ بَارَّةً.

¹³لَا تَعَجَّبُوا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ كَانَ الْعَالَمُ يُبْغِضُكُمْ. ¹⁴نَحْنُ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّنَا قَدْ اثْتَقَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَوْتِ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَنَّنَا نَحِبُّ الْإِخْوَةَ. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّ أَخَاهُ يَتَّقُ فِي الْمَوْتِ. ¹⁵كُلُّ مَنْ يُبْغِضُ أَخَاهُ فَهُوَ قَائِلٌ نَفْسِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ كُلَّ قَائِلٍ نَفْسِ لَيْسَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ تَابِتَةٌ فِيهِ. ¹⁶بِهَذَا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَحَبَّةَ، أَنَّ ذَاكَ وَضَعَ نَفْسَهُ لِأَجْلِنَا، فَتَحْنُ يَنْبَغِي لَنَا أَنْ نَضَعُ نَفُوسَنَا لِأَجْلِ الْإِخْوَةِ. ¹⁷وَأَمَّا مَنْ كَانَ لَهُ مَعِيشَةُ الْعَالَمِ وَتَطَرَّ أَخَاهُ مُحْتَاجًا وَأَغْلَقَ أَحْسَاءَهُ عَنْهُ، فَكَيْفَ تَنْبُتُ مَحَبَّةُ اللَّهِ فِيهِ؟ ¹⁸يَا أَوْلَادِي، لَا تُحِبُّ بِالْكَلَامِ وَلَا بِاللِّسَانِ بَلْ بِالْعَمَلِ وَالْحَقِّ. ¹⁹وبِهَذَا تَعْرِفُ أَنَّنَا مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَنَسْكُنُ قُلُوبَنَا قُدَامَهُ، ²⁰لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ لَأَمْنَا قُلُوبَنَا، قَالَ اللَّهُ أَعْطَانَا مِنْ قُلُوبِنَا وَتَعْلَمُ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ. ²¹أَيُّهَا الْأَجْبَاءُ، إِنْ لَمْ تَلْمَأْ قُلُوبَنَا، فَلَنَا ثِقَةٌ مِنْ نَحْوِ اللَّهِ ²²وَمَهْمَا سَأَلْنَا تَنَالُ مِنْهُ، لِأَنَّنَا نَحْفَظُ وَصَايَاهُ وَتَعْمَلُ الْأَعْمَالُ الْمَرْضِيَّةَ أَمَامَهُ. ²³وَهَذِهِ هِيَ وَصِيَّتُهُ، أَنْ نُؤْمِنَ

¹Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. ⁴Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ⁵And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. ⁶Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. ⁷Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. ¹³Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death unto

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وَصِيَّةً.²⁴ وَمَنْ يَحْقِطْ وَصَايَاهُ يَنْبُتْ فِيهِ وَهُوَ فِيهِ. وَبِهَذَا
تَعْرِفُ اَنَّهُ يَنْبُتُ فِيْنَا: مِنْ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي اَعْطَانَا.

life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.¹⁹ And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.²⁰ For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.²¹ Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.²³ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.²⁴ And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.