

مَقْدَمَةُ الرِّسَالَةِ

¹بَطْرُسُ، رَسُولُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، إِلَى الْمُتَعَرِّينَ مِنْ شَتَاتِ بُنْتُسَ وَغَلَّاطِيَّةَ وَكَبْدُوكِيَّةَ وَأَسِيَّا وَبِيثْنِيَّةَ، الْمُخْتَارِينَ بِمُقْتَضَى عِلْمِ اللَّهِ الْآبِ السَّابِقِ فِي تَقْدِيرِ الرُّوحِ لِلطَّاعَةِ وَرَشِّ دَمِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ: لِيُكْتَنَزَ لَكُمْ النِّعْمَةُ وَالسَّلَامُ.

الرَّجَاءُ الْحَيُّ

³مُبَارَكُ اللَّهِ، أَبُو رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي حَسَبَ رَحْمَتِهِ الْكَثِيرَةَ وَلَدَنَا ثَانِيَةً لِرَجَاءٍ حَيٍّ بِقِيَامَةِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ⁴ لِمِيرَاثٍ لَا يَفْنَى وَلَا يَتَدَسَّسُ وَلَا يَصْمَحَلُ، مَحْفُوطٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ لِأَجْلِكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ مَخْرُوسُونَ بِإِيمَانٍ لِخَلَاصٍ مُسْتَعَدٍّ أَنْ يُعْلَنَ فِي الزَّمَانِ الْآخِرِ.⁶ الَّذِي بِهِ تَنْتَهَجُونَ مَعَ أَنْكُمْ الْآنَ إِنْ كَانَ يَجِبُ تُخْرَتُونَ بِسِيرًا بِتَجَارِبِ مُتَوَعِّةٍ،⁷ لِكَيْ تَكُونَ تَرْكِيَّةَ إِيْمَانِكُمْ، وَهِيَ أَتَمُّ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ الْقَابِي مَعَ اللَّهِ يُمْتَحَنُ بِالنَّارِ، تُوحَدُ لِلْمَدْحِ وَالْكَرَامَةِ وَالْمَجْدِ عِنْدَ اسْتِعْلَانِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.⁸ الَّذِي وَإِنْ لَمْ تَرَوْهُ تُجِبُونَ، ذَلِكَ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَرَوْنَهُ الْآنَ لَكِنْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ، فَتَنْتَهَجُونَ بِفَرَحٍ لَا يُبْطَلُ بِهِ وَمُجِدِّ تَائِلِينَ غَايَةَ إِيْمَانِكُمْ: خَلَاصَ النَّفُوسِ.¹⁰ الْخَلَاصَ الَّذِي فَتَسَّ وَبَحَثَ عَنْهُ أَنْبِيَاءُ، الَّذِينَ تَبَيَّنُوا عَنِ النِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي لِأَجْلِكُمْ¹¹ بَاجِنِينَ أَيُّ وَقْتٍ أَوْ مَا الْوَقْتُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَدُلُّ عَلَيْهِ رُوحُ الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي فِيهِمْ، إِذْ سَبَقَ فَتَسْهَدَ بِالْآلَامِ الَّتِي لِلْمَسِيحِ وَالْأَمْجَادِ الَّتِي بَعْدَهَا،¹² الَّذِينَ أَعْلَنَ لَهُمْ، أَنَّهُمْ لَيْسَ لِنَفْسِهِمْ بَلْ لَنَا كَانُوا يَحْدِثُونَ بِهَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي أَخْبَرْتُمْ بِهَا أَنْتُمْ الْآنَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الَّذِينَ بَشَّرُوكُمْ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْمُرْسَلِ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، الَّتِي تَسْتَهِي الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَنْ تَطْلُعَ عَلَيْهَا.

السَّيْرَةُ الْمَقْدَسَةُ

¹³لِذَلِكَ مَنْطِفُوا أَحْقَاءَ ذَهْنِكُمْ صَاحِينَ، فَالْقُوا رَجَاءَكُمْ بِالتَّامِّ عَلَى النِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي يُؤْتَى بِهَا إِلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَ اسْتِعْلَانِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.¹⁴ كَأَوْلَادِ الطَّاعَةِ، لَا تُسَاكِلُوا شَهَوَاتِكُمْ السَّابِقَةَ فِي جَهَالَتِكُمْ¹⁵ بَلْ تَطْيِرِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الَّذِي دَعَاكُمْ، كُونُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا قَدِّيسِينَ فِي كُلِّ سِيرَةٍ،¹⁶ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْنُوبٌ: "كُونُوا قَدِّيسِينَ لِأَنِّي أَنَا قُدُّوسٌ".¹⁷ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَدْعُونَ أَبًا، الَّذِي يَحْكُمُ بِغَيْرِ مُحَابَاةٍ حَسَبَ عَمَلٍ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ، فَسِيرُوا زَمَانَ غُرْبَتِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ¹⁸ عَالِمِينَ أَنَّكُمْ أَقْدَبْتُمْ لَا بِأَشْيَاءٍ تَفْنَى، بِفَضَّةٍ أَوْ ذَهَبٍ، مِنْ سِيرَتِكُمْ الْبَاطِلَةِ الَّتِي تَقْلُدْتُمُوهَا مِنَ الْآبَاءِ،¹⁹ بَلْ بِدَمِ كَرِيمٍ كَمَا مِنْ حَمَلٍ يَلَا

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.¹² Unto whom it

عَيْبٍ وَلَا دَنَسٍ، دَمَ الْمَسِيحِ.²⁰ مَعْرُوفاً سَابِقاً قَبْلَ تَأْسِيسِ الْعَالَمِ وَلَكِنْ قَدْ أَظْهَرَ فِي الْأَرْمَنَةِ الْأَخِيرَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ،²¹ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِهِ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ وَأَعْطَاهُ مَجْداً، حَتَّى إِنَّ إِيْمَانَكُمْ وَرَجَاءَكُمْ هُمَا فِي اللَّهِ.²² طَهَّرُوا نُفُوسَكُمْ فِي طَاعَةِ الْحَقِّ بِالرُّوحِ لِلْمَحَبَّةِ الْأَخَوِيَّةِ الْعَدِيمَةِ الرَّبِّاءِ، فَاجِبُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً مِنْ قَلْبٍ طَاهِرٍ بِسِدَّةٍ،²³ مَوْلُودِينَ ثَانِيَةً لَا مِنْ زَرْعٍ يَفْتَنِي بَلْ مِمَّا لَا يَفْتَنِي، بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيَّةِ الْبَاقِيَةِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.²⁴ لَأَنَّ كُلَّ جَسَدٍ كَعُشْبٍ وَكُلَّ مَجْدٍ إِنْسَانٍ كَزَهْرٍ عُشْبٍ، الْعُشْبُ يَبْسُ وَزَهْرُهُ يَسْقُطُ،²⁵ وَأَمَّا كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ فَتَنْبُتُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي بُسِّرْتُمْ بِهَا.

was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.²⁴ For all flesh is

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as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.