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¹فَمِنْ نَمَّ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، نَسْأَلُكُمْ وَتَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّكُمْ كَمَا تَسَلَّمْتُمْ مِنَّا، كَيْفَ يَجِبُ أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا وَتُرْضُوا اللَّهَ، تَزِدَادُونَ أَكْثَرَ. ²لأنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ آيَةَ وَصَايَا أُعْطِيَتْكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، ³لأنَّ هَذِهِ هِيَ إِرَادَةُ اللَّهِ: فَدَاسْتُكُمْ، أَنْ تَمْتَنِعُوا عَنِ الزَّنا، ⁴أَنْ يَعْرِفَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَغْتَنِي إِيَّاهُ بِقَدَاسَةٍ وَكَرَامَةٍ، ⁵لَا فِي هَوَى شَهْوَةٍ كَالْأَمَمِ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ اللَّهَ، ⁶أَنْ لَا يَتَطَاوَلَ أَحَدٌ وَيَطْمَعَ عَلَى أَخِيهِ فِي هَذَا الْأَمْرِ، ⁷لأنَّ الرَّبَّ مُنْتَقِمٌ لَهُذِهِ كُلِّهَا كَمَا فُلْنَا لَكُمْ قَبْلًا وَشَهِدْنَا. ⁸لأنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَدْعُنَا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ بَلْ فِي الْقَدَاسَةِ. ⁹إِذَا مَنْ يَزْدُلْ، لَا يَزْدُلْ إِنْسَانًا بَلْ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَعْطَانَا أَيْضًا رُوحَهُ الْقُدُّوسَ. ¹⁰وَأَمَّا الْمَحَبَّةُ الْأَخَوِيَّةُ فَلَا حَاجَةَ لَكُمْ أَنْ أَكْتُبَ إِلَيْكُمْ عَنْهَا، ¹¹لأنَّكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ مُتَعَلِّمُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُحِبَّ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، ¹²فَإِنَّكُمْ تَفْعَلُونَ ذَلِكَ أَيْضًا لِجَمِيعِ الإِخْوَةِ الَّذِينَ فِي مَكِدُونِيَّةٍ كُلِّهَا. ¹³وَأَمَّا أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَزِدَادُوا أَكْثَرَ ¹⁴وَأَنْ تَحْرُضُوا عَلَى أَنْ تَكُونُوا هَادِئِينَ وَتُقَارِسُوا أُمُورَكُمْ الْخَاصَّةَ وَتَسْتَعِيلُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ أَنْتُمْ، كَمَا أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ، ¹⁵لِكَيْ تَسْلُكُوا بِلَيَاقَةٍ عِنْدَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ مِنْ خَارِجٍ وَلَا تَكُونَ لَكُمْ حَاجَةٌ إِلَى أَحَدٍ.

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¹⁶نَمَّ لَا أَرِيدُ أَنْ تَجْهَلُوا، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، مِنْ جِهَةِ الرَّاقِدِينَ، لِكَيْ لَا تَحْزَنُوا كَالْبَاقِينَ الَّذِينَ لَا رَجَاءَ لَهُمْ. ¹⁷لأنَّه إِنْ كُنَّا نُؤْمِنُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ مَاتَ وَقَامَ، فَكَذَلِكَ الرَّاقِدُونَ يَبْسُوعُ سَيُحْضِرُهُمُ اللَّهُ أَيْضًا مَعَهُ. ¹⁸فَإِنَّا نَقُولُ لَكُمْ هَذَا بِكَلِمَةِ الرَّبِّ: إِنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ، الْبَاقِينَ إِلَى مَجِيءِ الرَّبِّ، لَا نَسْبِقُ الرَّاقِدِينَ، ¹⁹لأنَّ الرَّبَّ تَهْتَسُهُ، بِهَيْفٍ، بِصَوْتِ رَئِيسِ مَلَائِكَةٍ وَبُوقِ اللَّهِ، سَوْفَ يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَالْأَمْوَاتُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَقُومُونَ أَوَّلًا، ²⁰ثُمَّ نَحْنُ، الْأَحْيَاءُ الْبَاقِينَ، سَنُحْطَفُ جَمِيعًا مَعَهُمْ فِي السَّحَابِ لِمُلَاقَاةِ الرَّبِّ فِي الْهَوَاءِ، وَهَكَذَا نَكُونُ كُلِّ حِينٍ مَعَ الرَّبِّ. ²¹لِذَلِكَ عَزَّوْا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ.

¹Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.² For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.³ For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:⁵ That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.⁶ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.⁷ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.⁸ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.⁹ And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;¹⁰ And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;¹¹ That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.¹² But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.¹³ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will

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God bring with him.¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.