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¹ وَأَمَّا الْأَرْمِئَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ فَلَا حَاجَةَ لَكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ أَكْتُبَ إِلَيْكُمْ عَنْهَا،² لِأَنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ بِالتَّحْقِيقِ أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ كَلِصٌّ فِي اللَّيْلِ هَكَذَا يَجِيءُ. ³ لِأَنَّهُ جِئَمَا يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمَانٌ، جِئَنِيذُ يُقَاجِئُهُمْ هَلَاكٌ بَغْتَةً، كَالْمَخَاضِ لِلْخَيْلِ، فَلَا يَنْجُونَ. ⁴ وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ حَتَّى يُدْرِكَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ كَلِصٌّ،⁵ جَمِيعُكُمْ أَتْنَاءُ نَوْرٍ وَأَتْنَاءُ نَهَارٍ، لَسْنَا مِنْ لَيْلٍ وَلَا ظُلْمَةٍ. ⁶ فَلَا تَنَمُ إِذَا كَأَنَّافَيْنِ بَلَى لَسْتَهْرُ وَتَضَعُ. ⁷ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتَامُونَ، قِبَالِ اللَّيْلِ يَتَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ، قِبَالِ اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. ⁸ وَأَمَّا تَحَنُّ، الَّذِينَ مِنْ نَهَارٍ، فَلَنَضَعُ لَابِسِينَ دِرْعَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ وَخُوْدَةً، هِيَ رَجَاءُ الْخَلَاصِ. ⁹ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ بَلَى لِأَقْبَانِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،¹⁰ الَّذِي مَاتَ لِأَجْلِنَا حَتَّى، إِذَا سَهَرْنَا أَوْ نَمْنَا، نَحْيَا جَمِيعًا مَعَهُ. ¹¹ لِذَلِكَ عَزُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا وَابْتُوا أَحَدَكُمْ الْآخَرَ كَمَا تَفْعَلُونَ أَيْضًا.

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¹² ثُمَّ تَسْأَلُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الَّذِينَ يَتَعَبُونَ بَيْنَكُمْ وَيُدَبِّرُونَكُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ وَيُذَرِّبُونَكُمْ ¹³ وَأَنْ تَعْتَبِرُوهُمْ كَثِيرًا جِدًّا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ مِنْ أَجْلِ عَمَلِهِمْ. سَالِمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. ¹⁴ وَتَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْزِرُوا الَّذِينَ يَلَا تَرْتِيبِ، سَجُّوا صِغَارَ النَّفُوسِ، أَسْبِدُوا الصَّغَفَاءِ، تَأْتُوا عَلَى الْجَمِيعِ. ¹⁵ أَنْظُرُوا أَنْ لَا يُجَارِي أَحَدٌ أَحَدًا عَنْ سَرٍّ يَسَرُّ بَلَى كُلِّ حِينٍ ابْتَغُوا الْخَيْرَ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ وَلِلْجَمِيعِ. ¹⁶ أَفْرَحُوا كُلَّ حِينٍ. ¹⁷ صَلُّوا بَلَا انْقِطَاعٍ، ¹⁸ اشْكُرُوا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ هَذِهِ هِيَ مَسِيئَةُ اللَّهِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ. ¹⁹ لَا تُطْفِنُوا الرُّوحَ. ²⁰ لَا تَحْقِرُوا النُّبُوءَاتِ، ²¹ اْمْتَحِنُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، تَمَسَّكُوا بِالْحَسَنِ، ²² اْمْتَنِعُوا عَنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَرٍّ.

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²³ وَاللَّهُ السَّلَامُ تَعْسُهُ يُقَدِّسُكُمْ بِالتَّامِّ، وَلِتُحَقِّظَ رُوحُكُمْ وَنَفْسُكُمْ وَجَسَدُكُمْ كَامِلَةً بَلَا لَوْمٍ عِنْدَ مَجِيءِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. ²⁴ آمِينَ هُوَ الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُمْ الَّذِي سَفَعَلُ أَيْضًا. ²⁵ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، صَلُّوا لِأَجْلِنَا. ²⁶ سَلِّمُوا عَلَى الْإِخْوَةِ جَمِيعًا بِقُبْلَةٍ مُقَدَّسَةٍ. ²⁷ أَنَا بِأَشِدُّكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ أَنْ تُقْرَأَ هَذِهِ الرِّسَالَةُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْإِخْوَةِ الْفِدِّيِّينَ. ²⁸ نِعْمَةُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مَعَكُمْ، آمِينَ.

¹ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. ² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. ⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. ⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. ¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. ¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. ¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. ¹⁶ Rejoice

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evermore.¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.²⁰ Despise not prophesyings.²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.²⁶ Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.²⁷ I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.