

مَقْدَمَةُ الرِّسَالَةِ

¹بُولُسُ، رَسُولُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ لِأَجْلِ وَعْدِ الْحَيَاةِ الَّتِي فِي يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ²إِلَى تِيمُوثَاوُسَ، الْإِنِّ الْحَبِيبِ، نِعْمَةً وَرَحْمَةً وَسَلَامٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

اللَّهُ أَعْطَانَا رُوحَ الْقُوَّةِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ

³إِنِّي أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَعْبُدُهُ مِنْ أَجْدَادِي بِصَمِيرٍ طَاهِرٍ، كَمَا أَذْكُرُكَ يَا انْقِطَاعَ فِي طَلِبَاتِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا، ⁴مُسْتَأْفًا أَنْ أَرَاكَ، ذَاكِرًا دُمُوعَكَ لِكَيْ أَمْتَلِي قَرَحًا، ⁵إِذْ أَتَذْكُرُ الْإِيمَانَ الْعَدِيمَ الرِّبَاءِ الَّذِي فِيكَ، الَّذِي سَكَنَ أَوَّلًا فِي جَدِّكَ لَوْنِسَ وَأُمَّكَ أَفِيكِي، وَلِكَيْ مَوْقِنٌ أَنَّهُ فِيكَ أَيْضًا. ⁶فَلِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَذْكُرُكَ أَنْ تُصِرَّ أَيْضًا مُوَهِّبَةً اللَّهِ الَّتِي فِيكَ يَوْضَعُ يَدَيَّ. ⁷لَآنَ اللَّهُ لَمْ يُعْطِنَا رُوحَ الْقَسَلِ بَلْ رُوحَ الْقُوَّةِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ وَالنُّصْحِ.

⁸فَلَا تَحْجَلْ بِشَهَادَةِ رَبَّنَا وَلَا بِي أَنَا، أَسِيرُهُ، بَلْ اشْتَرِكْ فِي اخْتِمَالِ الْمَسَقَاتِ لِأَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِحَسَبِ قُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، ⁹الَّذِي حَلَصَنَا وَدَعَانَا دَعْوَةً مُقَدَّسَةً، لَا بِمُقْتَصَى أَعْمَالِنَا بَلْ بِمُقْتَصَى الْقَصْدِ وَالنَّعْمَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتَ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ قَبْلَ الْأَرْمِيَةِ الْأَرْثَلَةِ، ¹⁰وَأَمَّا أَطْهَرَتِ الْآنَ بِظُهُورِ مُخْلِصِنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي أَبْطَلَ الْمَوْتَ وَأَتَارَ الْحَيَاةَ وَالْخُلُودَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، ¹¹الَّذِي جُعِلْتُ أَنَا لَهُ كَارِرًا وَرَسُولًا وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْأَمَمِ. ¹²لِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَتَحْتَمِلُ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ أَيْضًا، لِكَيْنِي لَسْتُ أَجَلُّ، لِأَنِّي عَالِمٌ بِمَنْ آمَنْتُ وَمَوْقِنٌ أَنَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَحْفَظَ وَدِيعَتِي إِلَى ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ.

¹³تَمَسَّكَ بِضُورَةِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي فِي الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. ¹⁴إِحْفَظِ الْوَدِيعَةَ الصَّالِحَةَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ السَّاكِنِ فِيْنَا.

إِرْتِدَادُ الْكَنِيسَةِ فِي أَسْيَا

¹⁵أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ هَذَا، أَنَّ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ فِي أَسْيَا ارْتَدُّوا عَنِّي، الَّذِينَ مِنْهُمْ فِجَلُسُ وَهَرْمُوجَانُسُ. ¹⁶لِيُعْطِ الرَّبُّ رَحْمَةً لِيُنْبِتَ أَيْسِيفُورُسَ لِأَنَّهُ مَرَارًا كَثِيرَةً أَرَاخِنِي وَلَمْ يَحْجَلْ بِسِلْسِلَتِي، ¹⁷بَلْ لَمَّا كَانَ فِي رُومِيَّةٍ طَلَبَنِي بِأَوْقَرِ اجْتِهَادٍ فَوَجَدَنِي، ¹⁸لِيُعْطِيَ الرَّبُّ أَنْ يَجِدَ رَحْمَةً مِنَ الرَّبِّ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. وَكُلُّ مَا كَانَ يَحْدِثُ فِي أَقْسُسَ أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُهُ جَيِّدًا.

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; ⁴Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; ⁵When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. ⁶Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ⁸Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; ⁹Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, ¹⁰But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: ¹¹Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹²For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able

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to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.¹³ Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.¹⁵ This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.¹⁶ The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain.¹⁷ But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.¹⁸ The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.