

¹أَنَا أَتَشِدُّكَ إِذَا، أَمَامَ اللَّهِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ الْعَتِيدِ أَنْ يَدِينَ الْأَحْيَاءَ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ عِنْدَ ظُهُورِهِ وَمَلَكَوْتِهِ،² أَكْرُرُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ، اغْكُفْ عَلَى ذَلِكَ فِي وَفْتٍ مُنَاسِبٍ وَغَيْرِ مُنَاسِبٍ، وَبُخِّ، انْتَهَرْ، عِطْ بِكُلِّ آتَاةٍ وَتَعْلِيمٍ.³ لِأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ وَفْتٌ لَا يَحْتَمِلُونَ فِيهِ التَّعْلِيمَ الصَّحِيحَ بَلْ حَسَبَ شَهَوَاتِهِمُ الْخَاصَّةِ يَجْمَعُونَ لَهُمْ مُعَلِّمِينَ مُسْتَحْجَةً مَسَامِعُهُمْ،⁴ فَيَصْرِفُونَ مَسَامِعَهُمْ عَنِ الْحَقِّ وَيَتَحَرِّفُونَ إِلَى الْخُرَاقَاتِ.⁵ وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَاصْخُ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، احْتَمِلِ الْمَسَقَاتِ، اْعْمَلْ عَمَلَ الْمُبَشِّرِ، تَمِّمْ خِدْمَتَكَ.⁶ فَإِنِّي أَنَا الْآنَ أَسْكَبُ سَكِبًا وَوَفْتٌ ائْجَلِي قَدْ حَضَرَ.⁷ قَدْ جَاهَدْتُ الْجِهَادَ الْحَسَنَ، أَكْمَلْتُ السَّعْيَ، حَفِظْتُ الْإِيمَانَ،⁸ وَأَخِيرًا قَدْ وُضِعَ لِي إِكْلِيلُ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي يَهْبُهُ لِي فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ الرَّبُّ الدَّيَّانُ الْعَادِلُ، وَلَيْسَ لِي قَطْعٌ بَلْ لِجَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يُجِبُّونَ ظُهُورَهُ أَيْضًا.

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⁹بَادِرْ أَنْ تَجِيءَ إِلَيَّ سَرِيعًا،¹⁰ لِأَنَّ دِيَمَاسَ قَدْ تَرَكَنِي إِذْ أَحَبَّ الْعَالَمَ الْخَاصِرَ وَدَهَبَ إِلَى تَسَالُونِيكِي، وَكْرِيسْتِكِسَ إِلَى غَلَاطِيَّةَ، وَتَيْطُسَ إِلَى دَلْمَاطِيَّةَ،¹¹ لَوْفَا وَحْدَهُ مَعِيَ. خُذْ مَرْفُسَ وَأُخْضِرْهُ مَعَكَ لِأَنَّهُ تَأْفَعُ لِي لِلْخِدْمَةِ.¹² أَمَّا تِيخِيكُسُ فَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتُهُ إِلَى أَفَسُسَ.¹³ الرَّدَاءُ الَّذِي تَرَكْتُهُ فِي تَرْوَاسَ عِنْدَ كَارْنِسَ أُخْضِرْهُ مَتَى جِئْتَ وَالْكِتَابَ أَيْضًا وَلَا سِيَّمَا الرُّفُوقَ.¹⁴ اسْكَنْدُرُ النَّحَاسُ أَطْهَرَ لِي شُرُورًا كَثِيرَةً، لِجَارِهِ الرَّبِّ حَسَبَ أَعْمَالِهِ.¹⁵ فَاحْتَفِظْ مِنْهُ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا لِأَنَّهُ قَاوَمَ أَقْوَالَنَا جِدًّا.¹⁶ فِي اخْتِجَاجِي الْأَوَّلِ لَمْ يَحْضُرْ أَحَدٌ مَعِيَ بَلِ الْجَمِيعُ تَرَكُونِي. لَا يُحْسَبُ عَلَيْهِمْ.¹⁷ وَلَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ وَقَفَ مَعِيَ وَقَوَّانِي لِكَيْ تُتَمَّ بِي الْكِرَارَةُ وَيَسْمَعَ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَأَنْقِذْتُ مِنْ قَمِ الْأَسَدِ.¹⁸ وَسَيَقْذِئِي الرَّبُّ مِنْ كُلِّ عَمَلٍ رَدِيءٍ وَيُخَلِّصُنِي لِمَلَكَوْتِهِ السَّمَاوِيِّ، الَّذِي لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّهْرِ، آمِينَ.

¹⁹سَلِّمْ عَلَى فِرْسَكَا وَأَكِيلَا وَيَتَّى أَيْسِيْفُورُسَ.²⁰ أَرَأْسَنْسُ بَقِيَ فِي كُورِنْثُوسَ، وَأَمَّا ثَرْوَفِيمُسُ فَتَرَكْتُهُ فِي مِيلْيُوسَ مَرِيضًا.²¹ بَادِرْ أَنْ تَجِيءَ قَبْلَ الشِّتَاءِ. يُسَلِّمْ عَلَيْكَ أَفُولُسُ وَثُودِيسُ وَلِيْسُسُ وَكَلَاوْدِيَّةُ وَالْإِخْوَةُ جَمِيعًا.²² أَلَرَّبُ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ مَعَ رُوحِكَ. اَلْتَّعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ.

¹I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.⁹Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:¹⁰For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.¹¹Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.¹²And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.¹³The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:¹⁵Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood

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our words.¹⁶ At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.¹⁷ Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.¹⁸ And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.¹⁹ Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.²⁰ Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.²¹ Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.²² The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.