

التواضع ومقاومة إبليس

¹ مِنْ أَيْنَ الْحُرُوبُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ بَيْنَكُمْ؟ أَلَيْسَتْ مِنْ هُنَا، مِنْ لَدُنَّكُمْ الْمُحَارَبَةُ فِي أَعْضَائِكُمْ؟ ² تَسْتَهْوُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَمْتَلِكُونَ، تَقْتُلُونَ وَتَحْسِدُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَتَأَلَوْا، تُحَاصِمُونَ وَتُحَارِبُونَ وَلَيْسْتُمْ تَمْتَلِكُونَ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَطْلُبُونَ، ³ تَطْلُبُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَأْخُذُونَ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ رِذْيًا لِكَيْ تُنْفِقُوا فِي لَدَائِكُمْ.

⁴ أَيُّهَا الرِّبَاةُ وَالرَّوَابِي، أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْعَالَمِ عَدَاوَةٌ لِلَّهِ؟ فَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ مُحِبًّا لِلْعَالَمِ فَقَدْ ضَارَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ. ⁵ أَمْ تَطْلُبُونَ أَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ بَاطِلًا: الرُّوحُ الَّذِي خَلَّ فِيْنَا يَنْشَأُ إِلَى الْحَسَدِ، ⁶ وَلَكِنَّهُ يُعْطِي نِعْمَةً أَعْظَمَ، لِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: "يَقَاوِمُ اللَّهُ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ وَأَمَا الْمُتَوَاضِعُونَ فَيُعْطِيهِمْ نِعْمَةً". ⁷ فَاحْضَعُوا لِلَّهِ، قَاوِمُوا إِبْلِيسَ فَيَهْزُبَ مِنْكُمْ، ⁸ اقْتَرِبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَيَقْتَرِبَ إِلَيْكُمْ، تَقَوُّوا أَيْدِيَكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْخُطَاةُ، وَطَهِّرُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ، يَا دَوِي الرَّايِسِ. ⁹ اكْتَسِبُوا وَتَوَجُّوا وَابْكُوا، لِيَتَحَوَّلَ صَحْكُكُمْ إِلَى تَوَجٍّ وَفَرْحِكُمْ إِلَى عَمٍّ. ¹⁰ انْضِعُوا قُدَّامَ الرَّبِّ فَيَرْفَعَكُمْ. ¹¹ لَا يَذُمُّ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، الَّذِي يَذُمُّ أَخَاهُ وَيَذِمُّ أَخَاهُ يَذُمُّ النَّامُوسَ وَيَذِمُّ النَّامُوسَ، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَذِمُّ النَّامُوسَ فَلَسْتَ عَامِلًا بِالنَّامُوسِ بَلْ دَبَانًا لَهُ. ¹² وَاجِدْهُ هُوَ وَاصِعُ النَّامُوسِ، الْقَادِرُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ وَبُهْلَكَ، فَمَنْ أَنْتَ، يَا مَنْ يَذِمُّ غَيْرَكَ؟

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¹³ هَلُمُّ الْآنَ، أَيُّهَا الْقَائِلُونَ: تَذْهَبُ الْيَوْمَ أَوْ عَدَا إِلَى هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ أَوْ تِلْكَ وَهَنَّاكَ تَضَرِّفُ سَنَةً وَاجِدَةً وَتَسْجِرُ وَتَبْرِيخُ، ¹⁴ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ لَا تَعْرِفُونَ أَمْرَ الْعَدِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَا هِيَ حَيَاتُكُمْ؟ إِنَّهَا بُخَارٌ، يَطْهَرُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ يَصْمَحِلُ، ¹⁵ عِوَضَ أَنْ تَقُولُوا: إِنَّ سَاءَ الرَّبِّ وَعِسَتْ، تَفْعَلُ هَذَا أَوْ ذَاكَ. ¹⁶ وَأَمَّا الْآنَ فَإِنَّكُمْ تَفْتَخِرُونَ فِي تَعْظِيمِكُمْ، كُلُّ افْتِخَارٍ مِثْلُ هَذَا رِذْيٌ. ¹⁷ فَمَنْ يَعْرِفُ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ حَسَنًا وَلَا يَعْمَلُ، فَذَلِكَ خَطِيئَةٌ لَهُ.

¹From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? ²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. ⁴Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? ⁶But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. ⁹Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. ¹¹Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. ¹²There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? ¹³Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: ¹⁴Whereas ye know not what

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shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.