

¹فَأَجَابَ صُوقَرُ النَّعْمَاتِيِّ، ²أَكْثَرَهُ الْكَلَامَ لَا يُجَاوِبُ، أَمْ
 رَجُلٌ مِهْدَارٌ يَبْتَرِرُ. ³أَصْلَفَكَ يُفْجِمُ النَّاسَ، أَمْ تَلْعُو وَلَيْسَ
 مِنْ يُخْزِيكَ. ⁴إِذْ تَقُولُ، تَغْلِيصِي رَكِيٍّ وَأَنَا بَارٌّ فِي
 عَيْنَيْكَ. ⁵وَلَكِنْ يَا لَيْتَ اللَّهِ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيَفْتَحُ شَفَتَيْهِ
 مَعَكَ وَيُخْلِنَ لَكَ حَفَيَاتِ الْحِكْمَةِ. ⁶إِنَّهَا مُضَاعَفَةُ الْفَهْمِ،
 فَتَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُعَزِّمُكَ بِأَقْلٍ مِنْ إِنْجَمِكَ. ⁷أَأَلَى عُمُقِ اللَّهِ
 تَصِلُ، أَمْ إِلَى نَهَابَةِ الْقَدِيرِ تَنْتَهِي. ⁸هُوَ أَعْلَى مِنَ
 السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَمَاذَا عَسَاكَ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ. ⁹أَعْمَقُ مِنَ الْهَابِيَةِ،
 فَمَاذَا تَدْرِي. ¹⁰أَطْلُولُ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ طَوْلُهُ وَأَعْرَضُ مِنَ
 الْبَحْرِ. ¹¹إِنْ بَطَشَ أَوْ أَعْلَقَ أَوْ جَمَعَ، فَمَنْ يَرُدُّهُ. ¹²لَا إِلَهَ هُوَ
 يَعْلَمُ أُنَاسَ الشَّوْءِ وَيُبْصِرُ الْإِنِّمَ، فَهَلْ لَا يَنْتَبِهَ. ¹³أَمَّا
 الرَّجُلُ فَقَارِعُ عَدِيمِ الْفَهْمِ، وَكَجَحْشِ الْفَرَا يُولَدُ
 الْإِنْسَانُ. ¹⁴إِنْ أَعْدَدْتَ أَنْتَ قَلْبَكَ وَبَسَطْتَ إِلَيْهِ
 يَدَيْكَ. ¹⁵إِنْ أَبْعَدْتَ الْإِنِّمَ الَّذِي فِي يَدِكَ وَلَا يَسْكُنُ الظُّلْمَ
 فِي حَبْمَتِكَ، ¹⁶حَبْتِيذٍ تَرْفَعُ وَجْهَكَ بِلَا عَيْبٍ وَتَكُونُ ثَابِتًا وَلَا
 تَخَافُ. ¹⁷لَأَنَّكَ تَنْتَسِي الْمُسَقَّةَ كَمِيَاهِ عَبْرَتْ
 تَذْكُرُهَا. ¹⁸وَقَوْقَ الطَّهِيرَةِ يَقُومُ حَطْلُكَ. ¹⁹الطَّلَامُ يَتَحَوَّلُ
 صَبَاحًا. ²⁰وَتَطْمَنُّ لَأَنَّهُ يُوجَدُ رَجَاءٌ. ²¹تَتَجَسَّسُ حَوْلَكَ
 وَتَضْطَجِعُ آمِنًا. ²²وَتَرْبِضُ وَلَيْسَ مِنْ يُزْعِجُ، وَتَبْصُرُ إِلَى
 وَجْهِكَ كَثِيرُونَ. ²³أَمَّا عُيُونُ الْأَشْرَارِ فَتَسْلَفُ وَمَلْجَأُهُمْ
 يَبِيدُ، وَرَجَاؤُهُمْ تَسْلِيمُ النَّفْسِ.

¹Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, ²Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified? ³Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed? ⁴For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. ⁵But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; ⁶And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth. ⁷Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? ⁸It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? ⁹The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. ¹⁰If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? ¹¹For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it? ¹²For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass' colt. ¹³If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him, ¹⁴If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. ¹⁵For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear: ¹⁶Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away: ¹⁷And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. ¹⁸And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig

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about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.¹⁹ Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.²⁰ But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.