ُ وَأَجَابَ أَلِيفَازُ النَّيْمَانِيُّ، ۖ أَلَعَلَّ الْحَكِيمَ يُجِيبُ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةٍ بَاطِلَةِ وَيَمْلاً بَطْنَهُ مِنْ ريح شَرْقِيَّةِ، ۚ فَيَحْتَجَّ بِكَلاَم لاَ يُفِيدُ وَبِأُحَادِيثَ لاَ يَنْتَفِعُ بِهَا. ۖ أَمَّا ۚ أَنْتَ فَتُنَافِي الْمَخَافَةَ ۗ وَتُنَاقِضُ التَّقْوَى لَدَى اللَّهِ. ۚ لَأَنَّ فَمَكَ يُذيعُ إِثْمَكَ وَتَخْتَارُ لِسَانَ الْمُحْتَالِينَ. أُإِنَّ فَمَكَ يَسْتَذْنِبُكَ، لِإَ أَنَا، وَشَفَتَاكَ تَشْهَدَان عَلَيْكَ. ۖ أَصُوِّرْتَ أَوَّلَ النَّاسِ أَمْ أَبْدِئْتَ قَبْلَ التَّلالَ. ۗ هَلْ أَصْغَنْتَ فِي مَحْلُسِ اللَّـهَ، أَوْ قَصَـرْتَ الْحِكْمَـةَ عَلَـي نَفْسكَ. قَاذَا تَعْرفُهُ وَلاَ نَعْرفُهُ نَحْنُ، وَمَاذَا تَفْهَمُ وَلَيْسَ هُـوَ عِنْدَنَا. 10عِنْـدَنَا الشَّنْخُ وَالأَشْيَتُ، أَكْبَرُ أَتَّامِـاً مِنْ أَسكَ. 11 أَقَلِيلَـةٌ عِنْـدَكَ تَعْزِيَـاتُ اللَّـه وَالْكَلاَمُ مَعَـكَ بِالرِّفْقِ. 12لِمَاذَا يَأْخُذُكَ قَلْبُكَ، وَلَمَاذَا تَخْتَلُجُ عَيْنَاكَ 13حَتَّى تَرُدَّ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَتُخْرِجَ مِنْ فَمِكَ أَقْوَالاً. 14 مَنْ هُوَ الإِنْسَانُ جَتَّى يَزْكُو أَوْ مَوْلُودُ الْمَرْأَة حَتَّى يَتَيَرَّرَ. 1ُهُوَذَا قدِّيسُوهُ لاَ ىَأْتَمِنُهُـمْ، وَالسَّـمَاوَاتُ غَيْرُ طَـاهِرَة بِعَيْنَيْهُ 16َفِيـالْحَرِيِّ مَكْرُوهُ وَفَاسِدٌ الإِنْسَانُ الشَّارِبُ الإِنْمَ كَالْمَاءِ. 1<sup>1</sup>أَبَيِّنُ لَكَ. اسْمَعْ لِي فَأَحَدِّثَ بِمَا رَأْيْتُهُ. أَمَا أُخْبَرَ بِهِ حُكَمَاءُ عَنْ آبَائِهِمْ فَلَمْ يَكْتُمُوهُ.¹٩ الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ وَحْدَهُمْ أَعْطِيَتِ الأَرْضُ عَدَدِ السِّنِينَ الْمَعْدُودَةِ لِلْعَاتِي. 21 صَوْتُ رُعُوبِ في أَذُنَيْهِ. فِي سَاعَةِ سَلاَم يَأْتِيهِ الْمُخَرِّبُ.22لاَ يَأْمُلُ الرُّجُوعَ مِنَ الظُّلْمَةِ وَهُوَ مُرْتَقَبٌ لِلسَّيْفِ. 23 تَائِهُ هُوَ لأَجْلِ الْخُبْرِ حَيْثُمَا يَجدُهُ، وَيَعْلَمُ أَنَّ يَوْمَ الظَّلْمَةِ مُهَيَّأً بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ. 24ُيُرْهِبُهُ الضُّـرُّ وَالضِّيـقُ. يَتَجَـبَّرَانِ عَلَيْـه كَمَلـك مُسْـتَعدُّ للْـوَغَى.25لأنَّـهُ مَـدَّ عَلَـى اللَّـه يَـدَهُ، وَعَلَـى الْقَـديرِ الْغَلِيظَة.27لْأَنَّهُ قَدْ كَسَا وَحْهَهُ سَمْناً وَرَسَّى ۖ شَحْماً عَلَى كُلْيَتَيْهُ 28فَيَسْكُنُ مُدُناً خَرِبَةً، بُيُوتاً غَيْرَ مَسْكُونَةِ عَتِيدَةً أَنْ تَصِيرَ رُجَماً. 29 لاَ يَسْتَغْنِي وَلاَ تَثْبُتُ ۚ تَرْوَتُهُ وَلاَ يَمْتَدُّ في الأَرْضِ مُقْتَنَاهُ.30 لاَ تَرُولُ عَنْهُ الظَّلْمَةُ. أَغْصَانُهُ تُبَيِّسُهَا السُّمُومُ، وَبِنَفْخَةِ فَمِهِ يَزُولُ أَنْ لِلَّاكِلْ عَلَى السُّوءِ. يَضِلُّ. لأنَّ السُّوءَ يَكُونُ أَجْرَتَهُ. 32قَبْلَ يَـوْمِه يُتَـوَفَّى، وَسَعَفُهُ لاَ يَخْضَرُّ. 3 نُسَاقِطُ كَالْكَرْمَـة حِصْرِمَهُ، وَيَنْثُرُ كَالزَّيْتُون زَهْرُهُ.<sup>34</sup>لأنَّ جَمَاعَةَ الْفُجَّارِ عَاقِرٌ، وَالنَّارُ تَأْكُلُ خِيَامَ الرَّشْوَةِ.<sup>35</sup>حَبلَ شَقَاوَةً وَوَلَدَ إِثْماً، وَبَطْنُهُ أَنْشَأ

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee. Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills? Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us?<sup>10</sup>With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. 11 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?<sup>12</sup>Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, 13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?<sup>14</sup>What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?<sup>15</sup>Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. 16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?<sup>17</sup>I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare; 18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it :19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. <sup>20</sup>The wicked man travaileth with pain all his

days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor. <sup>21</sup>A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.<sup>23</sup>He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.<sup>24</sup>Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. 25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. 26 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers: 27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.<sup>28</sup>And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.<sup>29</sup>He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. The shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away. 31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. 32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. <sup>34</sup> For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. 35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.