

¹وَعَادَ أَيُّوبُ بِطَبَقِ يَمَلِّهِ فَقَالَ، ²حَيُّ هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي تَرَعُ حَقِّي وَالْقَدِيرُ الَّذِي أَمَرَ تَفْسِي، ³إِنَّهُ مَا دَامَتْ تَسْمِيَّتِي فِيهِ وَتَفَحُّهُ اللَّهُ فِي أَنْفِي، ⁴لَنْ تَتَكَلَّمَ سَفَتَايَ إِنَّمَا وَلَا يَلْفُطَ لِسَانِي يَغِشُّ. ⁵خَاشَا لِي أَنْ أَبْرِرَكُمْ. حَتَّى أَسْلِمَ الرُّوحَ لَا أَغْزِلُ كَمَا لِي عَنِّي. ⁶تَمَسَّكْتُ بِبِرِّي وَلَا أَرْجِيهِ. قَلْبِي لَا يُعَيِّرُ يَوْمًا مِنْ آبَائِي. ⁷لَيْكُنْ عَذْوِي كَالسَّرِيرِ وَمُعَانِيدِي كَقَاعِلِ السَّرِّ. ⁸لَأَنْتَ مَا هُوَ رَجَاءُ الْفَاجِرِ عِنْدَمَا يَقْطَعُهُ، عِنْدَمَا يَسْلُبُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ. ⁹أَقِيسْهُمُ اللَّهُ صُرَاخَهُ إِذَا جَاءَ عَلَيْهِ صَيْئٌ. ¹⁰أَمْ يَتَلَدَّدُ بِالْقَدِيرِ. هَلْ يَدْعُو اللَّهَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ. ¹¹إِنِّي أَعْلَمُكُمْ بِبِدِ اللَّهِ. لَا أَكْتُمُ مَا هُوَ عِنْدَ الْقَدِيرِ. ¹²هَا أَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ قَدْ رَأَيْتُمْ، فَلِمَاذَا تَبْطُلُونَ تَبْطُلًا قَائِلِينَ، ¹³هَذَا تَصِيبُ الْإِنْسَانِ السَّرِيرِ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ، وَمِيرَاثُ الْعَتَاةِ الَّذِي يَبَالُوهُ مِنَ الْقَدِيرِ. ¹⁴إِنْ كَثُرَ بُنُوهُ فَلِلْسَيْفِ، وَدُرَّتِيهِ لَا تَسْبَعُ حُبْرًا. ¹⁵بَقِيَّتُهُ تُدْقَنُ بِالْوَبَا، وَأَرَامُهُ لَا تَبْكِي. ¹⁶إِنْ كَثُرَ فِصَّةٌ كَالثَّرَابِ، وَأَعَدَّ مَلَأِسَ كَالطِّينِ، فَهُوَ يُعَدُّ وَالْبَارُّ يَلِيسُهُ، وَالْيَرِيءُ يَقْسِمُ الْفِصَّةَ. ¹⁷يُنْبِي بَيْتُهُ كَالْعُتَّةِ أَوْ كِمِطْلَةٍ صَنَعَهَا الْخَارِسُ. ¹⁸يُصْطَلَعُ غَنِيًّا وَلَكِنَّهُ لَا يُصَمُّ. يَفْتَحُ عَيْنِيهِ وَلَا يَكُونُ. ¹⁹الْأَهْوَالُ تُذَرِّكُهُ كَالْمِيَاهِ. لَيْلًا تَخْطِفُهُ الرُّوْبَعَةُ ²⁰تَحْمِلُهُ السَّرَقِيَّةُ قَبْذَهُ وَتَجْرِفُهُ مِنْ مَكَانِهِ. ²¹يَلْقِي اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَا يُسْفِقُ. مِنْ يَدِهِ يَهْرُبُ هَرَبًا. ²²يَصْفُقُونَ عَلَيْهِ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ وَبَصْفُرُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ مَكَانِهِ.

¹Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, ²As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; ³All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; ⁴My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. ⁵God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. ⁶My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. ⁷Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. ⁸For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? ⁹Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? ¹⁰Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? ¹¹I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal. ¹²Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? ¹³This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty. ¹⁴If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. ¹⁵Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. ¹⁶Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; ¹⁷He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. ¹⁸He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh. ¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his

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eyes, and he is not.²⁰ Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.²¹ The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.²² For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.²³ Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.