

¹وَعَادَ إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ، ²اضْمِرْ عَلَيَّ قَلِيلًا فَأُنْذِرَ لَكَ أَنَّهُ بَعْدَ
لَاخِلِ اللَّهِ كَلَامٌ. ³أَحْمِلْ مَعْرِفَتِي مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَأَنْسِبْ بِرًّا
لِصَانِعِي. ⁴حَقًّا لَا يَكْذِبُ كَلَامِي. صَحِيحُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ
عِنْدَكَ. ⁵هُوَذَا اللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ وَلَكِنَّهُ لَا يَزْدُلُّ أَحَدًا. عَزِيزٌ قُدْرَةُ
الْقَلْبِ. ⁶لَا يُخَيِّبُ الشَّرِيرَ، بَلْ يُجْرِي قِصَاءَ الْبَائِسِينَ. ⁷لَا
يُحَوِّلُ عَيْنِيهِ عَنِ الْبَارِّ، بَلْ مَعَ الْمُلُوكِ يُجْلِسُهُمْ عَلَى
الْكُرْسِيِّ أَبَدًا، فَيَرْفَعُونَ. ⁸إِنْ أَوْثَقُوا بِالْقُبُودِ، إِنْ أَخَذُوا
فِي جِبَالِ الدَّلِّ، ⁹فَيُظْهِرُ لَهُمْ أَفْعَالَهُمْ وَمَعَاصِيَهُمْ، لَأَنَّهُمْ
تَجَبَّرُوا، ¹⁰وَيَفْتَحُ آدَانَهُمْ لِلْإِنْدَارِ، وَيَأْمُرُ بِأَنْ يَرْجِعُوا عَنِ
الْإِثْمِ. ¹¹إِنْ سَمِعُوا وَأَطَاعُوا قَصَّوْا أَيَّامَهُمْ بِالْخَيْرِ وَسَيِّبَهُمْ
بِالنَّعَمِ. ¹²وَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا، فَيَحْزِنَةُ الْمَوْتِ يَزُولُونَ
وَيَمُوتُونَ بِعَدَمِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ. ¹³أَمَّا فُجَّارُ الْقَلْبِ فَيَذْخَرُونَ
عَصَبًا. لَا يَسْتَعِينُونَ إِذَا هُوَ قَبَضَهُمْ. ¹⁴تَمُوتُ تَفْسُهُمْ فِي
الصَّبَا وَخَبَائِثُهُمْ بَيْنَ الْمَأْبُوسِينَ. ¹⁵يَتَجَبَّى الْبَائِسُ فِي ذُلِّهِ،
وَيَفْتَحُ آدَانَهُمْ فِي الصَّيْقِ. ¹⁶وَأَيْضًا يَقُودُكَ مِنْ وَجْهِ
الصَّيْقِ إِلَى رُحْبٍ لَا حَصْرَ فِيهِ، وَيَمْلَأُ مَوْثِقَهُ مَا يَذِيقُكَ
ذُخْنًا. ¹⁷حُجَّةَ الشَّرِيرِ أَكْمَلْتُ، فَالْحُجَّةُ وَالْقِصَاءُ
يُمْسِكَانِكَ. ¹⁸عِنْدَ عَصَبِهِ لَعَلُّهُ يَقُودُكَ بِصَفْقَةٍ. فَكَثَرَتْهُ
الْهُدْيَةُ لَا تَفْكَكَ. ¹⁹هَلْ يَغْتَبِرُ غَنَّاكَ. لَا التَّبَرُّ وَلَا جَمِيعُ قُوَى
النُّزْوَةِ. ²⁰لَا تَسْتَأْذِنُ إِلَى اللَّيْلِ الَّذِي يَرْقِعُ شُعُوبًا مِنْ
مَوَاضِعِهِمْ. ²¹إِخْذَرِ. لَا تَلْتَفِتْ إِلَى الْإِثْمِ لِأَنَّكَ اخْتَرْتَ هَذَا
عَلَى الدَّلِّ. ²²هُوَذَا اللَّهُ يَتَعَالَى يَقُدِّرْتِهِ. مَنْ مِثْلُهُ
مُعَلِّمًا. ²³مَنْ قَرَضَ عَلَيْهِ طَرِيقَهُ، أَوْ مَنْ يَقُولُ لَهُ، قَدْ
فَعَلْتَ سَرًّا. ²⁴أَذْكَرُ أَنْ تُعْطَمَ عَمَلُهُ الَّذِي يَتَرْتَم بِهِ
النَّاسُ. ²⁵كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يَنْبَصِرُ بِهِ. النَّاسُ يَنْظُرُونَهُ مِنْ
بَعِيدٍ. ²⁶هُوَذَا اللَّهُ عَظِيمٌ وَلَا تَعْرِفُهُ وَعَدَدُ سَيِّئِهِ لَا
يُفَحِّصُ. ²⁷لَأَنَّهُ يَجْذِبُ قَطَرَاتِ الْمَاءِ. تَسْخُ مَطَرًا مِنْ
صَبَائِهَا الَّذِي تَهْطِلُهُ السُّحُبُ وَتَقْطُرُهُ عَلَى أَنْاسٍ
كَثِيرِينَ. ²⁸هَلْ يُعْلَلُ أَحَدٌ عَنِ شَقِّ الْغَيْمِ أَوْ قَصِيفِ
مَظْلِيهِ. ²⁹هُوَذَا تَسِطُّ نُورُهُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ ثُمَّ يَغْطِي بِأُصُولِ
الْبَحْرِ. ³⁰لَأَنَّهُ يَهْدِيهِ يَدَيْنِ الشُّعُوبِ وَيَزْرِقُ الْفُوتَ
يَكْتَرِيهِ. ³¹يَغْطِي كَفَيْهِ بِالنُّورِ وَيَأْمُرُهُ عَلَى الْعَدُوِّ. ³²يُخَيِّرُ بِهِ
رَعْدَهُ، الْمَوَاسِي أَيْضًا يَضْعُودُهُ.

¹Elihu also proceeded, and said, ²Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf. ³I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. ⁴For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. ⁵Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom. ⁶He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor. ⁷He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. ⁸And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction; ⁹Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. ¹⁰He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. ¹¹If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. ¹²But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. ¹³But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. ¹⁴They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean. ¹⁵He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. ¹⁶Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness. ¹⁷But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee. ¹⁸Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a

great ransom cannot deliver thee.¹⁹ Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.²⁰ Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.²¹ Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.²² Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?²³ Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?²⁴ Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.²⁵ Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.²⁶ Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.²⁷ For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:²⁸ Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.²⁹ Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?³⁰ Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.³¹ For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.³² With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt.³³ The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.