

<sup>1</sup>فَأَجَابَ بِلْدَدُ الشُّوحِي،<sup>2</sup>إِلَيَّ مَتَى تَقُولُ هَذَا وَتَكُونُ أَقْوَالُكَ رِيحاً سَدِيدَةً.<sup>3</sup>هَلِ اللَّهُ يُعَوِّجُ الْقَضَاءَ أَوِ الْقَدِيرُ يَعْكِسُ الْحَقَّ.<sup>4</sup>إِذْ أَخْطَأَ إِلَيْهِ بِتُوكَ دَفَعَهُمْ إِلَى يَدِ مَعْصِيَتِهِمْ.<sup>5</sup>فَإِنْ بَكَرْتَ أَنْتَ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَتَصَرَّعْتَ إِلَى الْقَدِيرِ<sup>6</sup>إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ زَكِيًّا مُسْتَقِيمًا، فَإِنَّهُ الْآنَ يَنْسِبُهُ لَكَ وَيُسْلِمُ مَسَكَنَ بَيْتِكَ.<sup>7</sup>وَإِنْ تَكُنْ أُولَاكَ صَغِيرَةً فَأَجِرْتُكَ تَكُنْ جَدًّا.<sup>8</sup>إِسْأَلِ الْقُرُونَ الْأُولَى وَتَأْكُذْ مَبَاجِثَ آبَائِهِمْ.<sup>9</sup>لَأَتُنَا تَحْنُ مِنْ أُمْسٍ وَلَا تَعْلَمُ، لَأَنَّ آيَاتَنَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ ظَلٌّ.<sup>10</sup>فَهَلَّا يُعْلَمُوتُكَ. يَقُولُونَ لَكَ وَمِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ يُخْرِجُونَ أَقْوَالاً قَائِلِينَ<sup>11</sup>هَلْ يَنْمُو الْبَرْدِيُّ فِي غَيْرِ الْمُسْتَنْقِعِ، أَوْ تَنْبُثُ الْحُلُقَاءُ بِلَا مَاءٍ.<sup>12</sup>وَهُوَ بَعْدُ فِي تَصَارِيهِ لَمْ يُقْطَعْ يَبْسُ قَبْلَ كُلِّ الْغُشْبِ.<sup>13</sup>هَكَذَا سُبُلُ كُلِّ النَّاسِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، وَرَجَاءُ الْفَاجِرِ يَخِيبُ،<sup>14</sup>فَيَنْقَطِعُ اعْتِمَادُهُ، وَمُتَكَلِّهُ بَيْتِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ.<sup>15</sup>يَسْتَنْدُ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ فَلَا يَبْثُ. يَتَمَسَّكُ بِهِ فَلَا يَقُومُ،<sup>16</sup>هُوَ رَطْبٌ تُجَاهَ الشَّمْسِ وَعَلَى جَنْبِهِ تَنْبُثُ أَعْصَانُهُ.<sup>17</sup>وَأَصُولُهُ مُسْتَبْكَةٌ فِي الرَّجْمَةِ فَتَرَى مَحَلَّ الْجَارَةِ.<sup>18</sup>إِنْ اقْتَلَعَهُ مِنْ مَكَانِهِ يَجْحَدُهُ قَائِلًا، مَا رَأَيْتُكَ.<sup>19</sup>هَذَا هُوَ قَرَحُ طَرِيقِهِ وَمِنْ الثَّرَابِ يَنْبُثُ آخَرٌ. هُوَذَا اللَّهُ لَا يَرْفُضُ الْكَامِلَ وَلَا يَأْخُذُ بِيَدِ قَاعِلِي السَّرِّ.<sup>21</sup>عِنْدَمَا يَمْلَأُ قَمَلَكَ صَجَكًا وَسَقَتَيْكَ هُتَافًا،<sup>22</sup>يَلِيسُ مُبْغِضُوكَ خَرِيًّا. أَمَّا حَيَمَةُ الْأَسْرَارِ فَلَا تَكُونُ.

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,<sup>2</sup>How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?<sup>3</sup>Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?<sup>4</sup>If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;<sup>5</sup>If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;<sup>6</sup>If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.<sup>7</sup>Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.<sup>8</sup>For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:<sup>9</sup>(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)<sup>10</sup>Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?<sup>11</sup>Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?<sup>12</sup>Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.<sup>13</sup>So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:<sup>14</sup>Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.<sup>15</sup>He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.<sup>16</sup>He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.<sup>17</sup>His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones.<sup>18</sup>If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.<sup>19</sup>Behold, this is the joy of his way,

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and out of the earth shall others grow.<sup>20</sup> Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man , neither will he help the evil doers:<sup>21</sup> Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.<sup>22</sup> They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.