

¹لَقْمُهُ بَابَسُهُ وَمَعَهَا سَلَامَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ بَيْتٍ مَلَانٍ دَبَائِحَ مَعَ خِصَامٍ.² الْعَبْدُ الْقَطِيطُ يَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَى الْإِنْسِ الْمُخْرِي وَيُقَاسِمُ الْإِخْوَةَ الْمِيرَاتِ.³ الْبُوطَةُ لِلْفَصَّةِ، وَالْكُورُ لِلذَّهَبِ، وَمُمْتَحِنُ الْقُلُوبِ الرَّبُّ.⁴ الْفَاعِلُ الشَّرُّ يَضْغِي إِلَى سَفَةِ الْإِنِّمِ، وَالْكَاذِبُ يَأْدُنُ لِلِّسَانِ قَسَادٍ.⁵ الْمُسْتَهْزِئُ بِالْفَقِيرِ يُعَيِّرُ خَالِقَهُ. الْفَرَحَانُ بِلَيْتِهِ لَا يَتَبَرَّأ.⁶ تَأْجُ الشُّيُوخُ بَنُو الْبَيْنِ، وَفَحْرُ الْبَيْنِ آبَاؤُهُمْ.⁷ لَا تَلِيْقُ بِالْأَحْمَقِ سَفَةُ السُّودَدِ. كَمْ بِالْآخَرَى سَفَةُ الْكَذِبِ بِالشَّرِيفِ.⁸ الْهَدِيَّةُ حَجَرٌ كَرِيمٌ فِي عَيْنِي قَالِيهَا، حَيْثُمَا تَوَجَّهَ تُفْلِحُ.⁹ مَنْ يَسْتُرُ مَعْصِيَةَ يَطْلُبُ الْمَحَبَّةَ، وَمَنْ يُكْذِرُ أَمْرًا يَقْرُقُ بَيْنَ الْأَصْدِقَاءِ.¹⁰ الْإِنِّيْهَارُ يُؤْتِرُ فِي الْحَكِيمِ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ مِئَةِ خَلْدَةٍ فِي الْجَاهِلِ.¹¹ الشَّرِّيرُ إِنَّمَا يَطْلُبُ الْمَمَرَّةَ فَيُطْلَقُ عَلَيْهِ رَسُولٌ قَاسٍ.¹² لِيُصَادِفَ الْإِنْسَانَ ذُبَّةً تَكُولُ وَلَا جَاهِلٌ فِي حِمَاقِيهِ.¹³ مَنْ يُجَارِي عَنْ خَيْرٍ يَسْرُ لَنْ يَبْرَحَ الشَّرُّ مِنْ بَيْنِهِ.¹⁴ إِنِّيْدَاءُ الْخِصَامِ إِطْلَاقُ الْمَاءِ، فَقِيلَ أَنْ تَذُقَ الْمَخَاصِمَةَ انْزَكَّهَا.¹⁵ مُبَرَّرُ الْمَذْنِبِ وَمُدْتَبُ الْبَرِيءِ كِلَاهُمَا مَكْرَهُهُ الرَّبُّ.¹⁶ لِمَادَا فِي يَدِ الْجَاهِلِ تَمَنُّ. هَلْ لِإِقْتِنَاءِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَلَيْسَ لَهُ قَهْمٌ.¹⁷ الصَّدِيقُ يُحِبُّ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، أَمَّا الْآخُ فَلِلْسُدَّةِ يُوَلِّدُ.¹⁸ الْإِنْسَانُ النَّافِصُ الْقَهْمُ يَصْفِقُ كَقَاً وَيَضْمُنُ صَاحِبَهُ صَقَانًا.¹⁹ مُجِبُّ الْمَعْصِيَةِ مُجِبُّ الْخِصَامِ. الْمُعْلِي بَابُهُ يَطْلُبُ الْكَسْرَ.²⁰ الْمُتَلَوِي الْقَلْبِ لَا يَجِدُ خَبْرًا، وَالْمُتَقَلِّبُ اللِّسَانِ يَقْعُ فِي السُّوءِ.²¹ مَنْ يَلِدُ جَاهِلًا فَلِخَزَنِهِ، وَلَا يَقْرُخُ أَبُو الْأَحْمَقِ.²² الْقَلْبُ الْقَرْحَانُ يُطِيبُ الْجِسْمَ، وَالرَّوْحُ الْمُنْسَحِفَةُ تُجَفِّفُ الْعَظْمَ.²³ الشَّرِّيرُ بِأَخْذِ الرَّسْوَةِ مِنَ الْجِصْنِ لِيُعَوِّجَ طُرُقَ الْقَصَاءِ.²⁴ الْحِكْمَةُ عِنْدَ الْقَهْمِ، وَعَيْنُ الْجَاهِلِ فِي أَقْصَى الْأَرْضِ.²⁵ الْإِنْسَانُ الْجَاهِلُ عَمَّ لِأَبِيهِ وَمَرَارُهُ لِلَّتِي وَلَدَتْهُ.²⁶ أَيْضًا تَغْرِيمُ الْبَرِيِّ لَيْسَ بِحَسَنِ، وَكَذَلِكَ صَرَبُ الشَّرِّقَاءِ لِأَجْلِ الْإِسْقَامَةِ.²⁷ ذُو الْمَعْرِفَةِ يُبْقِي كَلَامَهُ، وَذُو الْقَهْمِ وَقُورُ الرُّوحِ.²⁸ بَلِ الْأَحْمَقُ إِذَا سَكَتَ يُحْسَبُ حَكِيمًا، وَمَنْ صَمَّ سَفَتِيهِ قَهِيمًا.

¹Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.²A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.³The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.⁴A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.⁵Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.⁶Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.⁷Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.⁸A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.⁹He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.¹⁰A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.¹¹An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.¹²Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.¹³Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.¹⁴The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.¹⁵He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.¹⁶Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?¹⁷A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is

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born for adversity.¹⁸ A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.¹⁹ He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.²⁰ He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.²¹ He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.²² A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.²³ A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.²⁴ Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.²⁵ A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.²⁶ Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.²⁷ He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.²⁸ Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.