

¹بَا اِبْنِي، اِنْ قَبِلْتَ كَلَامِي وَخَبَّاتِ وَصَايَايَ عِنْدَكَ،² حَتَّى تُمِيلَ اُذُنَكَ اِلَى الْحِكْمَةِ، وَتُعْطِفَ قَلْبَكَ عَلَى الْفَهْمِ³ اِنْ دَعَوْتَ الْمَعْرِفَةَ وَرَفَعْتَ صَوْتَكَ اِلَى الْفَهْمِ،⁴ اِنْ طَلَبْتَهَا كَالْفِضَّةِ وَبَحَنْتَ عَنْهَا كَالْكُنُوزِ،⁵ فَحَيِّدْ تَفْهَمَ مَخَافَةِ الرَّبِّ وَتَجِدْ مَعْرِفَةَ اللَّهِ.⁶ لَآنَ الرَّبِّ يُعْطِي حِكْمَةً. مِنْ قِمَمِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ وَالْفَهْمِ.⁷ يَذْخَرُ مَعُونَةً لِلْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ. هُوَ مَجَنُّ لِّلسَّالِكِينَ بِالْكَمَالِ، لِيَصْرَ مَسَالِكِ الْحَقِّ وَحَفْظَ طَرِيقِ انْتِبَاهِهِ.⁹ حَيِّدْ تَفْهَمَ الْعَدْلِ وَالْحَقِّ وَالِاسْتِقَامَةَ، كُلَّ سَبِيلٍ صَالِحٍ.¹⁰ اِذَا دَخَلْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ قَلْبَكَ، وَلَدَّتِ الْمَعْرِفَةُ لِنَفْسِكَ،¹¹ قَالْعَقْلُ يَحْفَظُكَ، وَالْفَهْمُ يَنْصُرُكَ،¹² لِإِنْقَاذِكَ مِنْ طَرِيقِ السَّرِيرِ، وَمِنْ الْإِنْسَانِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِ بِالْكَاذِبِ،¹³ الْتَارِكِينَ سُبُلَ الْإِسْتِقَامَةِ لِّلسُّلُوكِ فِي مَسَالِكِ الظُّلْمَةِ،¹⁴ الْفَرَجِينَ يَفْعَلُ الشُّوءَ، الْمُتَبْهِجِينَ بِكَاذِبِ السَّرِّ،¹⁵ الَّذِينَ طَرَفُهُمْ مُعْوَجَّةٌ، وَهُمْ مُلْتَوُونَ فِي سُبُلِهِمْ. لِإِنْقَاذِكَ مِنَ الْمَرْأَةِ الْأَجْنَبِيَّةِ، مِنَ الْعَرَبِيَّةِ الْمُتَمَلِّقَةِ بِكَلَامِهَا،¹⁷ التَّارِكَةِ أَيْفَ صِبَاهَا، وَالنَّاسِيَةَ عَهْدَ إِلَهِهَا.¹⁸ لَآنَ يَنْتَهَا يَسُوحُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَسُبُلُهَا إِلَى الْأُخْلَةِ.¹⁹ كُلُّ مَنْ دَخَلَ إِلَيْهَا لَا يَرْجِعُ، وَلَا يَبْلُغُونَ سُبُلَ الْحَيَاةِ.²⁰ حَتَّى تَسْلُكَ فِي طَرِيقِ الصَّالِحِينَ وَتَحْفَظَ سُبُلَ الصَّادِقِينَ.²¹ لَآنَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ يَسْكُنُونَ الْأَرْضَ، وَالْكَامِلِينَ يَبْقَوْنَ فِيهَا.²² أَمَّا الْأَشْرَارُ فَيَنْقَرِضُونَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ، وَالْعَادِرُونَ يُسْتَأْصَلُونَ مِنْهَا.

¹My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;² So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.⁷ He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.⁸ He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.⁹ Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:¹² To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;¹³ Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;¹⁴ Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;¹⁵ Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:¹⁶ To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;¹⁷ Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.¹⁸ For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.¹⁹ None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.²⁰ That thou mayest

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walk in the way of good men , and keep the paths of the righteous.²¹For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.²²But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.