لاَ تَفْتَخِرْ بِالْغَدِ لأَنَّكَ لاَ تَعْلَمُ مَاذَا يَلِدُهُ يَوْمٌ. ُلِيَمْدَحْكَ الْغَرِيبُ لاَ فَمُكَ، الأَجْنَبِيُّ لاَ شَفَتَاكَ. ۗ ٱلْحَجَرُ ثَقيلٌ وَالرَّمْلُ تَقبلٌ، وَغَضَتُ الْحَاهِلِ أَنْقَلُ مِنْهُمَا كِلَيْهِمَا - ٱلْغَضَتُ قَسَــاوَةٌ وَالسَّـخَطُ جُــرَافٌ، وَمَــنْ يَقَـفُ قُــدَّامَ الْحَسَدِ. أَلَتَّوْبِيخُ الظَّاهِرُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْحُتِّ الْمُسْتَتِرِ. أَمْسَةٌ هِيَ حُرُوحُ الْمُحِبِّ وَغَاشَّةٌ هِيَ قُبْلاَتُ الْعَدُوِّ. ۗ ٱلنَّفْسُ الشَّنْعَانَـةُ تَـدُوسُ الْعَسَـلَ، وَللنَّفْسِ الْحَائِعَـة كُـلٌّ مُـرٍّ حُلْوٌ. <sup>8</sup>مثْلُ الْعُصْفُورِ التَّائِهِ مِنْ عُشِّه**َ هَكَذَا الرَّجُلُ التَّا**ئَهُ مِنْ مَكَانِه. وَالدُّهْنُ وَالْبَخُورُ يُفَرِّحَانِ الْقَلْبَ، وَحَلاَوَةُ الصَّديق مِنْ مَشُورَةِ النَّفْسِ. 10لاَ تَتْرُكْ صَديقَكَ وَصَديقَ أَبِيكَ، وَلاَ تَدْخُلْ بَيْتَ أَخِيكَ فِي يَوْم بَلِيَّتِكَ. الْجَارُ الْقَرِيبُ خَيْرٌ مِنَ الأَخِ الْبَعِيدِ. 1 أَيَا ابْنِي، كُنْ حَكِيماً وَفَرِّحْ قَلْبِي فَأُحِيبَ مَنْ يُعَيِّرُنِي كَلَمَةً.<sup>12</sup>الذَّكِيُّ يُبْصِرُ الشَّرَّ فَيَتَوَارَى. الأغْبِيَاءُ يَعْبُرُونَ فَيُعَاقَبُونَ. 3 أَخُذْ نَوْبَهُ لأَنَّهُ صَمِنَ غَرِيباً، وَلأَجْل الأَجَانِب ارْتَهِنْ مِنْهُ. <sup>14</sup>مَنْ يُبَارِكُ قَريبَهُ بِصَوْبٍ عَالَ فِي الصَّنَاحِ بَاكِراً يُحْسَبُ لَهُ لَعْناً.15 ٱلْوَكْفُ الْمُتَتَابِعُ فِي يَوْم مُمْطِر وَالْمَرْأَةُ الْمُخَاصِمَةُ سِيَّانٍ، 16مَرْ يُخَبِّئُهَا ىُخَيِّئُ الَرِّيحَ وَيَمِسُهُ تَقْيضُ عَلَى زَبْتِ.<sup>17</sup>الْحَديدُ بِالْحَديدِ يُحَدَّدُ، وَالإِنْسَانُ يُحَدِّدُ وَجْهَ صَاحِبِهِ. 18 مَنْ يَحْمِي تِينَةً ىَأَكُلُ ثَمَرَتَهَا، وَحَافظُ سَيِّده بُكْرَهُ.<sup>19</sup>كَمَا في الْمَاءِ الْوَحْهُ للْوَحْه، كَذَلِكَ قَلْتُ الانْسَانِ للانْسَانِ.20 َالْهَاوِيَةُ وَالْهَلَاكُ لاَ يَشْبَعَانِ، وَكَذَا عَيْنَا الْإِنْسَانِ لاَ تَشْبَعَانِ. 21 ٱلْبُوطَةُ لِلْفضَّة وَالْكُورُ لِلذَّهَبِ، كَذَا الإِنْسَانُ لِفَم مَادِجِهِ. 22إِنْ دَقَقْتَ الأَحْمَقَ فِي هَاوُنِ بَيْنَ السَّمِيذِ بِمِدَقٍّ، لاَ تَبْرَحُ عَنْهُ حَمَاقَتُهُ.23مَعْرِفَةً اعْرِفْ حَالَ غَنَمِكَ وَاجْعَلْ قَلْبَكَ إِلَى قُطْعَانِـكَ،24لأنَّ الْغنَـي لَيْـسَ بِـدَائِم وَلاَ التَّـاجُ لِـدَوْرِ فَدَوْرِ.25فَنِيَ الْحَشِيشُ وَظَهَرَ الْعُشْبِ وَاجْتَمَعَ نَبَاتُ الْجِبَالِ. 26 الْحُمْلاَنُ لِلِبَاسِكَ، وَثَمَنُ حَقْلِ أَعْتِدَةٌ. 27 وَكَفَايَةٌ مِنْ لَبَنِ الْمَعْزِ لِطَعَامِكَ، لِقُوتِ بَيْتِكَ وَمَعِيشَةِ فَتَيَاتِكَ.

<sup>1</sup>Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both. Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. 8As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place. Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man' friend by hearty counsel. 10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off. 11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me. 12A prudent man foreseeth the evil. and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished. 13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. 14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him. 15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. 16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewraveth itself. 17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the

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countenance of his friend. 18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured. 19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man. <sup>20</sup>Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. <sup>21</sup> As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise. 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.<sup>23</sup>Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.<sup>24</sup>For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?<sup>25</sup>The hav appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.<sup>27</sup>And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.