

¹الْكثيرُ التَّوْبِخِ، الْمُقْسِي عُقْبَهُ، نَعْتَهُ يُكْسِرُ وَلَا شِفَاءَ.² إِذَا سَادَ الصَّادِقُونَ فِرَحَ الشَّعْبِ، وَإِذَا تَسَلَّطَ الشَّرِيرُ بَيْنَ الشَّعْبِ.³ مَنْ يُحِبُّ الْحِكْمَةَ يُفْرَحُ أَبَاهُ، وَرَفِيقُ الرِّوَايَةِ يُبَدِّدُ مَالًا.⁴ الْمَلِكُ بِالْعَدْلِ يَثْبُتُ الْأَرْضَ، وَالْقَائِلُ الْهَدَايَا يَذْمُرُهَا.⁵ الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي يُطْرِي صَاحِبَهُ يَسْبُطُ سَبْكَهَ لِرَجُلَيْهِ.⁶ فِي مَعْصِيَةِ رَجُلٍ شَرِيرٍ شَرُّهُ، أَمَّا الصَّادِقُ فَيَتَرْتَمِ وَيَفْرَحُ.⁷ الصَّادِقُ يَعْرِفُ دَعْوَى الْفُقَرَاءِ، أَمَّا الشَّرِيرُ فَلَا يَقْضِيهِمْ مَعْرِفَةً.⁸ النَّاسُ الْمُسْتَهْزِئُونَ يَقْنُتُونَ الْمَدِينَةَ، أَمَّا الْحُكَمَاءُ فَيَصْرِفُونَ الْعَصَبَ.⁹ رَجُلٌ حَكِيمٌ إِنْ حَاكَمَ رَجُلًا أَحْمَقَ، فَإِنْ غَضِبَ وَإِنْ صَحِكَ فَلَا رَاحَةَ. أَهْلُ الدَّمَاءِ يُبْغِضُونَ الْكَامِلَ، أَمَّا الْمُسْتَقِيمُونَ فَيَسْتَلُونَ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ.¹⁰ الْجَاهِلُ يُظْهِرُ كُلَّ غَيْطِهِ، وَالْحَكِيمُ يُسَكِّنُهُ أَجِيرًا.¹¹ الْحَاكِمُ الْمُضْغِي إِلَى كَلَامِ كَذِبٍ كُلُّ خَدَائِمِهِ أَسْرَارُ.¹² الْفَقِيرُ وَالطَّالِمُ يَتَلَاقِيَانِ. الرَّبُّ يَتَوَرَّأَعَيْنَ كِلَيْهِمَا.¹³ الْمَلِكُ الْحَاكِمُ بِالْحَقِّ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ يَثْبُتُ كُرْسِيُّهُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.¹⁴ الْعَصَا وَالنَّوْبِيخُ يُغَطِّيَانِ حِكْمَةً، وَالصَّيِّ الْمُطْلَقُ إِلَى هَوَاهُ يُجْلِي أَمَّهُ.¹⁵ إِذَا سَادَ الْأَسْرَارُ كَثُرَتِ الْمَعَاصِي. أَمَّا الصَّادِقُونَ فَيَنْطُرُونَ سُقُوطَهُمْ.¹⁶ أَدَبُ ابْنِكَ قَيْرِيحَكَ وَيُعْطِي نَفْسَكَ لَذَاتٍ.¹⁷ بَلَا رُؤْيَا يَجْمَعُ الشَّعْبُ، أَمَّا خَافِطُ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَطُوبَاهُ.¹⁸ بِالْكَلَامِ لَا يُؤَدَّبُ الْعَبْدُ لِأَنَّهُ يَفْهَمُ وَلَا يُعْنَى.¹⁹ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْسَانًا عَجُولًا فِي كَلَامِهِ. الرَّجَاءُ بِالْجَاهِلِ أَكْثَرُ مِنَ الرَّجَاءِ بِهِ.²⁰ مَنْ دَلَّ عُنْدَهُ مِنْ حَدَائِثِهِ فَفِي آخِرَتِهِ يَصِيرُ مَثُونًا.²¹ الرَّجُلُ الْعَصُوبُ يُهَيِّجُ الْخِصَامَ، وَالرَّجُلُ السَّخُوطُ كَثِيرُ الْمَعَاصِي.²² كَثِيرَاءُ الْإِنْسَانِ تَصْعَقُهُ، وَالْوَضِيعُ الرُّوحِ يَتَالُ مَجْدًا.²³ مَنْ يُقَاسِمُ سَارِفًا يُبْغِضُ نَفْسَهُ. يَسْمَعُ اللَّعْنَ وَلَا يُقَرُّ.²⁴ حَسْبُ الْإِنْسَانِ تَضَعُ سَرَكًا، وَالْمُبْكِلُ عَلَى الرَّبِّ يُزْفَعُ.²⁵ كَثِيرُونَ يَطْلُبُونَ وَجْهَ الْمُتَسَلِّطِ، أَمَّا حَقُّ الْإِنْسَانِ قِمْنُ الرَّبِّ.²⁶ الرَّجُلُ الطَّالِمُ مَكْرَهُهُ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَالْمُسْتَقِيمُ الطَّرِيقِ مَكْرَهُهُ الشَّرِيرِ.²⁷

¹He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.²When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.³Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.⁴The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.⁵A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.⁶In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.⁷The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.⁸Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.⁹If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.¹⁰The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.¹¹A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.¹²If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.¹³The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.¹⁴The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.¹⁵The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.¹⁷Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.¹⁸Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.¹⁹A

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servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.²⁰ Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.²¹ He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.²² An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.²³ A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.²⁴ Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.²⁵ The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.²⁶ Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.²⁷ An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.