ِ ۚ كَلاَمُ أَجُورَ ابْنِ مُتَّقِيَةِ مَسَّا. وَحْيُ هَذَا الرَّجُلِ إِلَى إِيثِيئِيلَ. إِلَى إِيثَيئِيلَ وَأَكَّالَ، ²إِنِّي أَبْلَدُ مِنْ كُلِّ إِنْسَانِ، وَلَيْسَ لِي فَهْمُ إِنْسَانٍ، ۚوَلَمْ أَتَعَلَّمِ الْحِكْمَةَ، وَلَمْ أَعْرِفُ ۚ مَعْرِفَةَ الْقُدُّوسِ. 4مَنْ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ وَنَزَلَ. مَنْ جَمَعَ الرِّيحَ فِي َ حُفْنَتَيْهِ. مَنْ َصَرَّ الْمِيَاهَ فِي ثَوْبٍ. مَنْ تَبَّتَ جَمِيعَ أَطْرَافِ الأَرْضِ. مَا اسْمُهُ وَمَا اسْمُ ابْنِهِ إِنْ عَرَفْتَ. ۚ كُلُّ كَلِمَةِ مِنَ اللَّهِ نَقِيَّةٌ. ثُرْسٌ هُوَ لِلْمُحْتَمِينَ به. ُلاَ تَزِدْ عَلَى كَلَمَاتِهِ لِئَلاُّ يُوَبِّخَكَ فَتُكَذَّبَ. ۗ إِثْنَتَيْنِ سَأَلْتُ مِنْكَ فَلاَ تَمْنَعُهُمَا عَنِّي قَبْلَ أَنْ أَمُوتَ، أَيْعِدْ عَنِّي الْبَاطِلَ وَالْكَـذِبَ. لاَ تُعْطنِي فَقْـراً وَلاَ غنِـيَّ. أَطْعَمْنِي خُبْـزَ فَريضَتِي، ⁹لِئَلاّ أَشْبَعَ وَأَكْفُرَ وَأَقُولَ، مَنْ هُوَ الرَّبُّ. أَوْ لِئَلاّ أَفْتَقِرَ وَأَسْرِقَ وَأَنَّخِذَ اسْمَ إِلَهِي بَاطِلاً.¹⁰لاَ تَشْكُ عَبْداً إِلَى سَيِّدِه لِئَلاَّ يَلْعَنَكَ فَتَأْتَمَ. أَأْجِيلُ يَلْعَنُ أَبَاهُ وَلاَ يُبَارِكُ أُمَّهُ، 21 حِيلٌ طَاهِرٌ في عَيْنَيْ نَفْسِهِ وَهُوَ لَمْ يَغْتَسِلْ مِنْ قَذَرِهِ، 13 جيلٌ مَا أَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَحَوَاجِبُهُ مُرْتَفِعَةٌ، 14 جيلٌ أَسْنَانُهُ سُنُوفٌ وَأَضْرَاسُهُ سَكَاكِينُ، لأَكْلِ الْمَسَاكِينِ عَنِ الأَرْض وَالْفُقَرَاءِ مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ. 1 لِلْعَلُوقَةِ ابْنَتَانِ، هَاتِ هَاتِ. تَلاَثَـةٌ لاَ تَشْبَعُ. أَرْبَعَـةٌ لاَ تَقُـولُ، كَفَا، 16 الْهَاوِيـةُ، وَالرَّحِمُ الْعَقِيمُ، وَأَرْضُ لاَ تَشْبَعُ مَاءً، وَالنَّارُ لاَ تَقُولُ، كَفَا. 11 اَلْعَيْنُ الْمُسْتَهْزِئَةُ بِأَبِيهَا، وَالْمُحْتَقِرَةُ إِطَاعَةَ أُمِّهَا، تُقَوِّرُهَا غِرْبَانُ الْوَادِي، وَتَأْكُلُهَا فِرَاخُ النَّسْرِ. 18َثَلاَثَةُ عَجِيبَةٌ فَوْقى وَأَرْبَعَةُ لاَ أَعْرِفُهَا، ¹⁹طَرِيقَ نَسْرٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَطُرِيقَ حَيَّةِ عَلَى صَخْرٍ، وَطُرِيقَ سَفِينَةِ فِي قَلْبِ الْنَحْرِ، وَطَرِيقَ رَحُلِ فَقَاةٍ. 20كَذَلِكَ طَرِيقُ الْمَرْأَةِ الرَّانِيَةِ. أَكَلَتْ وَمَسَحَتْ فَمَهَا وَقَالَتْ، مَا عَمِلْتُ إِثْماً.. 21 تَحْتَ تَلاَثَةِ تَضْطَرِبُ الأَرْضُ، وَأَرْبَعَةٌ لاَ تَسْتَطيعُ أَحْتِمَالَهَا، 22 تَحْتَ عَبْد إِذَا مَلَكَ، وَأَحْمَقَ إِذَا شَبِعَ خُبْراً. تَحْتَ شَنِيعَةِ إِذَا تَرَوَّجَتْ، وَأَمَةِ إِذَا وَرَثَتْ سَيِّدَتَهَا.²³أُرْبَعَةٌ هِـيَ الأَصْغَرُ فِـي الأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّهَـا حَكِيمَـةٌ جـدّاً، 24النَّمْـلُ طَائِفَةٌ غَيْرُ قَوِيَّة وَلَكَنَّهُ نُعدُّ طَعَامَهُ في الصَّيْف. 25الْوِيَارُ طَائِفَةٌ ضَعِيفَةٌ وَلَكِنَّهَا تَضَعُ بُيُوتَهَا فِي الصَّخْرِ. 26 الْجَرَادُ لَيْسَ لَهُ مَلِكٌ وَلَكَنَّهُ يَخْرُجُ كُلَّهُ فِرَقاً فِرَقاً. 27 الْعَنْكَبُوتُ تُمْسِكُ بِيَدَيْهَا وَهِيَ فِي قُصُورِ الْمُلُوكِ.²⁸تَلاَثَةٌ هِيَ حَسَنَةُ التَّخَطِّي، وَأَرْبَعَـةٌ مَشْنُهَـا مُسْتَحْسَـنُ، 29َالْأَسَـدُ حَيَّـارُ الْوُحُـوش وَلاَ يَرْجِعُ مِنْ قُـدَّام أَحَـدِ، 30 ضَامِرُ الشَّاكِلَـةِ، وَالتَّيْسُ، ۚ وَالْمَلِكُ الَّذِي لاَ يُقَاوَمُ. ³¹ إِنْ حَمِقْتَ بِالتَّرَقُّعِ وَإِنْ تَآمَرْتَ، فَضَعْ يَدَكَ عَلَى فَمِكَ. 32َلَأَنَّ عَصْرَ اللَّينِ يُخْرِجُ جُبْناً، وَعَصْرَ الأَنْف يُخْرِجُ دَماً، وَعَصْرَ الْغَضَبَ يُخْرِجُ

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal, Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die:8Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain . 10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. 11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. 15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things

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say not, It is enough: 16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water: and the fire that saith not. It is enough. 17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid. 20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.²¹For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: ²² For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat: 23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.²⁴There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;²⁶The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;²⁷The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;²⁸The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.²⁹There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: 30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; 31A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. 32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay

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thine hand upon thy mouth.³³Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.