

¹يَا رَبُّ، لِمَاذَا تَقِفُ بَعِيدًا؟ لِمَاذَا تَخْتَفِي فِي أَرْضِ الصِّبْ؟² فِي كَثْرَةِ الشَّرِّ يَحْتَرِقُ الْمُسْكِينُ، يُوَحِّدُونَ بِالْمُؤَامَرَةِ الَّتِي فَكَّرُوا بِهَا.³ لِأَنَّ الشَّرَّ يُفْتَخِرُ بِشَهَوَاتِ نَفْسِهِ، وَالْخَاطِفُ يُجَدِّفُ، يُهِنُ الرَّبَّ.⁴ الشَّرُّ حَسَبَ تَسَامُخِ أَنْفِهِ يَقُولُ: لَا يُطَالِبُ. كُلُّ أَفْكَارِهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ. ⁵تُبْتُ سُبُلَهُ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، غَالِيَةً أَحْكَامُكَ قُوَّتَهُ، كُلُّ أَعْدَائِهِ يَنْفُتُ فِيهِمْ.⁶ قَالَ فِي قَلْبِهِ: لَا أَتَزَعَّجُ، مِنْ دَوْرِ إِلَى دَوْرِ بِلَا سُوءٍ.⁷ قَمُهُ مَمْلُوءٌ لَعْنَةً وَغَسًّا وَظُلْمًا، تَحْتَ لِسَانِهِ مَسْقَةٌ وَإِثْمٌ.⁸ بَجَلِسُ فِي مَكْمَنِ الدِّيارِ، فِي الْمُخْتَفَاتِ يَقْتُلُ الْبَرِيءَ، غَيْبًا تَرَاقِبَانِ الْمُسْكِينِ. يَكْمُنُ فِي الْمُخْتَفَى كَأَسَدٍ فِي عَرْسِيهِ، يَكْمُنُ لِيَخْطِفَ الْمُسْكِينِ، يَخْطِفُ الْمُسْكِينِ بِجُدِيهِ فِي سَبْكِيهِ.¹⁰ فَتَنْسَجِحُ وَتَنْحِي وَتَسْقُطُ الْمَسَاكِينُ بِتَرَائِيهِ.¹¹ قَالَ فِي قَلْبِهِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ تَسَيَّ، حَبَبَ وَجْهَهُ، لَا يَرَى إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.¹² قُمْ، يَا رَبُّ. يَا إِلَهُ، ارْقَعْ يَدَكَ، لَا تَنْسَ الْمَسَاكِينِ.¹³ لِمَاذَا أَهَانَ الشَّرُّ اللَّهَ؟ لِمَاذَا قَالَ فِي قَلْبِهِ: لَا يُطَالِبُ؟¹⁴ قَدْ رَأَيْتَ، لِأَنَّكَ تُبْصِرُ الْمَسْقَةَ وَالْعَمَّ لِتَجَارِي بِيَدِكَ. إِلَيْكَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمُسْكِينُ أَمْرَهُ، أَنْتَ صِرْتَ مُعِينَ الْيَتِيمِ.¹⁵ إِخْطِمْ ذِرَاعَ الْقَاجِرِ، وَالشَّرُّ يُطَلِّبُ سَرَّهُ وَلَا تَجِدُهُ.¹⁶ الرَّبُّ مَلِكٌ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ وَالْأَبَدِ، بَادَتْ الْأُمَمُ مِنْ أَرْضِهِ.¹⁷ تَأَوُّهُ الْوُدَعَاءُ قَدْ سَمِعْتَ، يَا رَبُّ. تُبْتُ قُلُوبَهُمْ، تُمِيلُ أَدْنَكَ¹⁸ لِحَقِّ الْيَتِيمِ وَالْمُنْسَجِحِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَعُودَ أَيْضًا يُرْعِيَهُمْ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ.

¹Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?²The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.³For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.⁴The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God : God is not in all his thoughts.⁵His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.⁶He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.⁸He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.⁹He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.¹⁰He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.¹¹He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it .¹²Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.¹³Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it .¹⁴Thou hast seen it ; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.¹⁵Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man : seek out his wickedness till thou find none.¹⁶The LORD is King for ever and ever: the

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heathen are perished out of his land.¹⁷ LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:¹⁸ To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.