

مَدَّهِنَّ لِدَاوُدَ عِنْدَمَا أَخَذَهُ الْفِلِسْطِينُونَ فِي جَث.

¹إِرْحَمْنِي، يَا إِلَهَ، لِأَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ بَتَّهَمَّ مَنِي وَالْيَوْمَ كُلَّهُ مُخَارِبًا يَصَائِفُنِي.² تَهَمَّمَنِي أَعْدَائِي الْيَوْمَ كُلَّهُ لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ يُقَاوِمُونَنِي بِكِبْرِيَاءٍ.³ فِي يَوْمٍ خَوْفِي أَنَا عَلَيْكَ أَتَكِلُ.⁴ اللَّهُ أَفْتَجِرُ بِكَلَامِهِ، عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ فَلَا أَخَافُ. مَاذَا يَصْنَعُهُ بِي الْبَشَرُ؟⁵ الْيَوْمَ كُلَّهُ يُخَرِّفُونَ كَلَامِي، عَلَيَّ كُلُّ أَفْكَارِهِمْ بِالْشَّرِّ.⁶ يَجْتَمِعُونَ، يَخْتَفُونَ، يُلَاحِظُونَ خُطَوَاتِي عِنْدَمَا تَرْتَضِدُّوا نَفْسِي.⁷ عَلَى إِنْهُمْ جَارِهِمْ، يَعْصِبُ أَحْضِعُ الشُّعُوبَ، يَا إِلَهَ، تِيهَانِي رَاقِبْتَ، اجْعَلْ أَنْتَ دُمُوعِي فِي زَقْلٍ. أَمَا هِيَ فِي سِفْرِكَ؟⁹ حِينَئِذٍ تَرْتَدُّ أَعْدَائِي إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ فِي يَوْمٍ أَدْعُوكَ فِيهِ. هَذَا قَدْ عَلِمْتُهُ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لِي.¹⁰ اللَّهُ أَفْتَجِرُ بِكَلَامِهِ، الرَّبُّ أَفْتَجِرُ بِكَلَامِهِ.¹¹ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ فَلَا أَخَافُ. مَاذَا يَصْنَعُهُ بِي الْإِنْسَانُ؟¹² أَللَّهُمَّ عَلَيَّ نُدُورُكَ، أَوْفِي دَبَائِحِ شُكْرِ لَكَ.¹³ لِأَنَّكَ نَجَيْتَ نَفْسِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ، نَعَمْ، وَرَجَلِي مِنَ الرَّقْلِ، لِكَيْ أَسِيرَ قُدَّامَ اللَّهِ فِي ثَوْرِ الْأَحْيَاءِ.

¹To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath. Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresses me.² Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.³ What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.⁴ In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.⁵ Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.⁶ They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.⁷ Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.⁸ Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?⁹ When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.¹⁰ In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.¹¹ In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.¹² Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.¹³ For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?