

### الخصوع الصالح

<sup>1</sup>لِيَخْضَعَ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ لِلسَّلَاطِينِ الْقَائِمَةِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ سُلْطَانٌ إِلَّا مِنَ اللَّهِ وَالسَّلَاطِينُ الْكَائِنَةُ هِيَ مُرْتَبَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ.<sup>2</sup> حَتَّى إِنْ مِنْ يُقَاوِمُ السُّلْطَانَ يُقَاوِمُ تَرْبِيبَ اللَّهِ وَالْمُقَاوِمُونَ سَيَأْخُذُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذُبُوتَةً.<sup>3</sup> فَإِنَّ الْحُكَّامَ لَيْسُوا خَوْفًا لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ بَلْ لِلشَّرِّيرَةِ. أَقْتَرِيدُ أَنْ لَا تَخَافَ السُّلْطَانَ؟ أَفَعَلِ الصَّالِحَ فَيَكُونُ لَكَ مَذْحٌ مِنْهُ،<sup>4</sup> لِأَنَّهُ خَادِمُ اللَّهِ لِلصَّالِحِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ فَعَلْتَ الشَّرَّ فَخَفْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَحْمِلُ السَّيِّئَ عَذَابًا إِنْ هُوَ خَادِمُ اللَّهِ مُتَقِمٌ لِلْعَصَبِ مِنَ الَّذِي يَفْعَلُ الشَّرَّ.<sup>5</sup> لِذَلِكَ بَلِّرُمْ أَنْ يُخْضَعَ لَهُ لَيْسَ بِسَبَبِ الْعَصَبِ فَقَطْ بَلْ أَيْضًا بِسَبَبِ الصِّمِيرِ.<sup>6</sup> فَإِنَّكُمْ لِأَجْلِ هَذَا تُؤْفُونَ الْجِزْيَةَ أَيْضًا، إِذْ هُمْ خُدَّامُ اللَّهِ مُوَاطِنُونَ عَلَى ذَلِكَ بَعْنِيهِ. فَأَعْطُوا الْجَمِيعَ خُفُوقَهُمْ: الْجِزْيَةَ لِمَنْ لَهُ الْجِزْيَةُ، الْجِزْيَةَ لِمَنْ لَهُ الْجِزْيَةُ، وَالْخَوْفَ لِمَنْ لَهُ الْخَوْفُ وَالْإِكْرَامَ لِمَنْ لَهُ الْإِكْرَامُ.

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<sup>8</sup>لَا تَكُونُوا مَذْبُوبِينَ لِأَحَدٍ بِشَيْءٍ إِلَّا بِأَنْ يُحِبَّ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَحَبَّ غَيْرَهُ فَقَدْ أَكْمَلَ التَّامُوسَ.<sup>9</sup> لِأَنَّ: "لَا تَزْنِ، لَا تَقْتُلْ، لَا تَسْرِقْ، لَا تَشْهَدْ بِالزُّورِ، لَا تَشْتَهَ"، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ وَصِيَّةٌ أُخْرَى، هِيَ مَجْمُوعَةٌ فِي هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَةِ: "أَنْ تُحِبَّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ".<sup>10</sup> الْمَحَبَّةُ لَا تَصْنَعُ شَرًّا لِلْقَرِيبِ، فَالْمَحَبَّةُ هِيَ تَكْمِيلُ التَّامُوسِ.

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<sup>11</sup>هَذَا وَإِنَّكُمْ غَارِفُونَ الْوَقْتَ أَنَّهَا الْآنَ سَاعَةٌ لِنَسْتَقِظَ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَإِنَّ خَلَاصَنَا الْآنَ أَقْرَبُ مِمَّا كَانَ حِينَ أَمْنَا.<sup>12</sup> قَدْ تَنَاهَى اللَّيْلُ وَتَقَارَبَ النَّهَارُ فَلْنُخْلَعْ أَعْمَالِ الظُّلْمَةِ وَنَلْبَسْ أَسْلِحَةَ النُّورِ.<sup>13</sup> لِنَسْلُكَ بِلَيَاقَةٍ كَمَا فِي النَّهَارِ، لَا بِالظُّلَمِ وَالسُّكْرِ، لَا بِالْمَصْاجِعِ وَالْعَهْرِ، لَا بِالْخِصَامِ وَالْخَسِدِ،<sup>14</sup> بَلْ نَلْبَسُوا الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ وَلَا تَضَعُوا تَذِيرًا لِلْجَسَدِ لِأَجْلِ الشَّهَوَاتِ.

<sup>1</sup>Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.<sup>2</sup> Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same.<sup>4</sup> For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.<sup>5</sup> Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.<sup>6</sup> For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.<sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.<sup>8</sup> Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.<sup>9</sup> For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.<sup>10</sup> Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.<sup>11</sup> And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.<sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore

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cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.<sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.<sup>14</sup> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.