

القَوِيَّ خَادِم الصَّعِيفِ

¹وَمَنْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ فِي الْإِيمَانِ فَاقْبَلُوهُ لَا لِمُحَاكَمَةِ
الْأَفْكَارِ. ²وَاجِدْ يَوْمًا أَنْ يَأْكُلَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَأَمَّا الضَّعِيفُ
فَيَأْكُلُ بُفُولًا. ³لَا يَزِدُّ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ يَمْنًا لَا يَأْكُلُ، وَلَا يَدِينُ مَنْ
لَا يَأْكُلُ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَبِيلُهُ. ⁴مَنْ أَنْتَ الَّذِي تَدِينُ
عَبْدَ غَيْرِكَ؟ هُوَ لِمَوْلَاهُ يَتَّبِعُ أَوْ يَسْقُطُ، وَلَكِنَّهُ سَبَّحْتُ
لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يُثَبِّتَهُ. ⁵وَاجِدْ يَوْمًا دُونَ يَوْمٍ وَآخَرَ
يَعْتَبِرُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ، فَلْيَتَّقِ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ فِي عَقْلِهِ. ⁶الَّذِي يَهْتَمُّ
بِالْيَوْمِ فَلِلرَّبِّ يَهْتَمُّ، وَالَّذِي لَا يَهْتَمُّ بِالْيَوْمِ فَلِلرَّبِّ لَا
يَهْتَمُّ، وَالَّذِي يَأْكُلُ فَلِلرَّبِّ يَأْكُلُ لِأَنَّهُ يَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ، وَالَّذِي لَا
يَأْكُلُ فَلِلرَّبِّ لَا يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ. ⁷لَأَنْ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ مِنَّا
يَعِيشُ لِدَانِهِ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَمُوتُ لِدَانِهِ، لِأَنَّا إِنْ عَشْنَا فَلِلرَّبِّ
تَعِيشُ وَإِنْ مِتْنَا فَلِلرَّبِّ تَمُوتُ، فَإِنْ عَشْنَا وَإِنْ مِتْنَا
فَلِلرَّبِّ نَحْنُ. ⁹لِأَنَّهُ لِهَذَا مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ وَقَامَ وَعَاشَ، لِكَيْ
يَسُودَ عَلَى الْأَحْيَاءِ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. ¹⁰وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ، فَلِمَ أَتَدِينُ
أَخَاكَ؟ أَوْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا، لِمَ أَتَزِدُّ بِأَخِيكَ؟ لِأَنَّا جَمِيعًا
سَوْفَ تَقِفُ أَمَامَ كُرْسِيِّ الْمَسِيحِ. ¹¹لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "أَنَا
حَيٌّ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، إِنَّهُ لِي سَتَجُنُّ كُلُّ رُكْبَةٍ وَكُلُّ لِسَانٍ
سَيَحْمَدُ اللَّهَ." ¹²فَإِذَا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا سَيُعْطِي عَنْ نَفْسِهِ
حِسَابًا لِلَّهِ. ¹³فَلَا نَحَاكِمُ أَيْضًا بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا، بَلْ بِالْخَرِ،
اِحْكُمُوا يَهَذَا أَنْ لَا يُوَضَعَ لِلْأَخِ مَصْدَمَةٌ أَوْ مَعْتَرَةٌ. ¹⁴إِنِّي
عَالِمٌ وَمُتَيَقِّنٌ فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ أَنْ لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ تَجَسَّا
بِدَانِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ يَحْسِبُ شَيْئًا تَجَسَّا، فَلَهُ هُوَ تَجَسُّ. ¹⁵وَإِنْ
كَانَ أَحْوَكُ يَسَبِّبُ طَعَامَكَ يُخْزِنُ فَلَسْتَ تَسْلُكُ بَعْدَ
حَسَبِ الْمَحَبَّةِ. لَا تُهْلِكُ طَعَامَكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ
الْمَسِيحُ لِأَجْلِهِ. ¹⁶فَلَا يُفْتَرِ عَلَى صَلَاحِكُمْ. ¹⁷لَأَنْ لَيْسَ
مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ هُوَ بِرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي
الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. ¹⁸لَأَنْ مَنْ حَذَمَ الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ فَهُوَ
مَرْضِيٌّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَمُرَكَّبٌ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ. ¹⁹فَلْتَعْكُفْ إِذَا عَلَى
مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ وَمَا هُوَ لِلنَّيِّبَيْنِ بَعْضُنَا لِبَعْضٍ. ²⁰لَا تَنْقُصْ
لِأَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ عَمَلِ اللَّهِ. كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ طَاهِرَةٌ لَكِنَّهُ شَرُّ
لِلْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ بَعْتَرَةً. ²¹حَسَنٌ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا وَلَا
تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا وَلَا شَيْئًا يَصْطَلِدُ بِهِ أَحْوَكٌ أَوْ يَخْشُرُ أَوْ
يَضَعُفُ. ²²أَلَاكَ إِيْمَانٌ؟ فَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ نَفْسُكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ.
طَوْبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يَسْتَحْسِنُهُ. ²³وَأَمَّا الَّذِي
يَزَاتِبُ فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ لِأَنَّ ذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ، وَكُلُّ
مَا لَيْسَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

¹Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. ²For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. ³Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. ⁴Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. ⁵One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. ⁶He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. ⁷For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. ⁸For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. ¹⁰But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹²So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹³Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an

occasion to fall in his brother's way.¹⁴ I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.¹⁵ But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.¹⁶ Let not then your good be evil spoken of:¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.¹⁸ For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.¹⁹ Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.²⁰ For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.²¹ It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.²² Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.²³ And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.