

أَكْلُ مَا دُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ

¹وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ مَا دُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ فَتَعَلَّمْ أَنَّ لِكُلِّ جَمِيعِنَا عِلْمًا. الْعِلْمُ يَنْفَعُ وَلَكِنَّ الْمَحَبَّةَ تَنْبِي. ²فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ بَطُلًا أَنَّهُ يَعْرِفُ شَيْئًا، فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يَعْرِفْ شَيْئًا بَعْدَ كَمَا يَجِبُ أَنْ يَعْرِفَ، ³وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُحِبُّ اللَّهَ، فَهَذَا مَعْرُوفٌ عِنْدَهُ. ⁴فَمِنْ جِهَةِ أَكْلِ مَا دُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ تَعَلَّمْ أَنْ لَيْسَ وَتَرٌ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَأَنْ لَيْسَ إِلَهٌ آخَرٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدًا. ⁵لَأنَّه وَإِنْ وُجِدَ مَا يُسَمَّى إِلَهًا، سَوَاءٌ كَانَ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَوْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، كَمَا يُوَجَدُ إِلَهَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَأَرْبَابٌ كَثِيرُونَ، ⁶لَكِنْ لَنَا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ، الْآبُ، الَّذِي مِنْهُ جَمِيعُ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَتَحْتَ لَهُ، وَرَبُّ وَاحِدٌ، يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، الَّذِي بِهِ جَمِيعُ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَتَحْتَ بِهِ. ⁷وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ الْعِلْمُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ، بَلْ أَتَانِ بِالضَّمِيرِ تَحَوُّ الْوَتَنِ، إِلَى الْآنَ يَأْكُلُونَ كَأَنَّهُ مِمَّا دُبِحَ لَوَتْنٍ، فَضَمِيرُهُمْ إِذْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ، يَتَنَجَّسُ. ⁸وَلَكِنَّ الطَّعَامَ لَا يُقَدِّمُنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّا إِنْ أَكَلْنَا لَا تَزِيدُ، وَإِنْ لَمْ نَأْكُلْ لَا نَقْصُ. ⁹وَلَكِنْ انْظُرُوا لئَلَّا يَصِيرَ سُلْطَانُكُمْ هَذَا مَعْتَرَةً لِلضُّعْفَاءِ. ¹⁰لَأنَّه إِنْ رَأَى أَحَدٌ، بَا مَنْ لَهُ عِلْمٌ، مُتَكِنًا فِي هَيْكَلٍ وَتَنِ، أَقْلًا يَتَقَوَّى ضَمِيرُهُ، إِذْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ، حَتَّى يَأْكُلَ مَا دُبِحَ لِلْأَوْثَانِ؟ ¹¹فَيَهْلِكُ بِسَبَبِ عِلْمِكَ الْأَخِ الضَّعِيفِ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ، ¹²وَهَكَذَا، إِذْ تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ وَتَجْرَحُونَ ضَمِيرَهُمُ الضَّعِيفَ، تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ. ¹³لِذَلِكَ إِنْ كَانَ طَعَامٌ يُغْنِي أَخِي، فَلَنْ أَكُلَ لَحْمًا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، لئَلَّا أَغْنِيَ أَخِي.

¹Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. ²And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. ³But if any man love God, the same is known of him. ⁴As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. ⁵For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) ⁶But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. ⁷Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. ⁹But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. ¹⁰For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; ¹¹And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? ¹²But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. ¹³Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while

the world standeth, lest I make my brother
to offend.