

مقدمة الرسالة

¹بُولُسُ وَسِيلَوَانُسُ وَتِيمُونَاوُسُ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ
الْتَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ فِي اللَّهِ آبَتَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،² يَغْمُهُ
لَكُمْ وَسَلَامٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ آبَتَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.

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³يَتَّبِعِي لَنَا أَنْ تَشْكُرَ اللَّهَ كُلَّ حِينٍ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ، أَنَّهَا
الْإِجْوَةُ، كَمَا يَجُوزُ، لِأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُمْ يَنْمُو كَثِيرًا وَمَحَبَّةُ كُلِّ
وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ جَمِيعًا بَعْضَكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ تَزْدَادُ.⁴ حَتَّى إِنَّا نَحْنُ
أَنْفُسَنَا نَفْتَخِرُ بِكُمْ فِي كَنَائِسِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ صَبْرِكُمْ
وَإِيْمَانِكُمْ فِي جَمِيعِ اضْطِهَادَاتِكُمْ وَالضَّيْقَاتِ، الَّتِي
تَحْتَمِلُونَهَا،⁵ بَيِّنَةً عَلَى قَضَاءِ اللَّهِ الْعَادِلِ أَنَّكُمْ تُؤْهِلُونَ
لِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لِأَجْلِهِ تَتَأَلَّمُونَ أَيْضًا.⁶ إِذْ هُوَ عَادِلٌ عِنْدَ
اللَّهِ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُضَايِقُونَكُمْ يُجَارِبُهُمْ ضَيْقًا⁷ وَإِبْتَاكًا، الَّذِينَ
تَتَضَايِقُونَ، رَاحَةً مَعَنَا عِنْدَ اسْتِعْلَانِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ مِنَ
السَّمَاءِ مَعَ مَلَائِكَةِ قُوَّتِهِ⁸ فِي تَارٍ لَهَبٍ، مُعْطِيًا ثَقَمَةً
لِلَّذِينَ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يُطِيعُونَ إِنجِيلَ رَبَّنَا
يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،⁹ الَّذِينَ سَيُعَاقَبُونَ بِهَلَاكِ أَبَدِيٍّ مِنْ وَجْهِ
الرَّبِّ وَمِنْ مَجْدِ قُوَّتِهِ¹⁰ مَتَى جَاءَ لِيَتِمَّجَدَ فِي قَدْيسِيهِ
وَيَتَعَجَّبَ مِنْهُ فِي جَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، لِأَنَّ شَهَادَتَنَا عِنْدَكُمْ
صَدَقَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ.¹¹ الْأَمْرُ الَّذِي لِأَجْلِهِ نُصَلِّي أَيْضًا
كُلَّ حِينٍ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ، أَنْ يُؤْهِلَكُمْ إِلَهَتَا لِلدَّعْوَةِ وَيُكَمِّلَ
كُلَّ مَسَرَّةِ الصَّلَاحِ وَعَمَلَ الْإِيْمَانِ بِقُوَّةٍ،¹² لِكَيْ يَتِمَّجَدَ
اسْمُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فِيكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهِ، بِنِعْمَةِ إِلَهَتَا
وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.

¹Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:²Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;⁴So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:⁵Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:⁶Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;⁷And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;¹⁰When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.¹¹Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:¹²That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.