

¹The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. ²He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. ³But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. ⁴Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? ⁶Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? ⁷Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. ⁸Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. ⁹And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. ¹⁰Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. ¹¹And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and

¹بَادَ الصَّادِقُ وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَصْعُ ذَلِكَ فِي قَلْبِهِ. وَرَجَالَ
الْإِحْسَانِ يُضْمَوْنَ، وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يَفْطِنُ بِأَنَّهُ مِنْ وَجْهِ الشَّرِّ
يُضْمُ الصَّادِقُ. ²يَدْخُلُ السَّلَامَ. يَسْتَرِيحُونَ فِي
مَصَاجِعِهِمْ. السَّالِكُ بِالْإِسْتِقَامَةِ. ³أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَقَدَّمُوا إِلَى
هَٰذَا يَا بَنِي السَّاجِرَةِ، تَسْلُ الْقَاسِقِ وَالزَّائِنَةِ ⁴يَمْنُ
تَسْخَرُونَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَفْعَرُونَ الْقَمَ وَتَذْلَعُونَ اللِّسَانَ.
أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْمَعْصِيَةِ، تَسْلُ الْكَذِبِ. ⁵الْمُتَوَقِّدُونَ إِلَى
الْأَصْنَامِ تَحْتَ كُلِّ شَجَرَةٍ خَضِرَاءَ، الْقَائِلُونَ الْأَوْلَادَ فِي
الْأَوْدِيَةِ تَحْتَ شُفُوقِ الْمَعَاقِلِ. ⁶فِي جِبَارَةِ الْوَادِي
الْمُلْسِ تَصِيبُكَ. تِلْكَ هِيَ فُرْعَتُكَ. لَيْتَكَ سَكَبْتَ سَكِيًّا
وَأَصْعَدْتَ تَقْدِمَةً. أَعَرِ هَذِهِ أَنْعَرَى. ⁷عَلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ
وَمُزْنِيعٍ وَصَعْتَ مَصْجَعَكَ، وَإِلَى هُنَاكَ صَعَدْتَ لِتَذْبِجِي
دَبِيحَةً. ⁸وَرَاءَ الْبَابِ وَالْقَائِمَةِ وَصَعْتَ تَذْكَارَكَ، لِأَنَّكَ
لِغَيْرِي كَسَمْتَ وَصَعَدْتَ. أَوْسَعْتَ مَصْجَعَكَ وَقَطَعْتَ
لِنَفْسِكَ عَهْدًا مَعَهُمْ. أَحْبَبْتَ مَصْجَعَهُمْ. تَطَرَّتِ
فُرْصَةٌ. وَسِرْتَ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ بِالذَّهْنِ، وَأَكْتَرْتَ أَطْيَابَكَ،
وَأَرْسَلْتَ رُسُلَكَ إِلَى بُغْدٍ وَتَرَلْتَ حَتَّى إِلَى
الْهَآوِيَةِ. ¹⁰يَطُولُ أَسْفَارِكَ أَغْيَبْتَ وَلَمْ تَقُولِي، يَيْسْتُ.
شَهْوَتِكَ وَجَدْتَ، لِذَلِكَ لَمْ تَضْعُفِي. ¹¹وَمِمَّنْ حَشِبْتَ
وَجَفْتَ حَتَّى خُنْتَ، وَإِيَّايَ لَمْ تَذْكُرِي، وَلَا وَصَعْتَ فِي
قَلْبِكَ. أَمَّا أَنَا سَاكِنٌ، وَذَلِكَ مِنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ، فَإِيَّايَ لَمْ
تَخَافِي. ¹²أَنَا أَحْبِرُ بِبِرِّكَ وَبِأَعْمَالِكَ فَلَا تُفِيدُكَ. ¹³إِذْ
تَهْضُرِينَ فَلْيُفِيدُكَ جُمُوعُكَ. وَلَكِنَّ الرِّيحَ تَحْمِلُهُمْ كُلَّهُمْ.
تَأْخُذُهُمْ نَفْحَةٌ. أَمَّا الْمُتَوَكِّلُ عَلَيَّ فَيَمْلِكُ الْأَرْضَ وَيَرِثُ
جَبَلَ فُذَيْسِي ¹⁴وَيَقُولُ، أَعِدُّوا. أَعِدُّوا. هَيِّئُوا الطَّرِيقَ.
ارْقِعُوا الْمَعْتَرَةَ مِنْ طَرِيقِ سَعْيِي. ¹⁵لَئِنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ الْعَلِيُّ
الْمُزْتَفِعُ، سَاكِنُ الْأَبَدِ، الْفُدُوسُ اسْمُهُ، فِي الْمَوْضِعِ
الْمُزْتَفِعِ الْمُقَدَّسِ أَسْكُنِي، وَمَعَ الْمُنْسَجِقِ وَالْمُتَوَاضِعِ
الرُّوحِ، لِأَخِيهِ رُوحِ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ وَالْأَخِيهِ قَلْبِ
الْمُنْسَجِقِينَ. ¹⁶لَئِنِّي لَا أَحَاصِمُ إِلَيَّ الْأَبَدِ وَلَا أَعْصِبُ إِلَى
الدَّهْرِ. لَآنَ الرُّوحُ يُغْشَى عَلَيْهَا أَمَامِي وَالسَّمَاةُ الَّتِي
صَنَعْتُهَا. ¹⁷مِنْ أَجْلِ إِنْ مَكَسِيهِ عَصَبْتُ وَصَرَبْتُ. أَسْتَرْتُ
وَعَصَبْتُ، فَذَهَبَ غَاصِيًّا فِي طَرِيقِ قَلْبِهِ. ¹⁸رَأَيْتُ طَرَفَهُ
وَسَأَلْتُهُ وَأَقْوَدُهُ، وَأَرَدْتُ تَغْرِيبَ لَهُ وَلَتَائِجِيهِ ¹⁹خَالِقًا تَمَرَّ
السَّعْتَيْنِ. سَلَامٌ سَلَامٌ لِلتَّعِيدِ وَلِلْقَرِيبِ قَالَ الرَّبُّ،
وَسَأَلْتُهُ. ²⁰أَمَّا الْأَسْرَارُ فَكَأَلْبَحْرِ الْمُضْطَرِبِ لَئِنَّهُ لَا
يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يَهْدَأَ، وَتَفْذِفُ مِيَاهُهُ خَمَاءً وَطَيِّبًا. ²¹لَيْسَ
سَلَامٌ قَالَ إِلَهِي لِلْأَسْرَارِ.

hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?¹² I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.¹³ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them : but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;¹⁴ And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place , with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.¹⁶ For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.¹⁷ For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.¹⁸ I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.¹⁹ I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.²⁰ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.²¹ There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.