

مَرْمُورٌ. لَأَسَافٌ.

¹A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.³ For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.⁴ For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.⁵ They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.⁶ Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.⁷ Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.⁸ They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.¹⁰ Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.¹¹ And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?¹² Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.¹³ Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.¹⁴ For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.¹⁵ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.¹⁶ When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.¹⁹ How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.²⁰ As a

¹إِنَّمَا صَالِحُ اللَّهِ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ، لِأَقْيَاءِ الْقُلُوبِ. ²أَمَّا أَنَا فَكَادَتْ تَبُلُّ قَدَمَايَ، لَوْلَا قَلِيلٌ لَرَلَقْتُ حُطُوتَايَ، ³لَأَنِّي غَرِثٌ مِنَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ إِذْ رَأَيْتُ سَلَامَةَ الْأَشْرَارِ. ⁴لَأَنَّهُ لَيْسَتْ فِي مَوْتِهِمْ شِدَائِدٌ وَجِسْمُهُمْ سَمِينٌ. ⁵لَيْسُوا فِي تَعَبِ النَّاسِ وَمَعَ الْبَشَرِ لَا يُضَاوُونَ. ⁶لِذَلِكَ تَقْلُدُوا الْكِبْرِيَاءَ، لَيْسُوا كَتُوبِ ظُلْمِهِمْ. ⁷جَحَطَتْ عُيُونُهُمْ مِنَ السَّخَمِ، جَاوَرُوا تَصَوُّرَاتِ الْقُلُوبِ. ⁸يَسْتَهْزِئُونَ وَبَتَكْلُمُونَ بِالْشَّرِّ ظُلْمًا، مِنَ الْعِلَاءِ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ. ⁹جَعَلُوا أَفْوَاهَهُمْ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالسَّيْنَتُهُمْ تَمْتَشِي فِي الْأَرْضِ. ¹⁰لِذَلِكَ يَرْجِعُ سَعْبُهُ إِلَى هُنَا وَكِمِيَاهِ مُرْوِيَةٍ يُمْتَصُّونَ مِنْهُمْ. ¹¹وَقَالُوا: كَيْفَ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ؟ وَهَلْ عِنْدَ الْعَلِيِّ مَعْرِفَةٌ؟ ¹²هُوَذَا هَؤُلَاءِ هُمُ الْأَشْرَارُ وَمُسْتَرْجِعِينَ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ يُكْثِرُونَ تَرَوَةً. ¹³حَقًّا، قَدْ رَزَيْتُ قَلْبِي بِاطِلَالٍ وَغَسَلْتُ بِاللَّقَاوَةِ يَدَيَّ. ¹⁴وَكُنْتُ مُضَابًا أَلْيَوْمَ كُلَّهُ وَتَادَبْتُ كُلَّ صَبَاحٍ. ¹⁵لَوْ قُلْتُ: أَحَدْتُ هَكَذَا، لَعَذَرْتُ بِحِيلٍ بَنِيكَ. ¹⁶فَلَمَّا فَصَدْتُ مَعْرِفَةَ هَذَا، إِذَا هُوَ تَعَبٌ فِي عَيْنَيَّ. ¹⁷حَتَّى دَخَلْتُ مَقَادِسَ اللَّهِ وَانْتَهَيْتُ إِلَى آخِرَتِهِمْ. ¹⁸حَقًّا، فِي مَرَالِقٍ جَعَلْتُهُمْ، أَسْقَطْتُهُمْ إِلَى الْتَوَارِ. ¹⁹كَيْفَ صَارُوا لِلْخَرَابِ بَعَّةً، اصْمَحَلُوا، قَتُوا مِنَ الدَّوَاهِي. ²⁰كُلُّهُمْ عِنْدَ التَّبْقِطِ، يَا رَبِّ، عِنْدَ التَّبْقِطِ تَحْتَقِرُ حَيَالُهُمْ. ²¹لَأَنَّهُ تَمَرَّمَرَ قَلْبِي وَانْتَحَسْتُ فِي كُلِّيَّةٍ. ²²وَأَنَا بَلِيدٌ وَلَا أَعْرِفُ، صِرْتُ كَبْهِيمَ عَيْدِكَ. ²³وَلَكِنِّي دَائِمًا مَعَكَ، أَهْمَسْتُ يَدَيَّ الْيُمْنَى. ²⁴بِرَأْيِكَ تَهْدِينِي وَبَعْدُ إِلَى مَجْدٍ تَأْخُذْنِي. ²⁵مَنْ لِي فِي السَّمَاءِ؟ وَمَعَكَ لَا أَرِيدُ سَيْنًا فِي الْأَرْضِ. ²⁶قَدْ قَنِي لَحْمِي وَقَلْبِي، صَخَرَهُ قَلْبِي وَتَصَيَّبِي اللَّهُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. ²⁷لَأَنَّهُ هُوَذَا الْبُعْدَاءُ عَنْكَ يَبِيدُونَ، تَهْلِكُ كُلُّ مَنْ يَزِينُ عَنْكَ. ²⁸أَمَّا أَنَا، فَالْإِقْتِرَابُ إِلَى اللَّهِ حَسَنٌ لِي. جَعَلْتُ بِالسَّيِّدِ الرَّبِّ مَلْجَأِي لِأَخِيرِ بِكُلِّ صَنَائِعِكَ.

dream when one awaketh; so , O Lord,
when thou awakest, thou shalt despise
their image.²¹ Thus my heart was grieved,
and I was pricked in my reins.²² So foolish
was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast
before thee.²³ Nevertheless I am
continually with thee: thou hast holden me
by my right hand.²⁴ Thou shalt guide me
with thy counsel, and afterward receive
me to glory.²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but
thee ? and there is none upon earth that I
desire beside thee.²⁶ My flesh and my heart
faileth: but God is the strength of my
heart, and my portion for ever.²⁷ For, lo,
they that are far from thee shall perish:
thou hast destroyed all them that go a
whoring from thee.²⁸ But it is good for me
to draw near to God: I have put my trust in
the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy
works.