

الْقَوِيُّ خَادِمُ الضَّعِيفِ

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

¹وَمَنْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ فِي الْإِيمَانِ قَافِلُوهُ لَا لِمُخَاكَمَةِ الْإِفْكَارِ.²وَاجِدْ يُؤْمِنُ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَأَمَّا الضَّعِيفُ فَيَأْكُلُ بَقُولاً.³لَا يَزْدَرِ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ يَمَنُ لَا يَأْكُلُ، وَلَا يَدِينُ مَنْ لَا يَأْكُلُ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَبِلَهُ.⁴مَنْ أَنْتَ الَّذِي تَدِينُ عَبْدَ غَيْرِكَ؟ هُوَ لِمَوْلَاهُ يَنْبُتُ أَوْ يَسْقُطُ، وَلَكِنَّهُ سَيَنْبُتُ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يُنْبِتَهُ.⁵وَاجِدْ يَغْتَبِرُ يَوْمًا دُونَ يَوْمٍ وَأَخَرُ يَغْتَبِرُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ، فَلْيَتَبَيَّنْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي عَقْلِهِ. الَّذِي يَهْتَمُّ بِالنُّومِ فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ بِهِمْ، وَالَّذِي لَا يَهْتَمُّ بِالنُّومِ فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ لَا بِهِمْ، وَالَّذِي يَأْكُلُ فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ بِأَكْلِ لَأَنَّهُ يَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ، وَالَّذِي لَا يَأْكُلُ فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ لَا بِأَكْلِ وَيَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ. لِأَنَّ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ مِنَّا يَعْيشُ لِدَانِهِ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَمُوتُ لِدَانِهِ،⁸لَأَنَّا إِنْ عَشْنَا فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ نَعِيشُ وَإِنْ مِتْنَا فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ نَمُوتُ، فَإِنْ عَشْنَا وَإِنْ مِتْنَا فَلْيَلْتَبَّسْ تَحْنُ. لِأَنَّهُ لِهَذَا مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ وَقَامَ وَعَاشَ، لِكَيْ يَسُودَ عَلَى الْأَحْيَاءِ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.¹⁰وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ، فَلِمَاذَا تَدِينُ أَخَاكَ؟ أَوْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا، لِمَاذَا تَزْدَرِي بِأَخِيكَ؟ لَأَنَّا جَمِيعًا سَوْفَ نَقِفُ أَمَامَ كُرْسِيِّ الْمَسِيحِ.¹¹لَأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "أَنَا حَيٌّ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، إِنَّهُ لِي سَتَجْنُو كُلُّ رُكْبَةٍ وَكُلُّ لِسَانٍ سَيَحْمَدُ اللَّهَ."¹²فَإِذَا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا سَبَّحَ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ حَسَابًا لِلَّهِ.¹³فَلَا تُحَاكِمُ أَيْضًا بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا، بَلْ بِالْخَرِيِّ، اخْكُمُوا بِهَذَا أَنْ لَا يُوَضَعَ لِلْآخِ مَصْدَمَةٌ أَوْ مَعْتَرَةٌ.¹⁴إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَمُتَبَيِّنٌ فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ أَنْ لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ تَحْسَبُ بِدَانِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ يَحْسِبُ سَيِّئًا تَحْسَبًا، فَلَهُ هُوَ تَحْسَبُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدُكَ يَسَبِّبُ طَعَامَكَ يُخْزِنُ فَلَسْتَ تَسْلُكُ بَعْدَ حَسَبِ الْمَحَبَّةِ. لَا تُهْلِكُ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ لِأَجْلِهِ.¹⁶فَلَا يُعْتَرِ عَلَى صَلَاحِكُمْ. لِأَنَّ لَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ هُوَ بَرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَقَرُخٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. لِأَنَّ مَنْ حَذَمَ الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ فَهُوَ مَرَضِيٌّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَمُرَكَّبٌ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ.¹⁹فَلْتَعْكُفْ إِذَا عَلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ وَمَا هُوَ لِلنَّبِيَّانِ بَعْضُنَا لِبَعْضٍ.²⁰لَا تُنْقِضْ لِأَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ عَهْدَ اللَّهِ. كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ طَاهِرَةٌ لَكِنَّهُ شَرٌّ لِلْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ بِمَعْتَرَةٍ.²¹حَسَنٌ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا وَلَا شَيْئًا يَصْطَلِحُ بِهِ أَحَدُكَ أَوْ يَغْتَرُّ أَوْ يَضْغَفُ.²²أَلَاكَ إِيْمَانٌ؟ فَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ بِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يَسْتَحْسِنُهُ.²³وَأَمَّا الَّذِي يَزَنُّ فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانُ لِأَنَّ ذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ، وَكُلُّ مَا لَيْسَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

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.