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¹ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عِبِيدٌ تَحْتَ نِيرٍ فَلْيَحْسِبُوا سَادَتَهُمْ مُسْتَحَقِّينَ كُلَّ إِكْرَامٍ، لِأَنَّ يُعْتَرَى عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. ² وَالَّذِينَ لَهُمْ سَادَةٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ، لَا يَسْتَهَيِّنُوا بِهِمْ لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ بَلْ لِيَخْدُمُوهُمْ أَكْثَرُ، لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَبَارِكُونَ فِي الْفَانِدَةِ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَمَحْبُوبُونَ. عِلْمٌ وَعِظٌ بِهِذَا.

تحذير من تعاليم كاذبة ومحبة المال

³ إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا آخَرَ وَلَا يُوَافِقُ كَلِمَاتِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ الصَّحِيحَةَ وَالتَّعْلِيمَ الَّذِي هُوَ حَسَبَ التَّقْوَى، ⁴ فَقَدْ تَصَلَّفَ وَهُوَ لَا يَفْهَمُ سُبُّيًا، بَلْ هُوَ مُتَعَلِّلٌ بِمُبَاحَثَاتٍ وَمُمَاحَاكَاةٍ الْكَلَامِ الَّتِي مِنْهَا يَخْضُلُ الْجَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالْإِفْتِرَاءُ وَالطُّبُونُ الرَّدِيَّةُ، ⁵ وَمُنَارِعَاتُ آتَاسٍ فَاسِدِي الدَّهْنِ وَعَادِمِي الْحَقِّ يَطْنُونَ أَنَّ التَّقْوَى تِجَارَةٌ. تَجَنَّبْ مِثْلَ هَؤُلَاءِ. ⁶ وَأَمَّا التَّقْوَى مَعَ الْقَنَاعَةِ فَهِيَ تِجَارَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ. ⁷ لِأَنَّا لَمْ تَدْخُلِ الْعَالَمَ بِشَيْءٍ وَوَاضِحٌ أَتْنَا لَا نَقْدِرُ أَنْ نُخْرِجَ مِنْهُ شَيْءٍ، فَإِنْ كَانَ لَنَا قُوَّةٌ وَكِسْفَةٌ فَلْنَكْتَفِ بِهَمَّا. ⁸ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا أَعْيَاءَ فَيَسْقُطُونَ فِي تَجَرِبَةٍ وَقَعَ وَشَهَوَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ غَيِّبَةٍ وَمُضِرَّةٍ، تُغْرِقُ النَّاسَ فِي الْعَطَبِ وَالْهَلَاكِ. ⁹ لِأَنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَالِ أَضَلُّ لِكُلِّ السَّارِرِ، الَّذِي إِذْ اتَّبَعَهُ قَوْمٌ ضَلُّوا عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ وَطَعَنُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ بِأَوْجَاعٍ كَثِيرَةٍ. ¹⁰ وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ، يَا إِنْسَانَ اللَّهَ، فَاهْرُبْ مِنْ هَذَا وَاتَّبِعِ الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَى وَالْإِيمَانَ وَالْمَحَبَّةَ وَالصَّبْرَ وَالْوَدَاعَةَ. ¹¹ جَاهِذْ جِهَادَ الْإِيمَانِ الْحَسَنَ وَأَمْسِكْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ، الَّتِي إِلَيْهَا دُعِيتَ أَيْضًا وَاعْتَرَفْتَ بِالْإِعْتِرَافِ الْحَسَنِ أَمَامَ شُهُودٍ كَثِيرِينَ. ¹² أَوْصِيكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يُخَيِّبُ الْكُلَّ وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ الَّذِي شَهِدَ لَدَى يِلَاطُسَ الْبَنْطِيِّ بِالْإِعْتِرَافِ الْحَسَنِ، ¹³ أَنْ تَحْقُطَ الْوَصِيَّةَ بِلاَ دَنَسٍ وَلَا لَوْمٍ إِلَى ظُهُورِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ¹⁴ الَّذِي سَبَّبَتْهُ فِي أَوْقَاتِهِ، الْمِيَارُكَ، الْعَزِيزُ الْوَجِيدُ، مَلِكُ الْمُلُوكِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْبَابِ، ¹⁵ الَّذِي وَخَدَهُ لَهُ عَدَمُ الْمَوْتِ، سَاكِنًا فِي نُورٍ لَا يُدْنِي مِنْهُ، الَّذِي لَمْ يَرَهُ أَحَدٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَاهُ، الَّذِي لَهُ الْكَرَامَةُ وَالْقُدْرَةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ، آمِينَ.

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¹⁶ أَوْصِ الْأَعْيَاءَ فِي الدَّهْرِ الْخَاصِرِ أَنْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُوا وَلَا يُلْفُوا رِجَاءَهُمْ عَلَى غَيْرِ يَقِينَةٍ الْغَنَى بَلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي يَمْنَحُنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغِنَى لِلْمَتَمِّعِ، ¹⁷ وَأَنْ يَصْنَعُوا صَالِحًا وَأَنْ يَكُونُوا أَعْيَاءَ فِي أَعْمَالٍ صَالِحَةٍ وَأَنْ يَكُونُوا

¹ Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. ² And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. ³ If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴ He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵ Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. ⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. ¹³ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who

أَسْخِيَاءَ فِي الْعَطَاءِ كَرَمَاءَ فِي التَّوْزِيْعِ،¹⁹ مُدَجِّرِينَ
لأنفسهم أساساً حسناً للمستقبل لكي يمسكوا بالحياة
الأبدية.

توصيات أخيرة

يَا تِيمُوثَاوُسُ، احْفَظِ الْوَدِيعَةَ، مُعْرِضاً عَنِ الْكَلَامِ
الْبَاطِلِ الدَّيْسِ وَمُخَالَفَاتِ الْعِلْمِ الْكَاذِبِ الْإِسْمِ،²¹ الَّذِي
إِذْ تَطَاهَرَ بِهِ قَوْمٌ رَأَوْا مِنْ جِهَةِ الْإِيمَانِ. النَّعْمَةُ مَعَكَ.

quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;¹⁴ That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:¹⁵ Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;¹⁶ Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.¹⁷ Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.²⁰ O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:²¹ Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.