

إِشْتِاقِ الرَّسُولِ لِلدِّيارِ السَّمَاوِيَةِ

¹لَا تَنَا تَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ إِنْ نُقِضَ بَيْتُ حَيَمَتِنَا الْأَرْضِيَّةِ فَلَنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ بِنَاءٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ، بَيْتٌ غَيْرُ مَصْنُوعٍ بِيَدِ أَدَبِيٍّ. ²فَلَنَا فِي هَذِهِ أَيْضاً تَيْنٌ مُسْتَقِينٌ إِلَى أَنْ تَلْبَسَ قَوَقَهَا مَسْكَنَتَا الَّذِي مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، ³وَإِنْ كُنَّا لَا يَسِينِ لَا نُوجَدُ عُرَاةً. ⁴فَلَنَا تَحْنُ الَّذِينَ فِي الْخِيَمَةِ تَيْنٌ مُثْقَلِينَ إِذْ لَسْنَا نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَحْلَعَهَا بَلْ أَنْ تَلْبَسَ قَوَقَهَا، لِكَيْ يُتَلَعَ الْمَانِثُ مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ. ⁵وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِي صَنَعَنَا لِهَذَا عَيْنِهِ هُوَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَعْطَانَا أَيْضاً عَزَبُونَ الرُّوحِ. ⁶فَإِذَا تَحْنُ وَانْقُصُونَ كُلَّ حِينٍ وَعَالِمُونَ أَنَّنَا وَتَحْنُ مُسْتَوِطُونَ فِي الْجَسَدِ فَتَحْنُ مُتَعَزِّيُونَ عَنِ الرَّبِّ، ⁷لَا تَنَا بِالْإِيمَانِ تَسْلُكُ لَا بِالْعَيَانِ، فَتَيْنُقُ وَنُسَرُّ بِالْأُولَى أَنْ تَتَعَزَّبَ عَنِ الْجَسَدِ وَتَسْتَوِطِنَ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ. ⁸إِذَلِكَ تَحْتَرِصُ أَيْضاً، مُسْتَوِطِينَ كُنَّا أَوْ مُتَعَزِّيِينَ، أَنْ تَكُونَ مَرَضِيَّيْنِ عِنْدَهُ. ⁹لَا تَنَا لَبْدُ أَنَّنَا جَمِيعاً نَظْهَرُ أَمَامَ كُرْسِيِّ الْمَسِيحِ لِيَتَالَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مَا كَانَ بِالْجَسَدِ يَحْسَبُ مَا صَنَعَ، خَيْرًا كَانَ أَمْ شَرًّا.

إِجْتِهَادِ الرَّسُولِ فِي الْكَرَاةِ

¹¹فَإِذَا تَحْنُ عَالِمُونَ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ نُفِغُ النَّاسَ، وَأَمَّا اللَّهُ فَقَدْ صِرْنَا ظَاهِرِينَ لَهُ وَأَرْجُو أَنَّنَا قَدْ صِرْنَا ظَاهِرِينَ فِي صَمَائِرِكُمْ أَيْضاً. ¹²لَا تَنَا لَسْنَا تَمْدَحُ أَنْفُسَنَا أَيْضاً لَدَيْكُمْ بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِحَارِ مِنْ جِهَتِنَا، لِيَكُونَ لَكُمْ جَوَابٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَفْتَحِرُونَ بِالْوَجْهِ لَا بِالْقَلْبِ. ¹³لَا تَنَا إِنْ صِرْنَا مُخْتَلِينَ قَلِيلًا، أَوْ كُنَّا غَافِلِينَ فَلَكُمْ. ¹⁴لَا تَنَا مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَحْضُرْنَا، إِذْ تَحْنُ تَحْسِبُ هَذَا، أَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ وَاحِدٌ قَدْ مَاتَ لِأَجْلِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا، ¹⁵وَهُوَ مَاتَ لِأَجْلِ الْجَمِيعِ كَيْ يَحْيِيَ الْأَحْيَاءَ فِيمَا بَعْدُ، لَا لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ لِأَجْلِهِمْ وَقَامَ. ¹⁶إِذَا تَحْنُ مِنْ الْآنَ لَا تَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا حَسَبَ الْجَسَدِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ حَسَبَ الْجَسَدِ لَكِنْ الْآنَ لَا تَعْرِفُهُ بَعْدُ. ¹⁷إِذَا إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلِيقَةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ، الْأَشْيَاءُ الْعَتِيقَةُ قَدْ مَضَتْ، هُوَذَا الْكُلُّ قَدْ صَارَ جَدِيدًا.

سَفَرَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ فِي الْمَصَالِحَةِ

¹⁸وَلَكِنَّ الْكُلَّ مِنَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا لِتَنْفُسِهِ يَسْخُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ، ¹⁹أَيُّ إِنْ اللَّهُ كَانَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ مُصَالِحًا الْعَالَمَ لِتَنْفُسِهِ، غَيْرَ خَاسِبٍ لَهُمْ حَطَائِبَاهُمْ وَوَاضِعًا فِينَا كَلِمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ. ²⁰إِذَا تَسْعَى كَسَفَرَاءَ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ كَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْطِي بِنَا، تَطْلُبُ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالَحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ. ²¹لَا تَنَا جَعَلَ الَّذِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْ

¹For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: ³If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. ⁴For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. ⁵Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. ⁶Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: ⁷(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) ⁸We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. ⁹Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. ¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. ¹²For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. ¹³For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. ¹⁴For the love of Christ constraineth

حَطِيئَةً حَطِيئَةً لِأَجْلِنَا، لِتَصِيرَ نَحْنُ بِرَّ اللَّهِ فِيهِ.

us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.