

الرَّسُول بولس في الهيكل

¹أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الإِخْوَةُ وَالْآبَاءُ، اسْمَعُوا إِجْنَجَاجِي الْآنَ لَدَيْكُمْ. ²فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ يُنَادِي لَهُمْ بِاللُّغَةِ الْعِبْرَانِيَّةِ أَغْطُوا سَكُوتًا أُخْرَى. فَقَالَ: ³أَنَا رَجُلٌ يَهُودِيٌّ وَُلِدْتُ فِي طَارُسُوسَ كِيلِيكِيَّةَ وَلَكِنْ رَبَّيْتُ فِي هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ مُؤَدَّبًا عِنْدَ رِجْلَيْ عَمَلَايِيلَ عَلَى تَحْقِيقِ النَّامُوسِ الْإِبْرَائِيلِيِّ، وَكُنْتُ غَيْرًا لِلَّهِ كَمَا أَنْتُمْ جَمِيعُكُمْ الْيَوْمَ. ⁴وَاصْطَهَدْتُ هَذَا الطَّرِيقَ حَتَّى الْمَوْتِ مُقَبِّدًا وَمُسَلِّمًا إِلَى الشُّجُونِ رَجُلًا وَنِسَاءً، ⁵كَمَا يَشْهَدُ لِي أَيْضًا رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَجَمِيعُ الْمَشِيخَةِ، الَّذِينَ إِذْ أَخَذْتُ أَيْضًا مِنْهُمْ رِسَالَةً لِلإِخْوَةِ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ كَذَبْتُ لَاتِي بِالَّذِينَ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَوْرَشَلِيمَ مُقَبِّدِينَ لِي بِمُغَابَاةٍ. ⁶فَحَدَّثْتُ لِي وَأَنَا ذَاهِبٌ وَمُتَقَرِّبٌ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ أَنَّهُ تَخَوَّ نَصَفِ النَّهَارِ بَعَثَ أَتْرَقَ خَوْلِي مِنَ السَّمَاءِ نُورٌ عَظِيمٌ، ⁷فَسَقَطْتُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَسَمِعْتُ صَوْتًا قَائِلًا لِي: سَأُولُ، سَأُولُ، لِمَاذَا تَضْطَهْدُنِي؟ فَأَجَبْتُ: مَنْ أَنْتَ، يَا سَيِّدُ؟ فَقَالَ لِي: أَنَا يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ الَّذِي أَنْتَ تَضْطَهْدُهُ. ⁹وَالَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعِيَ تَطَرَّوْا النُّورَ وَانْتَعَمُوا وَلَكِنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا صَوْتَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَنِي. ¹⁰فَقُلْتُ: مَاذَا أَفْعَلُ، يَا رَبُّ؟ فَقَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ: فُمْ وَادْهَبْ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ وَهُنَاكَ يُقَالُ لَكَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ مَا تَرَبَّبْتَ لَكَ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ. ¹¹وَإِذْ كُنْتُ لَا أَبْصِرُ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَهَاءِ ذَلِكَ النُّورِ افْتَدَانِي يَدَيِ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعِيَ فَجِئْتُ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ.

¹²ثُمَّ إِنَّ خَتَانِيًّا، رَجُلًا تَقِيًّا حَسِبَ النَّامُوسَ وَمَشْهُودًا لَهُ مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْيَهُودِ الشُّكَّانِ، ¹³أَتَى إِلَيَّ وَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِي: أَيُّهَا الْآخِ سَأُولُ، أَبْصِرْ. فَفِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ تَطَرَّتُ إِلَيْهِ ¹⁴فَقَالَ: إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا اتَّخَذَكَ لِتَعْلَمَ مَشِيئَتَهُ وَتُبْصِرَ الْبَارَّ وَتَسْمَعَ صَوْتًا مِنْ فَمِهِ، ¹⁵لَأَنَّكَ سَتَكُونُ لَهُ شَهِيدًا لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ بِمَا رَأَيْتَ وَسَمِعْتَ. ¹⁶وَالآنَ، لِمَاذَا تَتَوَأَى؟ فُمْ وَاعْتَمِدْ وَاعْسِلْ خَطَايَاكَ ذَاعِيًا بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

¹⁷وَحَدَّثْتُ لِي بَعْدَ مَا رَجَعْتُ إِلَى أَوْرَشَلِيمَ وَكُنْتُ أَصْلِي فِي الْهَيْكَلِ أَنِّي حَصَلْتُ فِي عَيْنِهِ ¹⁸فَرَأَيْتُهُ قَائِلًا لِي: أَسْرِعْ وَاخْرُجْ عَاجِلًا مِنْ أَوْرَشَلِيمَ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَكَ عَنِّي. ¹⁹فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَبُّ، هُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي كُنْتُ أَحْسِنُ وَأَصْرِبُ فِي كُلِّ مَجْمَعِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِكَ، ²⁰وَجِنَ سَفِكَ دُمِ اسْتِفْقَاوُسَ، شَهِيدِكَ، كُنْتُ أَنَا وَافِقًا وَرَاضِيًا بِقُلِّيهِ وَجَافِطًا ثِيَابَ الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوهُ. ²¹فَقَالَ لِي: اذْهَبْ، فَإِنِّي سَأُرْسِلُكَ إِلَى الْأَمَمِ بَعِيدًا.

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¹Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. ²(And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. ⁴And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. ⁵As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. ⁶And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. ⁷And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ⁸And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. ⁹And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. ¹⁰And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. ¹¹And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. ¹²And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good

²²فَسَمِعُوا لَهُ حَتَّى هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَةِ ثُمَّ صَرَخُوا قَائِلِينَ: خُذْ مِنْ هَذَا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ لَا يَجُوزُ أَنْ يَعِيشَ. ²³وَإِذْ كَانُوا يَصِيخُونَ وَيَطْرَحُونَ ثِيَابَهُمْ وَيَبْرُمُونَ غُبَاراً إِلَى الْجَوِّ أَمَرَ الْأَمِيرُ أَنْ يُذْهَبَ بِهِ إِلَى الْمُعَسَّكَرِ قَائِلاً: أَنْ يُفَحَّصَ يَصْرَتَاتٍ لِيَعْلَمَ لِأَيِّ سَبَبٍ كَانُوا يَصْرَحُونَ عَلَيْهِ هَكَذَا.

²⁵فَلَمَّا مَدَّوهُ لِلسَّبَاطِ قَالَ بُولُسُ لِقَائِدِ الْمِئَةِ الْوَاقِفِ: أَيْجُوزُ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَجْلِدُوا إِنْسَاناً رُومَانِيّاً غَيْرَ مُقْضِيٍّ عَلَيْهِ؟ ²⁶قَائِدٌ سَمِعَ قَائِدُ الْمِئَةِ ذَهَبَ إِلَى الْأَمِيرِ وَأَخْبَرَهُ قَائِلاً: انْظُرْ مَاذَا أَنْتَ مُزِمِعٌ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ رُومَانِيٌّ. ²⁷فَجَاءَ الْأَمِيرُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: قُلْ لِي: أَأَنْتَ رُومَانِيٌّ؟ فَقَالَ: نَعَمْ. ²⁸فَأَجَابَ الْأَمِيرُ: أَمَّا أَنَا فِيمَبْلَغَ كَبِيرٍ اقْتَنَيْتُ هَذِهِ الرَّعَوِيَّةَ، فَقَالَ بُولُسُ: أَمَّا أَنَا فَقَدْ وُلِدْتُ فِيهَا. ²⁹وَاللَّوَقِبُ تَنَحَّى عَنْهُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مُزِمِعِينَ أَنْ يَفَحَّصُوهُ وَاحْتَسَى الْأَمِيرُ لَمَّا عَلِمَ أَنَّهُ رُومَانِيٌّ وَلَئِنَّهُ قَدْ قَبِذَهُ.

³⁰وَفِي الْعَدِ إِذْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتَعْلَمَ الْيَقِينَ لِمَاذَا يَسْتَكْبِي الْيَهُودُ عَلَيْهِ حَلَّهِ مِنَ الرِّبَاطِ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يَخْصَرَ رُؤْسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَكُلُّ مَجْمَعِهِمْ فَأَخْصَرَ بُولُسَ وَأَقَامَهُ لَدَيْهِمْ.

report of all the Jews which dwelt there, ¹³Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. ¹⁴And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. ¹⁵For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. ¹⁶And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ¹⁷And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; ¹⁸And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. ¹⁹And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: ²⁰And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. ²¹And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. ²²And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. ²³And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air, ²⁴The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. ²⁵And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion

that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?²⁶ When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.²⁷ Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.²⁸ And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.²⁹ Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.³⁰ On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.