

¹هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، احْفَظُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَجْرُوا الْعَدْلَ. لِأَنَّهُ قَرِيبٌ مَجِيءٌ خَلَاصِي وَاسْتِعْلَانٌ بَرِّي.² طُوبَى لِلإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ هَذَا، وَلِإِنِ الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَتَمَسَّكَ بِهِ، الْخَافِظُ السَّبْتَ لئَلَّا يَتَجَسَّسَهُ، وَالْخَافِظُ يَدَهُ مِنْ كُلِّ عَمَلٍ شَرٍّ.³ فَلَا يَتَكَلَّمُ ابْنُ الْعَرِيبِ الَّذِي أَفْتَرَنَ بِالرَّبِّ قَائِلًا، إِفْرَازًا أَفَرَزَنِي الرَّبُّ مِنْ سَعْيِهِ. وَلَا يَقُلِ الْخَصِيُّ، هَا أَنَا سَجَرَةٌ يَابِسَةٌ.⁴ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِلْخَصِيَّانِ الَّذِينَ يَحْفَظُونَ سُبُوتِي، وَيَخْتَارُونَ مَا يَسُرُّنِي، وَيَتَمَسَّكُونَ بِعَهْدِي،⁵ أَنِّي أُعْطِيهِمْ فِي بَيْتِي وَفِي أَسْوَارِي نُصْبًا وَاسْمًا أَفْضَلَ مِنَ الْبَنِينَ وَالْبَنَاتِ. أُعْطِيهِمْ اسْمًا أَبَدِيًّا لَا يَنْقَطِعُ.⁶ وَأَبْنَاءُ الْعَرِيبِ الَّذِينَ يَقْتَرِنُونَ بِالرَّبِّ لِيَتَحَدِّثُوا وَلِيُحِبُّوا اسْمَ الرَّبِّ لِيَكُونُوا لَهُ عِبِيدًا، كُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَحْفَظُونَ السَّبْتَ لئَلَّا يُتَجَسَّسُوا، وَيَتَمَسَّكُونَ بِعَهْدِي،⁷ أَنِّي بِهِمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ قُدْسِي، وَأَفَرِّحُهُمْ فِي بَيْتِ صَلَاتِي، وَتَكُونُ مُحَرَّقَاتُهُمْ وَذَبَائِحُهُمْ مَقْبُولَةً عَلَى مَذْبَحِي، لِأَنَّ بَيْتِي بَيْتُ الصَّلَاةِ يُذْعَى لِكُلِّ الشُّعُوبِ.⁸ يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ جَامِعُ مَنَفِيِّ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَجْمَعُ بَعْدَ إِلَيْهِ، إِلَى مَجْمُوعِهِ.⁹ يَا جَمِيعَ الْوُحُوشِ الَّتِي فِي الْوَعْرِ.¹⁰ مَرَاقِبُوهُ عُمِّي كُلَّهُمْ. لَا يَعْرِفُونَ. كُلُّهُمْ كِلَابٌ بُكْمٌ لَا تَقْدِرُ أَنْ تَسْبَحَ. خَالِمُونَ مُصْطَجِعُونَ، مُجَبُّو النَّوْمِ.¹¹ وَالْكِلَابُ بِشَرِّهِ لَا تَعْرِفُ الشَّبَعِ. وَهُمْ رُعَاةٌ لَا يَعْرِفُونَ الْفَهْمَ. اتَّقِنُوا جَمِيعًا إِلَى طُرُقِهِمْ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى الرِّيحِ عَنْ أَفْصَى.¹² هَلُمُّوا أَخْذُ خَمْرًا وَلِتُسْتَفَّ مُسْكِرًا، وَتَكُونُ الْعَذَّةُ هَذَا الْيَوْمَ عَظِيمًا بَلْ أَرِيدُ جِدًّا.

¹Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.²Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.³Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.⁴For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;⁵Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.⁶Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;⁷Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.⁸The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.⁹All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.¹⁰His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving

to slumber.¹¹ Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.¹² Come ye, say they , I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.