

¹بَادَ الصَّادِقُ وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَصْعُ ذَلِكَ فِي قَلْبِهِ. وَرَجَالَ
الإِحْسَانِ يُضْمَنُونَ، وَلَيْسَ مَنْ يَفْطِنُ بِأَنَّهُ مِنْ وَجْهِ الشَّرِّ
يُضْمَنُ الصَّادِقُ.² يَدْخُلُ السَّلَامُ. يَسْتَرِبُّونَ فِي
مَصَاجِعِهِمْ. السَّالِكُ بِالِاسْتِقَامَةِ.³ أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَقَدَّمُوا إِلَى
هَذَا يَا بَنِي السَّاجِرَةِ، تَسْلُ الْقَاسِقِ وَالرَّائِيَةِ⁴ يَمُنُّ
تَسْخَرُونَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَفْعَرُونَ الْقَمَّ وَتَذْلَعُونَ اللِّسَانَ.
أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْمَعْصِيَةِ، تَسْلُ الْكَذِبِ.⁵ الْمُتَوَقِّدُونَ إِلَى
الْأَصْنَامِ تَحْتَ كُلِّ شَجَرَةٍ حَصْرَاءَ، الْقَانِلُونَ الْأَوْلَادَ فِي
الْأَوْدِيَةِ تَحْتَ شُفُوقِ الْمَغَائِلِ.⁶ فِي جِجَارَةِ الْوَادِي
الْفَلَسِ تَصِيئُكَ. تِلْكَ هِيَ قُرْعَتُكَ. لَتِلْكَ سَكَبْتَ سَكِبًا
وَأَضَعَدْتَ تَقْدِمَةً. أَعْنِ هَذِهِ أَنْتَرَى.⁷ عَلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ
وَمُزْتَفِعٍ وَصَعْتَ مَضْجَعَكَ، وَإِلَى هَذَا صَعَدْتَ لَتَذْجِي
دَيْحَةً.⁸ وَرَاءَ الْبَابِ وَالْقَائِمَةِ وَصَعْتَ تَذْكَارَكَ، لِأَنَّكَ
لِغَيْرِي كَسَفْتَ وَصَعَدْتَ. أَوْسَعْتَ مَضْجَعَكَ وَقَطَعْتَ
لِنَفْسِكَ عَهْدًا مَعَهُمْ. أَحْبَبْتَ مَضْجَعَهُمْ. تَطَرَّتْ
فُرْصَةٌ.⁹ وَسَرَتْ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ بِالذَّهْنِ، وَأَكْثَرْتَ أَطْيَارَكَ،
وَأَرْسَلْتَ رُسُلَكَ إِلَى بُعْدٍ وَتَرَلْتَ حَتَّى إِلَى
الْهَآوَةِ.¹⁰ يَطُولُ أَسْفَارَكَ أَغْنَيْتَ وَلَمْ تَقُولِي، يَنْسُبُ.
شَهْوَتِكَ وَحَدَّتْ، لِذَلِكَ لَمْ تَضْعُفِي.¹¹ وَمِمَّنْ حَشَبْتَ
وَجَفْتَ حَتَّى حُبْتُ، وَإِيَّايَ لَمْ تَذْكُرِي، وَلَا وَصَعْتَ فِي
قَلْبِكَ. أَمَّا أَنَا سَاكِنٌ، وَذَلِكَ مُنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ، فَإِيَّايَ لَمْ
تَخَافِي.¹² أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُ بِرَّكَ وَبِأَعْمَالِكَ فَلَا تُفِيدُكَ.¹³ إِذْ
تَهْرُجِينَ فَلْيَنْفِذْ جُمُوعُكَ. وَلَكِنْ الرِّيحُ تَحْمِلُهُمْ كُلَّهُمْ.
تَأْخُذُهُمْ تَفَحَّةً. أَمَّا الْمُتَوَكِّلُ عَلَى قَبِيلِكَ الْأَرْضِ وَبَرْتُ
جَبَلٍ فُذْسِي¹⁴ وَتَقُولُ، أَعْدُوا. أَعْدُوا. هَبُّوا الطَّرِيقَ.
ارْقَعُوا الْمَعْتَرَةَ مِنْ طَرِيقِ سَعْيِي.¹⁵ لَأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَالَ الْعَلِيُّ
الْمُزْتَفِعِ، سَاكِنُ الْأَيْدِ، الْقُدُّوسُ اسْمُهُ، فِي الْمَوْضِعِ
الْمُزْتَفِعِ الْمُقَدَّسِ أَسْكُنْ، وَمَعَ الْمُنْسَجِقِ وَالْمُتَوَاضِعِ
الرُّوحِ، لِأَخِي رُوحِ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ وَلِأَخِي قَلْبِ
الْمُنْسَجِقِينَ.¹⁶ لَأَنِّي لَا أَحَاصِمُ إِلَى الْأَيْدِ وَلَا أَغْضَبُ إِلَى
الدَّهْرِ. لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ يُغْشَى عَلَيْهَا أَمَامِي وَالتَّسْمَاتُ الَّتِي
صَنَعْتُهَا.¹⁷ مِنْ أَجْلِ إِنْ مَكْسَبِي غَضِبْتُ وَصَرَبْتُ. أَسْتَرْتُ
وَعَضَبْتُ، فَذَهَبَ غَاصِبًا فِي طَرِيقِ قَلْبِي.¹⁸ رَأَيْتُ طَرَفَهُ
وَسَأَسْفِيهِ وَأَقْوَدُهُ، وَأُرِدُّ بَغْزَاتٍ لَهُ وَلِتَأْتِيَهُ¹⁹ خَالِفًا تَمَرُ
السَّقْفَيْنِ. سَلَامٌ سَلَامٌ لِلْبَعِيدِ وَلِلْقَرِيبِ قَالَ الرَّبُّ،
وَسَأَسْفِيهِ.²⁰ أَمَّا الْأَشْرَارُ فَكَأَلْبَحْرِ الْمُضْطَرِبِ لِأَنَّهُ لَا
يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يَهْدَأَ، وَتَفْذِفُ مِيَاهُهُ حَمَاءً وَطِينًا.²¹ لَيْسَ
سَلَامٌ قَالَ إِلَهِي لِلْأَشْرَارِ.

¹The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. ²He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. ³But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. ⁴Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? ⁶Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? ⁷Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. ⁸Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. ⁹And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. ¹⁰Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. ¹¹And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and

hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?¹² I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.¹³ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them : but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;¹⁴ And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place , with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.¹⁶ For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.¹⁷ For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.¹⁸ I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.¹⁹ I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.²⁰ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.²¹ There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.