

1<sup>1</sup>الْإِنْسَانُ مَوْلُودٌ الْمَرْأَةَ قَلِيلُ الْيَّامِ وَسَبْعَانُ تَعْبًا.<sup>2</sup> يُخْرَجُ  
 كَالزَّهْرِ ثُمَّ يَذْوِي، وَيَبْرَحُ كَالطَّلِّ وَلَا يَقِفُ.<sup>3</sup> قَعْلَى مِنْ  
 هَذَا حَدَقْتُ عَيْنِيكَ، وَإِبَائِي أَحْضَرْتُ إِلَى الْمُحَاكَمَةِ  
 مَعَكَ.<sup>4</sup> مَنْ يَخْرُجُ الطَّاهِرَ مِنَ الْجَسِ. لَا أَخَذُ.<sup>5</sup> إِنْ كَانَتْ  
 أَبَامُهُ مَحْدُودَةً وَعَدَدُ أَشْهُرِهِ عِنْدَكَ وَقَدْ عَيَّنْتَ أَجَلَهُ فَلَا  
 يَتَجَاوَزُهُ،<sup>6</sup> فَأَقْصِرْ عَنْهُ لِيَسْتَرِيحَ، إِلَى أَنْ يُسَرَّ كَالْأَجِيرِ  
 بِانْتِهَاءِ يَوْمِهِ.<sup>7</sup> لَأَنَّ لِلشَّجَرَةِ رَجَاءً. إِنْ قُطِعَتْ تُخْلِفُ أَيْضًا  
 وَلَا تُعْذَمُ أَغْصَانُهَا.<sup>8</sup> وَلَوْ قَدَّمَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَصْلُهَا وَمَاتَ فِي  
 التُّرَابِ جَذْعُهَا،<sup>9</sup> فَمِنْ رَائِحَةِ الْمَاءِ تُفْرِحُ وَتُبْتُ فُرُوعًا  
 كَالْعَرْسِ.<sup>10</sup> أَمَّا الرَّجُلُ فَيَمُوتُ وَيَبْلَى. الْإِنْسَانُ يُسْلِمُ  
 الرُّوحَ، فَأَيْنَ هُوَ.<sup>11</sup> قَدْ تَقَعَدَ الْمَيِّاتُ مِنَ الْبَحْرِ، وَاللَّهُ  
 يَنْشِفُ وَيَجِفُ،<sup>12</sup> وَالْإِنْسَانُ يَصْطَلِجُ وَلَا يَقُومُ. لَا  
 يَسْتَقِطُونَ حَتَّى لَا تَبْقَى السَّمَاوَاتُ وَلَا يَنْتَبِهُونَ مِنْ  
 تَوْمِهِمْ.<sup>13</sup> لَيْتَكَ تُوَارِيَنِي فِي الْهَآوَةِ وَتُخْفِيَنِي إِلَى أَنْ  
 يَنْصَرِفَ غَضَبُكَ، وَتُعَيِّنَ لِي أَجَلًا فَتَذْكُرْنِي.<sup>14</sup> إِنْ مَاتَ  
 رَجُلٌ أَقْبَحًا. كُلَّ أَيَّامٍ جِهَادِي أَصِيرُ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ  
 بَدَلِي.<sup>15</sup> تَدْعُو فَأَتَا أَجِينُكَ. تَسْتَأْئِنِي إِلَى عَمَلٍ يَدُكَ.<sup>16</sup> أَمَّا  
 الْآنَ فَتُخْصِي خُطَايَايَ. أَلَا تُخَافِطُ عَلَيَّ  
 حَاطِيَتِي.<sup>17</sup> مَعْصِيَتِي مَحْنُومٌ عَلَيْهَا فِي ضَرْبَةٍ، وَتُلْقَى عَلَيَّ  
 فَوْقَ إِيْمِي.<sup>18</sup> إِنَّ الْجَبَلَ السَّاقِطَ يَنْتَبِرُ، وَالصَّخْرَ يَرْخَرُ  
 مِنْ مَكَانِهِ.<sup>19</sup> الْحَجَارَةُ تَلْبِيهَا الْمَيِّاتُ، وَتَجْرُفُ سُبُلُهَا تُرَابَ  
 الْأَرْضِ. وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْتَ تُبِيدُ رَجَاءَ الْإِنْسَانِ.<sup>20</sup> تَتَجَبَّرُ عَلَيْهِ أَبَدًا  
 فَيَذْهَبُ. تَسْوُهُ وَجْهَهُ وَتَطْرُدُهُ.<sup>21</sup> يَكْرُمُ بَنُوهُ وَلَا يَعْلَمُ، أَوْ  
 يَصْغُرُونَ وَلَا يَفْهَمُ بِهِمْ.<sup>22</sup> إِنَّمَا عَلَى دَائِهِ يَتَوَجَّعُ لَحْمُهُ  
 وَعَلَى دَائِهَا تُنُوخُ نَفْسُهُ.

1<sup>1</sup>Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.<sup>2</sup>He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.<sup>3</sup>And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?<sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.<sup>5</sup>Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;<sup>6</sup>Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.<sup>7</sup>For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.<sup>8</sup>Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;<sup>9</sup>Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.<sup>10</sup>But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?<sup>11</sup>As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:<sup>12</sup>So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.<sup>13</sup>O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!<sup>14</sup>If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.<sup>15</sup>Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.<sup>16</sup>For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?<sup>17</sup>My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine

iniquity.<sup>18</sup> And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.<sup>19</sup> The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.<sup>20</sup> Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.<sup>21</sup> His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.<sup>22</sup> But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.