

¹فَقَالَ أَيُّوبُ، ²الْيَوْمَ أَيْضاً شَكَوَايَ تَمَرُّدُ. صَرَّيْتِي أَنْقَلُ
 مِنْ تَهْدِي. ³مَنْ يُعْطِينِي أَنْ أَجِدَهُ فَلَأَتِي إِلَى
 كُرْسِيِّهِ. ⁴أَحْسِنُ الدَّعْوَى أَمَامَهُ وَأَمْلَأُ فَمِي
 حُجْجاً. ⁵فَأَعْرِفُ الْأَقْوَالَ الَّتِي يَهَا يُجِيبُنِي وَأَفْهَمُ مَا يَقُولُهُ
 لِي. ⁶أَيْكْتَرَهُ قُوَّةً يُخَاصِمُنِي. كَلَّا. وَلَكِنَّهُ كَانَ يَسْبِقُهُ
 إِلَيَّ. ⁷هَذَا لَكَ كَانَ يُحَاجُّهُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ، وَكُنْتُ أَنْجُو إِلَى الْإِدِّ
 مِنْ قَاصِي. ⁸هَذَا أَذْهَبُ سَرَقاً فَلَيْسَ هُوَ هُنَاكَ وَعِزّاً فَلَا
 أَشْعُرُ بِهِ شِمَالاً حَيْثُ عَمَلُهُ فَلَا أَنْطُرُهُ. يَتَعَطَّفُ الْجَنُوبُ
 فَلَا أَرَاهُ. ¹⁰لَأَنَّهُ يَعْرِفُ طَرِيقِي. إِذَا جَزَّيْتَنِي أَخْرُجُ
 كَالذَّهَبِ. ¹¹يَخْطَوَاتِهِ اسْتَمْسَكَتْ رِجْلِي. حَفِظْتُ طَرِيقَهُ
 وَلَمْ أَجِدْ. ¹²مِنْ وَصِيَّةٍ سَقَيْتِهِ لَمْ أَبْرَحْ. أَكْثَرَ مِنْ قَرِيبَتِي
 دَحَرْتُ كَلَامَ قَمِيهِ. ¹³أَمَّا هُوَ فَوَحْدَهُ، قَمَنْ يَرُدُّهُ. وَنَفْسُهُ
 تَسْتَهِي قَيِّفَعَلْ. ¹⁴لَأَنَّهُ يُتِمُّ الْمَفْرُوضَ عَلَيَّ، وَكَثِيرٌ مِثْلُ
 هَذِهِ عِنْدَهُ. ¹⁵مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ أَرْتَاغُ فِدَامَهُ. أَتَأْمَلُ فَأَرْجِعُ
 مِنْهُ. ¹⁶لَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَصْعَفَ قَلْبِي وَالْقَدِيرَ رَوْعَنِي. ¹⁷لَأَنِّي
 لَمْ أَقْطَعْ قَبْلَ الظَّلَامِ وَمِنْ وَجْهِي لَمْ يُعْطِ الدَّجَى.

¹Then Job answered and said, ²Even to day
 is my complaint bitter: my stroke is
 heavier than my groaning. ³Oh that I knew
 where I might find him! that I might come
 even to his seat! ⁴I would order my cause
 before him, and fill my mouth with
 arguments. ⁵I would know the words which
 he would answer me, and understand what
 he would say unto me. ⁶Will he plead
 against me with his great power? No; but
 he would put strength in me. ⁷There the
 righteous might dispute with him; so
 should I be delivered for ever from my
 judge. ⁸Behold, I go forward, but he is not
 there ; and backward, but I cannot
 perceive him: ⁹On the left hand, where he
 doth work, but I cannot behold him : he
 hideth himself on the right hand, that I
 cannot see him : ¹⁰But he knoweth the way
 that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall
 come forth as gold. ¹¹My foot hath held his
 steps, his way have I kept, and not
 declined. ¹²Neither have I gone back from
 the commandment of his lips; I have
 esteemed the words of his mouth more
 than my necessary food . ¹³But he is in one
 mind , and who can turn him? and what his
 soul desireth, even that he doeth. ¹⁴For he
 performeth the thing that is appointed for
 me: and many such things are with
 him. ¹⁵Therefore am I troubled at his
 presence: when I consider, I am afraid of
 him. ¹⁶For God maketh my heart soft, and
 the Almighty troubleth me: ¹⁷Because I was
 not cut off before the darkness, neither
 hath he covered the darkness from my
 face.