

<sup>1</sup>أَلَيْسَتْ حَيَاتُهُ الْإِنْسَانِ جِهَادًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، وَكَأَيَّامِ الْأَجِيرِ  
 أَيَّامُهُ. <sup>2</sup>كَمَا يَتَسَوَّقُ الْعَبْدُ إِلَى الطَّلِّ، وَكَمَا يَتَرَجَّى الْأَجِيرُ  
 أَجْرَتَهُ، <sup>3</sup>هَكَذَا تَعَيَّنَ لِي أَشْهُرُ سُوءٍ، وَلَيَالِي سَقَاءٍ قُسِمَتْ  
 لِي. <sup>4</sup>إِذَا اضْطَجَعْتُ أَقُولُ مَتَى أَقُومُ، اللَّيْلُ يَطُولُ وَأَسْبَغُ  
 قَلَقًا حَتَّى الصُّبْحِ. <sup>5</sup>لَيْسَ لِحِمِي الدَّوْدُ مَعَ الطَّيْنِ. جِلْدِي  
 تَسْفَقُ وَيَتَفَيَّحُ. <sup>6</sup>أَيَّامِي أَسْرَعُ مِنَ الْمَكْوَكِ، وَتَنْتَهِي بِغَيْرِ  
 رَجَاءٍ. <sup>7</sup>أَذْكُرُ أَنَّ حَيَاتِي إِمَّا هِيَ رِيحٌ وَعَيْنِي لَا تَعُودُ تَرَى  
 خَيْرًا. <sup>8</sup>لَا تَرَانِي عَيْنِي تَاطِرِي. عَيْنَاكَ عَلَيَّ وَلَسْتُ  
 أَتَا. <sup>9</sup>السَّحَابُ يَصْمَجِلُ وَيَبْزُولُ. هَكَذَا الَّذِي يَنْزِلُ إِلَى  
 الْهَوَايَةِ لَا يَصْعَدُ. <sup>10</sup>لَا يَرْجِعُ بَعْدَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ وَلَا يَعْرِفُهُ مَكَانُهُ  
 بَعْدَ. <sup>11</sup>أَنَا أَيْضًا لَا أَمْتَعُ قِمِي. أَتَكَلِّمُ بِصِيْقِ رُوحِي. أَشْكُو  
 بِمَرَارَةٍ نَفْسِي. <sup>12</sup>أَبْحُرُ أَنَا أَمْ نَبِيْنٌ حَتَّى جَعَلْتَ عَلَيَّ  
 حَارِسًا. <sup>13</sup>إِنْ قُلْتُ، فِرَاشِي يُعَرِّبُنِي، مَصْجَعِي يَنْزِعُ  
 كُرْسِيَّ <sup>14</sup>تُرِيغُنِي بِالْأَلَامِ وَتُرْهِبُنِي بِرُؤْيٍ، <sup>15</sup>فَاخْتَارْتُ  
 نَفْسِي الْخَنَقَ وَالْمَوْتَ عَلَى عِطَافِي هَذِهِ. <sup>16</sup>قَدْ دُبْتُ. لَا  
 إِلَى الْأَبَدِ أَحْيَا. كُفَّ عَنِّي لِأَنَّ أَيَّامِي نَفَحَتْ. <sup>17</sup>مَا هُوَ  
 الْإِنْسَانُ حَتَّى تَغْيِرَهُ وَحَتَّى تَضَعَ عَلَيْهِ قَلْبَكَ، <sup>18</sup>وَتَتَعَهَّدَهُ  
 كُلَّ صَبَاحٍ، وَكُلَّ لَحْظَةٍ تَمْتَحِنُهُ. <sup>19</sup>حَتَّى هَمَّتِي لَا تَلْتَفُتُ  
 عَنِّي وَلَا تُرَخِّبُنِي رَبِّيَمَا أُبْلَغُ رَيْقِي. <sup>20</sup>أَأَخْطَأْتُ. مَاذَا أَفْعَلُ  
 لَكَ يَا رَقِيبَ النَّاسِ. لِمَاذَا جَعَلْتَنِي هَذَفًا لَكَ حَتَّى أَكُونَ  
 عَلَى نَفْسِي جَمَلًا. <sup>21</sup>وَلِمَاذَا لَا تَغْفِرُ ذَنْبِي وَلَا تُزِيلُ إِثْمِي  
 لَأَنِّي الْآنَ اضْطَجَعْتُ فِي التُّرَابِ، تَطْلُبُنِي فَلَا أَكُونُ..

<sup>1</sup>Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? <sup>2</sup>As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: <sup>3</sup>So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me. <sup>4</sup>When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. <sup>5</sup>My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. <sup>6</sup>My days are swifter than a weaver' shuttle, and are spent without hope. <sup>7</sup>O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good. <sup>8</sup>The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more : thine eyes are upon me, and I am not. <sup>9</sup>As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more . <sup>10</sup>He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. <sup>11</sup>Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>12</sup>Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me? <sup>13</sup>When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint; <sup>14</sup>Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions: <sup>15</sup>So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. <sup>16</sup>I loathe it ; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity. <sup>17</sup>What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? <sup>18</sup>And that thou shouldest visit

him every morning, and try him every moment?<sup>19</sup> How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?<sup>20</sup> I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?<sup>21</sup> And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be .