

¹الصَّبِيحُ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الْغِنَى الْعَظِيمِ، وَالنَّعْمَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الْفِصَّةِ وَالذَّهَبِ.² الْغَنِيُّ وَالْفَقِيرُ يَتَلَقَّيَانِ. صَانِعُهُمَا كِلَاهُمَا الرَّبُّ.³ الدَّكِيُّ يَبْصُرُ السَّرَّ قَبِيَّوَارِي، وَالْحَمَقَى يَعْجُزُونَ فَيَعَاقِبُونَ.⁴ ثَوَابُ النَّوَاضِعِ وَمَخَافَةُ الرَّبِّ هُوَ غِنَى وَكَرَامَةٌ وَحَيَاةٌ.⁵ سَوَكٌ وَفُحُوحٌ فِي طَرِيقِ الْمُتَلَوِي. مَنْ يَحْفَظُ نَفْسَهُ يَتَبَعِدُ عَنْهَا.⁶ رَبُّ الْوَلَدِ فِي طَرِيقِهِ، فَمَتَى سَاحَ أَيْضاً لَا يَجِدُ عَنْهُ.⁷ الْغَنِيُّ يَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَى الْفَقِيرِ، وَالْمُقْتَرِضُ عَبْدٌ لِلْمُقْرِضِ.⁸ الزَّارِعُ إِنَّمَا يَخْصُدُ بِلَيْتِهِ، وَعَصَا سَخَطِهِ تَقْنَى.⁹ الصَّالِحُ الْعَيْنُ هُوَ يُبَارِكُ لِلَّهِ يُعْطِي مِنْ خُبْرِهِ لِلْفَقِيرِ.¹⁰ أَطْرُدُ الْمُسْتَهْزِئَ فَيَخْرُجُ الْخِصَامُ وَيَبْطُلُ التَّرَاعُ وَالْخِزْيُ.¹¹ مَنْ أَحَبَّ طَهَارَةَ الْقَلْبِ، فَلْيَنْعَمَ بِشَفِيقَتِهِ يَكُونُ الْمَلِكُ صَدِيقَهُ.¹² عَيْنَا الرَّبِّ تَحْفَظَانِ الْمَعْرِفَةَ، وَهُوَ يَقْلِبُ كَلَامَ الْغَادِرِينَ.¹³ قَالَ الْكَسَلَانُ، الْأَسَدُ فِي الْحَارِجِ قَاتِلٌ فِي السَّوَارِعِ.¹⁴ قَمِ الْأَجْنِبِيَّاتِ هُوَ عَمِيقُهُ. مَمْقُوثُ الرَّبِّ يَسْطُطُ فِيهَا.¹⁵ الْجَهَالَةُ مُزْبِطَةُ قَلْبِ الْوَلَدِ. عَصَا التَّائِبِ تُبْعِدُهَا عَنْهُ.¹⁶ طَالِمُ الْفَقِيرِ تَكْثِيرًا لِمَا لَهُ، وَمُعْطِي الْغَنِيِّ، إِنَّمَا هُمَا لِلْعَوَزِ.¹⁷ أَمِلْ أَدْنَاكَ وَاسْمَعْ كَلَامَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَوَجِّهْ قَلْبَكَ إِلَى مَعْرِفَتِي،¹⁸ لِلَّهِ حَسَنٌ إِنْ حَفِظْتَهَا فِي خَوْفِكَ، إِنْ تَسَبَّحْتَ جَمِيعاً عَلَى سَفَتِكَ.¹⁹ لِيَكُونَ إِكْثَالُكَ عَلَى الرَّبِّ عَرَفْتُكَ أَنْتَ الْيَوْمَ.²⁰ أَلَمْ أَكْتُبْ لَكَ أُمُوراً سَرِيعَةً مِنْ جِهَةِ مُؤَامَرَةٍ وَمَعْرِفَةٍ،²¹ لِأَعْلَمَكَ قِسْطَ كَلَامِ الْحَقِّ، لِتُرَدَّ جَوَابُ الْحَقِّ لِلَّذِينَ أَرْسَلُوكَ.²² لَا تَسْلُبِ الْفَقِيرَ لِكُونِهِ فَقِيراً، وَلَا تَسْحَقِ الْمُسْكِينَ فِي الْبَابِ،²³ لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ يُقِيمُ دَعْوَاهُمْ وَيَسْلُبُ سَالِيي أَنْفُسِهِمْ.²⁴ لَا تَهْتَسِجِبْ عَضُوباً، وَمَعَ رَجُلٍ سَاخِطٍ لَا تَجِيءْ،²⁵ لِئَلَّا تَأْلَفَ طَرِيقَهُ وَتَأْخُذَ شَرَكاً إِلَى نَفْسِكَ.²⁶ لَا تَكُنْ مِنْ صَافِقِي الْكَفِّ وَلَا مِنْ صَاوِنِي الدُّبُونِ.²⁷ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَكَ مَا تَفِي، فَلِمَآذَا يَأْخُذُ فِرَاشَكَ مِنْ تَحْتِكَ.²⁸ لَا تَنْقُلِ التُّخَمَ الْقَدِيمَ الَّذِي وَضَعَهُ آبَاؤُكَ. أَرَأَيْتَ رَجُلًا مُجْتَهِداً فِي عَمَلِهِ. أَمَامَ الْمُلُوكِ يَقِفُ. لَا يَقِفُ أَمَامَ الرَّعَاعِ.

¹ A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.² The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.³ A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.⁴ By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.⁵ Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.⁷ The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.⁸ He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.⁹ He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.¹⁰ Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.¹¹ He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.¹² The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.¹³ The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.¹⁴ The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.¹⁵ Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.¹⁶ He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.¹⁷ Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.¹⁸ For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they

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shall withal be fitted in thy lips.¹⁹ That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.²⁰ Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,²¹ That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?²² Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.²³ For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.²⁴ Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.²⁶ Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.²⁷ If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?²⁸ Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.²⁹ Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men .