

¹الشَّرِيرُ يَهْرُبُ وَلَا طَارِدَ، أَمَّا الصَّادِقُونَ فَكَشِبِلِ
 تَيْبٍ.² لِمَعْصِيَةِ أَرْضٍ تَكْثُرُ رُؤْسَاؤُهَا، لَكِنْ يَذِي قَهْمٍ
 وَمَعْرِقَةٍ تَذُومُ.³ الرَّجُلُ الْفَقِيرُ الَّذِي يَطْلُمُ فَقَرَاءَ هُوَ
 مَطَرٌ جَارِفٌ لَا يَبْقَى طَعَامًا.⁴ تَارَكُوا الشَّرِيعَةَ يَمْدَحُونَ
 الْأَشْرَارَ، وَخَافُوا الشَّرِيعَةَ يُخَاصِمُونَهُمْ.⁵ النَّاسُ الْأَشْرَارُ
 لَا يَفْهَمُونَ الْحَقَّ، وَطَالِبُو الرَّبِّ يَفْهَمُونَ كُلَّ
 شَيْءٍ.⁶ الْفَقِيرُ السَّالِكُ بِاسْتِقَامَتِهِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ مَعْوَجِ الطَّرِيقِ
 وَهُوَ غَنِيٌّ.⁷ الْخَافِطُ الشَّرِيعَةَ هُوَ ابْنُ قَهِيمٍ، وَصَاحِبُ
 الْمُسْرِفِينَ يُخْجِلُ أَبَاهُ.⁸ الْمُكْثِرُ مَالَهُ بِالرَّبَا وَالْمُرَابَحَةِ،
 فَلِمَنْ يَرْحَمُ الْفُقَرَاءَ يَجْمَعُهُ.⁹ مَنْ يَحْوِلُ أَدْنَاهُ عَنْ سَمَاعِ
 الشَّرِيعَةِ فَضْلَانَهُ أَيْضًا مَكْرَهُهُ.¹⁰ مَنْ يُضِلُّ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ
 فِي طَرِيقِ رَدِيئَةٍ فِيمَا خُفِرَتْهُ يَسْقُطُ هُوَ. أَمَّا الْكَلِمَةُ
 فَيَمْتَلِكُونَ خَيْرًا.¹¹ الرَّجُلُ الْغَنِيُّ حَكِيمٌ فِي عَيْنِي نَفْسِهِ،
 وَالْفَقِيرُ الْقَهِيمُ يَفْخُصُهُ.¹² إِذَا فَرَحَ الصَّادِقُونَ عَظَمَ
 الْفَخْرُ، وَعِنْدَ قِيَامِ الْأَشْرَارِ تَحْتَفِي النَّاسُ.¹³ مَنْ يَكْنُمُ
 خَطَايَاهُ لَا يَنْجَحْ، وَمَنْ يُقَرِّ بِهَا وَيَبْتَزُّهَا يَرْحَمُ.¹⁴ طَوَى
 لِلإِنْسَانِ الْمُتَّقِي دَائِمًا، أَمَّا الْمُقْسِي قَلْبَهُ فَيَسْقُطُ فِي
 الشَّرِّ.¹⁵ أَسَدٌ رَائِدٌ وَدُبٌّ تَائِزٌ الْمُسَلِّطُ الشَّرِيرُ عَلَى
 سَعْبٍ فَقِيرٍ.¹⁶ رُبِيسٌ بَاقِصُ الْقَهْمِ وَكَثِيرُ الْمَطَالِمِ.
 مُبْغِضُ الرَّشَوَةِ تَطُولُ أَيَّامُهُ.¹⁷ الرَّجُلُ الْمُتَّقِلُ بِدَمِ نَفْسِ
 يَهْرُبُ إِلَى الْجُبِّ. لَا يُمَسِّكُهُ أَحَدٌ.¹⁸ السَّالِكُ بِالْكَمَالِ
 يَخْلُصُ، وَالْمُلْتَوِي فِي طَرِيقَيْنِ يَسْقُطُ فِي
 إِحْدَاهُمَا.¹⁹ الْمُسْتَعْلِ بِأَرْضِهِ يَسْغُ خُبْرًا، وَتَابِعُ الْبَطَّالِينَ
 يَسْغُ فَقْرًا.²⁰ الرَّجُلُ الْأَمِينُ كَثِيرُ الْبَرَكَاتِ، وَالْمُسْتَعْجِلُ
 إِلَى الْغِنَى لَا يَبْرَأُ.²¹ مُخَابَاهُ الْوُجُوهُ لَيْسَتْ صَالِحَةً،
 فَيَذِيبُ الْإِنْسَانُ لِأَجْلِ كِسْرَةِ خُبْرٍ.²² دُوِ الْغَيْنِ الشَّرِيرَةِ
 يَعْجَلُ إِلَى الْغِنَى، وَلَا يَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْفَقْرَ يَأْتِيهِ.²³ مَنْ يُوبِّخُ
 إِنْسَانًا يَجِدُ أَحَبًّا نَعْمَةً أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الْهَاطِرِ
 بِاللِّسَانِ.²⁴ السَّالِبُ أَبَاهُ أَوْ أُمَّهُ وَهُوَ يَقُولُ، لَا بَأْسَ فَهُوَ
 رَفِيقٌ لِرَجُلٍ مُحْرَبٍ.²⁵ الْمُسْتَفْخُ النَّفْسِ يَهْبِجُ الْخِصَامَ،
 وَالْمُتَكِلُ عَلَى الرَّبِّ يُسَمِّنُ.²⁶ الْمُتَكِلُ عَلَى قَلْبِهِ هُوَ
 جَاهِلٌ، وَالسَّالِكُ بِحِكْمَةٍ هُوَ يَنْجُو.²⁷ مَنْ يُعْطِي الْفَقِيرَ لَا
 يَخْتَاجُ، وَلِمَنْ يَحْبُبْ عَنْهُ عَيْنِيهِ لَعَنَاتٌ كَثِيرَةٌ.²⁸ عِنْدَ قِيَامِ
 الْأَشْرَارِ تَحْتَفِي النَّاسُ، وَيَهْلِكُهُمْ يَكْثُرُ الصَّادِقُونَ.

¹The wicked flee when no man pursueth:
 but the righteous are bold as a lion.²For
 the transgression of a land many are the
 princes thereof: but by a man of
 understanding and knowledge the state
 thereof shall be prolonged.³A poor man
 that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping
 rain which leaveth no food.⁴They that
 forsake the law praise the wicked: but
 such as keep the law contend with
 them.⁵Evil men understand not judgment:
 but they that seek the LORD understand
 all things.⁶Better is the poor that walketh
 in his uprightness, than he that is perverse
 in his ways, though he be rich.⁷Whoso
 keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that
 is a companion of riotous men shameth his
 father.⁸He that by usury and unjust gain
 increaseth his substance, he shall gather it
 for him that will pity the poor.⁹He that
 turneth away his ear from hearing the law,
 even his prayer shall be
 abomination.¹⁰Whoso causeth the
 righteous to go astray in an evil way, he
 shall fall himself into his own pit: but the
 upright shall have good things in
 possession.¹¹The rich man is wise in his
 own conceit; but the poor that hath
 understanding searcheth him out.¹²When
 righteous men do rejoice, there is great
 glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is
 hidden.¹³He that covereth his sins shall not
 prosper: but whoso confesseth and
 forsaketh them shall have mercy.¹⁴Happy
 is the man that feareth alway: but he that
 hardeneth his heart shall fall into
 mischief.¹⁵As a roaring lion, and a ranging
 bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor
 people.¹⁶The prince that wanteth

understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.¹⁷ A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.¹⁸ Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.¹⁹ He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.²⁰ A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.²¹ To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.²² He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.²³ He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.²⁴ Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.²⁵ He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.²⁶ He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.²⁷ He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.²⁸ When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.