

¹يَا رَبُّ، لِمَاذَا تَقِفُ بَعِيدًا؟ لِمَاذَا تَخْتَفِي فِي أَرْضِ
 الصِّبْ؟ ²فِي كِبَرِيَاءِ الشَّرِّ يَحْتَرِقُ الْمُسْكِينُ، يُوَحِّدُونَ
 بِالْمُؤَامَرَةِ الَّتِي فَكَّرُوا بِهَا. ³لَآنَ الشَّرِّ يَفْتَخِرُ بِشَهَوَاتِ
 نَفْسِهِ، وَالْخَاطِفُ يُجَدِّفُ، يُهِنُ الرَّبَّ. ⁴الشَّرُّ حَسَبَ
 تَسَامُخِ أَنْفِهِ يَقُولُ: لَا يُطَالِبُ. كُلُّ أَفْكَارِهِ أَنَّهُ لَا
 إِلَهَ. ⁵تُبْتُ سُبُلَهُ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، غَالِيَةً أَحْكَامُكَ قُوَّتَهُ، كُلُّ
 أَعْدَائِهِ يَنْفُتُ فِيهِمْ. ⁶قَالَ فِي قَلْبِهِ: لَا أَتَزَعُّعُ، مِنْ دَوْرٍ
 إِلَى دَوْرٍ بِلَا سُوءٍ. ⁷قَمُهُ مَمْلُوءٌ لَعْنَةً وَغَسًّا وَظُلْمًا، تَحْتَ
 لِسَانِهِ مَسْقَةٌ وَإِنَّمَا، ⁸بِجَلِيسٍ فِي مَكْمَنِ الدِّيارِ، فِي
 الْمُخْتَفَاتِ يَقْتُلُ الْبَرِيءَ، غَيْبًا تَرَاقِبَانِ
 الْمُسْكِينِ. ⁹يَكْمُنُ فِي الْمُخْتَفَى كَأَسَدٍ فِي عَرْسِيهِ، يَكْمُنُ
 لِيَخْطِفَ الْمُسْكِينِ، يَخْطِفُ الْمُسْكِينِ بِجُدِيهِ فِي
 سَبْكِيهِ. ¹⁰فَتَنْسَجِحُ وَتَنْحِي وَتَسْقُطُ الْمَسَاكِينُ
 بِتَرَائِيهِ. ¹¹قَالَ فِي قَلْبِهِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ تَسَيَّ، حَبَبَ وَجْهِهِ،
 لَا يَرَى إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.
¹²قُمْ، يَا رَبُّ. يَا إِلَهُ، ارْقَعْ يَدَكَ، لَا تَنْسَ
 الْمَسَاكِينِ. ¹³لِمَاذَا أَهَانَ الشَّرُّ اللَّهَ؟ لِمَاذَا قَالَ فِي
 قَلْبِهِ: لَا يُطَالِبُ؟ ¹⁴قَدْ رَأَيْتَ، لِأَنَّكَ تُبْصِرُ الْمَسْقَةَ وَالْعَمَّ
 لِنَجَارِي يَدِكَ. إِلَيْكَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمُسْكِينُ أَمْرَهُ، أَنْتَ صِرْتَ
 مُعِينَ الْيَتِيمِ. ¹⁵إِخْطِمْ ذِرَاعَ الْقَاجِرِ، وَالشَّرُّ يُطْلُبُ سَرَّهُ
 وَلَا تَجِدُهُ. ¹⁶الرَّبُّ مَلِكٌ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ وَالْأَبَدِ، بَادَتْ الْأُمَمُ مِنْ
 أَرْضِهِ. ¹⁷تَأْوَةُ الْوُدَعَاءِ قَدْ سَمِعَتْ، يَا رَبُّ. تُبْتُ قُلُوبَهُمْ،
 تُمِيلُ أَدْنَكَ ¹⁸لِحَقِّ الْيَتِيمِ وَالْمُنْسَجِحِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَعُودَ أَيْضًا
 يُرْعِيهِمْ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ.

¹Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why
 hidest thou thyself in times of trouble? ²The
 wicked in his pride doth persecute the
 poor: let them be taken in the devices that
 they have imagined. ³For the wicked
 boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth
 the covetous, whom the LORD
 abhorreth. ⁴The wicked, through the pride
 of his countenance, will not seek after God
 : God is not in all his thoughts. ⁵His ways
 are always grievous; thy judgments are far
 above out of his sight: as for all his
 enemies, he puffeth at them. ⁶He hath said
 in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I
 shall never be in adversity. ⁷His mouth is
 full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under
 his tongue is mischief and vanity. ⁸He
 sitteth in the lurking places of the villages:
 in the secret places doth he murder the
 innocent: his eyes are privily set against
 the poor. ⁹He lieth in wait secretly as a lion
 in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the
 poor: he doth catch the poor, when he
 draweth him into his net. ¹⁰He croucheth,
 and humbleth himself, that the poor may
 fall by his strong ones. ¹¹He hath said in his
 heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his
 face; he will never see it. ¹²Arise, O LORD;
 O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the
 humble. ¹³Wherefore doth the wicked
 contemn God? he hath said in his heart,
 Thou wilt not require it. ¹⁴Thou hast seen it
 ; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to
 requite it with thy hand: the poor
 committeth himself unto thee; thou art the
 helper of the fatherless. ¹⁵Break thou the
 arm of the wicked and the evil man : seek
 out his wickedness till thou find none. ¹⁶The
 LORD is King for ever and ever: the

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heathen are perished out of his land.¹⁷ LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:¹⁸ To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.