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¹ اِسْمَعْ، يَا رَبُّ، لِخَقٍّ، اُنْصِتْ اِلَى صُرَاخِي، اَصْغِ اِلَى صَلَاتِي مِنْ سَقَتَيْنِ بِلَا غِشٍّ. ² مِنْ قُدَامِكَ يَجْرُحُ قَصَائِي، عَيْنَاكَ تَنْطُرَانِ الْمُسْتَقِيمَاتِ. ³ جَرَبْتَ قَلْبِي، تَعَهَّدْتَهُ لَيْلًا، مَحْصَنَتِي. لَا تَجِدُ فِيَّ دُموماً. لَا يَتَعَدَّى قَمِي. ⁴ مِنْ جِهَةِ اَعْمَالِ النَّاسِ فَبِكَلَامِ سَقَتَيْكَ اَنَا تَحْفَظُ مِنْ طَرُقِ الْمُغْتَنَفِ. ⁵ تَمَسَّكَتُ خُطُوَاتِي بِاِتَّارِكَ فَمَا زِلْتُ قَدَمَايَ. ⁶ اَنَا دَعَوْتُكَ لَآئِكَ تَسْتَجِيبُ لِي، يَا اَللهُ. اَمَلْتُ اُذُنِكَ اِلَيَّ، اِسْمَعْ كَلَامِي. ⁷ مَيِّزْ مَرَاجِمَكَ، يَا مُخْلَصَ الْمُتَكِلِينَ عَلَيْكَ يَمِينِكَ مِنَ الْمُقَاوِمِينَ. ⁸ احْفَظْنِي مِثْلَ حَدَقَةِ الْعَيْنِ. يَظِلُّ جَنَاحُكَ اسْتُرْنِي مِنْ وَجْهِ الْاَشْرَارِ الَّذِينَ يُخْرِبُونِي، اَعْدَائِي بِالنَّفْسِ الَّذِينَ يَكْتَنِفُونِي. ¹⁰ قَلْنَهُمُ السَّمِينَ قَدْ اَعْلَفُوا، يَأْفُوَاهُمْ قَدْ تَكَلَّمُوا بِالْكِبْرِيَاءِ. ¹¹ فِي خُطُوَاتِنَا الْآنَ قَدْ اَخَاطُوا بَنَاءَ، تَصَبُّوا اَعْيُنُهُمْ لِيُزْلِفُونَا اِلَى الْاَرْضِ. ¹² مِثْلُهُ مِثْلُ الْاَسَدِ الْقَرِمِ اِلَى الْاِفْتِرَاسِ وَكَالسَّبَلِ الْكَامِنِ فِي عَرَبِيهِ.

¹³ قُمْ، يَا رَبُّ، تَقَدَّمْهُ، اِصْرَعْهُ. تَجَّ تَفْسِي مِنَ الشَّرِيرِ يَسِيفِكَ، ¹⁴ مِنَ النَّاسِ بِيَدِكَ، يَا رَبُّ، مِنْ اَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا. تَصِيْبُهُمْ فِي حَيَاتِهِمْ، يَذْخِيرُكَ تَمَلُّا بَطُونَهُمْ، يَسْبِعُونَ اَوْلَادًا وَيُزْرِكُونَ فُصَالَتَهُمْ لِاطْفَالِهِمْ. ¹⁵ اَمَّا اَنَا فَبَالِيزٍ اَنْظُرُ وَجْهَكَ، اُسْبِعْ اِذَا اسْتَبَقْتُ بِسَبْهِكَ.

¹ A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. ² Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. ³ Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. ⁴ Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer. ⁵ Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. ⁶ I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. ⁷ Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, ⁹ From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. ¹⁰ They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. ¹¹ They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; ¹² Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. ¹³ Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: ¹⁴ From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure : they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. ¹⁵ As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I

awake, with thy likeness.