

التواضع ومقاومة إبليس

¹ مِنْ أَيْنَ الْحُرُوبُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ بَيْنَكُمْ؟ أَلَيْسَتْ مِنْ هُنَا، مِنْ لَدَائِكُمْ الْمُخَارِبَةِ فِي أَعْضَائِكُمْ؟ ² تَشْتَهُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَمْلِكُونَ، تَقْتُلُونَ وَتَحْسِدُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَتَالُوا، تُخَاصِمُونَ وَتُخَارِبُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَطْلُبُونَ، ³ تَطْلُبُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ تَأْخُذُونَ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ رَدِيًّا لِكَيْ تُنْفِقُوا فِي لَدَائِكُمْ.

⁴ أَيُّهَا الرِّبَاةُ وَالرَّوَانِي، أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْعَالَمِ عَدَاوَةٌ لِلَّهِ؟ فَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ مُجِبًّا لِلْعَالَمِ فَقَدْ صَارَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ. ⁵ أَمْ تَطْنُونَ أَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ بَاطِلًا: الرُّوحُ الَّذِي حَلَّ فِيْنَا يَسْتَأْذِنُ إِلَى الْحَسَدِ، ⁶ وَلَكِنَّهُ يُعْطِي نِعْمَةً أَعْظَمَ، لِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: "يَقَاوِمِ اللَّهُ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ وَأَمَّا الْمُتَوَاضِعُونَ فَيُعْطِيهِمْ نِعْمَةً". ⁷ فَاحْضَعُوا لِلَّهِ، قَاوِمُوا إِبْلِيسَ فَيَهْزُبَ مِنْكُمْ، ⁸ اقْتَرِبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَيَقْتَرِبَ إِلَيْكُمْ، تَقَوُّوا أَيْدِيَكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْخُطَاةُ، وَطَهِّرُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ، يَا دَوِي الرَّايِينَ. ⁹ اكْتَسِبُوا وَنُوحُوا وَانْكَبُوا، لِيَتَحَوَّلَ ضِحْكُكُمْ إِلَى تَوَحٍّ وَفَرْحِكُمْ إِلَى غَمٍّ. ¹⁰ اتَّضِعُوا قُدَّامَ الرَّبِّ فَيَرْفَعَكُمْ. ¹¹ لَا يَذُمُّ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ. الَّذِي يَذُمُّ أَخَاهُ وَيَذِمُّ أَخَاهُ يَذُمُّ النَّامُوسَ وَيَذِمُّ النَّامُوسَ، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَذِمُّ النَّامُوسَ فَلَسْتَ عَامِلًا بِالنَّامُوسِ بَلْ دَبَّانًا لَهُ. ¹² وَاجِدْ هُوَ وَاضِعُ النَّامُوسِ، الْقَادِرُ أَنْ يُحْلَصَ وَنَهْلِكَ، فَمَنْ أَنْتَ، يَا مَنْ تَذِمُّ غَيْرَكَ؟

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¹³ هَلُمَّ الْآنَ، أَيُّهَا الْقَائِلُونَ: تَذْهَبُ الْيَوْمَ أَوْ عَدَا إِلَى هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ أَوْ تِلْكَ وَهَنَّاكَ تَصْرِفُ سَنَةً وَاجِدَةً وَتَسْجُرُ وَتَرْبُحُ، ¹⁴ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ لَا تَعْرِفُونَ أَمْرَ الْعَدِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَا هِيَ حَيَاتُكُمْ؟ إِنَّهَا بُخَارٌ، يَطْهَرُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ يَصْمَحِلُ، ¹⁵ عِوَضَ أَنْ تَقُولُوا: إِنْ شَاءَ الرَّبُّ وَعِشْنَا، تَفْعَلْ هَذَا أَوْ ذَاكَ. ¹⁶ وَأَمَّا الْآنَ فَأَنْتُمْ تَفْتَخِرُونَ فِي تَعْظِيمِكُمْ، كُلُّ افْتِخَارٍ مِثْلُ هَذَا رَدِيٌّ. ¹⁷ فَمَنْ يَعْرِفُ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ حَسَنًا وَلَا يَعْمَلَ، قَدْ لَكَ حَاطَةُ لَهُ.

¹ From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? ² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. ⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵ Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? ⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. ⁹ Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. ¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? ¹³ Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: ¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what

shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.