

¹Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?²For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.³I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.⁴His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.⁵Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.⁶Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;⁷Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.⁸I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:⁹Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:¹⁰Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:¹¹To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.¹²He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.¹³He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.¹⁴They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.¹⁵But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.¹⁶So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.¹⁷Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:¹⁸For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.¹⁹He

¹ادْعُ الْآنَ. فَهَلْ لَكَ مِنْ مُجِيبٍ. وَإِلَى أَيِّ الْقَدِيسِينَ تَلْتَفِتُ.²لَأَنَّ الْغَيْظَ يَقْتُلُ الْغَبِيَّ وَالْغَيْرَةَ تُمِيتُ الْأَحْمَقَ.³إِنِّي رَأَيْتُ الْغَبِيَّ يَتَأَصَّلُ وَيَغْتَنَّةُ لَعْنَتُ مَرْبَصَتِهِ. بَنُوهُ بَعِيدُونَ عَنِ الْأَمْنِ، وَقَدْ تَحَطَّمُوا فِي الْبَابِ وَلَا مُنْقِذَ. الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُ الْجُوعَانُ حَصِيدَهُمْ وَيَأْخُذُهُ حَتَّى مِنَ الشَّوْكِ، وَيَسْتَفُّ الطُّفَانُ تَرَوْتَهُمْ.⁶إِنَّ الْبَلِيَّةَ لَا تَخْرُجُ مِنَ التُّرَابِ وَالشَّقَاوَةُ لَا تُبْنَى مِنَ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَكِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ مَوْلُودٌ لِلْمُسَقَّةِ كَمَا أَنَّ الْجَوَارِحَ لِارْتِفَاعِ الْجَنَاحِ.⁸لَكِنْ كُنْتُ أَطْلُبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ أَجْعَلُ أَمْرِي.⁹الْقَاعِلُ عَطَائِمَ لَا تُفْخَصُ وَعَجَائِبَ لَا تُعَدُّ.¹⁰الْمُنْرِلُ مَطَرًا عَلَى وَجْهِ الْأَرْضِ وَالْمُرْسِلُ الْيَمَاءَ عَلَى التَّرَارِي. ¹¹الْجَاعِلُ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ فِي الْعُلَى فَيَرْفَعُ الْمَخْرُوبُونَ إِلَى أَمْنٍ. ¹²الْمُبْطِلُ أَفْكَارَ الْمُخْتَالِينَ فَلَا تُجْرِي أَيْدِيهِمْ قَصْدًا. ¹³الْآخِذُ الْحُكَمَاءَ بِحِيلَتِهِمْ فَتَهَوَّرَ مَسْوَرُهُ الْمَاكِرِينَ. ¹⁴فِي التَّهَارِ يَضْمُومُونَ طَلَامًا، وَيَتَلَمَّسُونَ فِي الظَّهِيرَةِ كَمَا فِي اللَّيْلِ. ¹⁵الْمَنْجِيَّ النَّائِسَ مِنَ السَّيْفِ، مِنْ قَمِيهِمْ وَمِنْ يَدِ الْقَوِيِّ. ¹⁶فَيَكُونُ لِلذَّلِيلِ رَحَاءٌ وَتَسُدُّ الْحَطِيئَةُ قَاهَا. ¹⁷هُوَذَا طَوْبَى لِرَجُلٍ يُؤَدِّبُهُ اللَّهُ. فَلَا تَرْفُضْ تَأْدِيبَ الْقَدِيرِ. ¹⁸لَأَنَّهُ هُوَ يَجْرَحُ وَيَعْصِبُ. يَسْحَقُ وَيَذَاهُ تَسْفِيَانِ. ¹⁹فِي سِتِّ سَدَائِدَ يُنَجِّيكَ وَفِي سَبْعٍ لَا يَمَسُّكَ شَوْءٌ. ²⁰فِي الْجُوعِ يَقْدِيكَ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ وَفِي الْحَرْبِ مِنْ حَذِّ السَّيْفِ. ²¹مِنْ سَوَاطِلِ اللِّسَانِ تُحْتَبَأُ فَلَا تَخَافُ مِنَ الْخَرَابِ إِذَا جَاءَ. ²²تَضْحَكُ عَلَى الْخَرَابِ وَالْمَجَاعَةِ وَلَا تَحْشَى وَخُوشَ الْأَرْضِ. ²³لَأَنَّهُ مَعَ جَارَةِ الْحَفْلِ عَهْدُكَ وَوُخُوشُ الْبَرِّيَّةِ تُسَالِمُكَ. ²⁴فَتَعْلَمُ أَنَّ حَيْمَتَكَ أَمْنَةٌ وَتَتَعَهَّدُ مَرْبِصَتَكَ وَلَا تَفْقِدُ سَبِيلًا. ²⁵وَتَعْلَمُ أَنَّ زَرْعَكَ كَثِيرٌ وَدُرَّتِكَ كَعُشْبِ الْأَرْضِ. ²⁶تَدْخُلُ الْمَدَقْنَ فِي سَبُخُوخَةٍ كَرَفَعِ الْكُدْسِ فِي أَوَانِهِ. ²⁷هَا إِنَّ دَا قَدْ بَحَثْنَا عَنْهُ. كَذَا هُوَ. فَاسْمَعُهُ وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّكَ لَتَفْسِيكَ.

shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.²⁰ In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.²¹ Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.²² At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.²³ For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.²⁴ And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.²⁵ Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.²⁶ Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.²⁷ Lo this, we have searched it, so it is ; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.