

¹But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.²For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.³For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.⁴But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.⁵Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.⁷For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.⁸But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.⁹For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.¹¹Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.¹²And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;¹³And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.¹⁴Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.¹⁵See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.¹⁶Rejoice

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¹وَأَمَّا الْأَرْثَمَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ فَلَا حَاجَةَ لَكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ أَكْتُبَ إِلَيْكُمْ عَنْهَا،²لَأَنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ بِالتَّحْقِيقِ أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ كَلِصٌ فِي اللَّيْلِ هَكَذَا يَجِيءُ. ³لَأَنَّهُ حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمَانٌ، حِينَئِذٍ يُفَاجِئُهُمْ هَلَاكٌ بَعَثَةٌ، كَالْمَخَاضِ لِلْحَبْلِ، فَلَا يَتَجَوَّنَ. ⁴وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ حَتَّى يُدْرِكَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ كَلِصٌ،⁵جَمِيعَكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ نُورٍ وَأَبْنَاءُ نَهَارٍ، لَسْنَا مِنْ لَيْلٍ وَلَا ظُلْمَةٍ. ⁶فَلَا تَنَمُ إِذَا كَالْبَاقِينَ بَلْ لِنَسْهَرْ وَنَصُحْ. ⁷لَأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ، فَيَاللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ، فَيَاللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. ⁸وَأَمَّا نَحْنُ، الَّذِينَ مِنْ نَهَارٍ، فَلِنَصُحْ لِنَبِينِ دَرْعَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ وَخُودَةٍ، هِيَ رَجَاءُ الْخَلَاصِ. ⁹لَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ بَلْ لِإِفْتِيَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،¹⁰الَّذِي مَاتَ لِأَجْلِنَا حَتَّى، إِذَا سَهَرْنَا أَوْ نَمْنَا، نَحْيَا جَمِيعًا مَعَهُ. ¹¹لِذَلِكَ عَزُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا وَابْنُوا أَحَدَكُمْ الْآخَرَ كَمَا تَفْعَلُونَ أَيْضًا.

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¹²ثُمَّ تَسْأَلُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الَّذِينَ يَتَعَبُونَ بَيْنَكُمْ وَيُدَبِّرُونَكُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ وَيُنْذِرُونَكُمْ وَأَنْ تَعْتَبِرُوهُمْ كَثِيرًا جَدًّا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ مِنْ أَجْلِ عَمَلِهِمْ. سَالِمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. ¹⁴وَتَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْذِرُوا الَّذِينَ بِلَا تَرْتِيبٍ، سَجَّعُوا صَعَارَ النَّفُوسِ، أَسَيَّدُوا الضَّعَفَاءَ، تَأَنَّنُوا عَلَى الْجَمِيعِ. ¹⁵انْظُرُوا أَنْ لَا يُجَارِيَ أَحَدٌ أَحَدًا عَنْ سَرِّ بَشَرٍ بَلْ كُلِّ جِبِينٍ ابْتَغُوا الْخَيْرَ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ وَلِلْجَمِيعِ. ¹⁶افْرَحُوا كُلِّ جِبِينٍ. ¹⁷صَلُّوا بِلَا انْقِطَاعٍ،¹⁸اسْكُرُوا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لَأَنَّ هَذِهِ هِيَ مَشِيئَةُ اللَّهِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ. ¹⁹لَا تُطْفِنُوا الرُّوحَ. ²⁰لَا تَحْتَفِرُوا النُّبُوتَ،²¹امْتَحِنُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، تَمَسَّكُوا بِالْحَسَنِ،²²امْتَبِعُوا عَنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ سَرٍّ.

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²³وَالَهُ السَّلَامُ تَفْسُهُ يُعَدِّسُكُمْ بِالتَّمَامِ، وَلِنُحْفَظَ رُوحَكُمْ وَنَفْسُكُمْ وَجَسَدُكُمْ كَامِلَةً بِلَا لَوْمٍ عِنْدَ مَجِيءِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. ²⁴أَمِينَ هُوَ الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُمْ الَّذِي سَتَفْعَلُ أَيْضًا. ²⁵أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، صَلُّوا لِأَجْلِنَا. ²⁶سَلِّمُوا عَلَى الْإِخْوَةِ جَمِيعًا بِقُبْلَةٍ مُقَدَّسَةٍ. ²⁷أَنَا بِذِكْرِكُمْ بِالرَّبِّ أَنْ تُقْرَأَ هَذِهِ الرِّسَالَةُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْإِخْوَةِ الْفِدِّيِّينَ. ²⁸يَعْمَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مَعَكُمْ، آمِينَ.

evermore.¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.²⁰ Despise not prophecies.²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.²⁶ Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.²⁷ I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.