

## مقدمة الرسالة

السَّيِّحُ إِلَى كِيرِيَّةَ الْمُخْتَارَةِ وَإِلَى أَوْلَادِهَا، الَّذِينَ أَنَا أُجِبُهُمْ بِالْحَقِّ، وَلَسْتُ أَنَا فَقَطُ بَلْ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ قَدْ عَرَفُوا الْحَقَّ،<sup>2</sup> مِنْ أَجْلِ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي يَنْبُتُ فِيْنَا وَسَيَكُونُ مَعَنَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ،<sup>3</sup> تَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ نِعْمَةً وَرَحْمَةً وَسَلَامٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَمِنَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ابْنِ الْآبِ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ.

## الحياة حسب وصية الآب

قَرَحْتُ جِدًّا لِأَنِّي وَجَدْتُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِكَ بَعْضًا سَالِكِينَ فِي الْحَقِّ كَمَا أَحَدْنَا وَصِيَّةَ مِنَ الْآبِ.<sup>5</sup> وَالآنَ أَطَلُبُ مِنْكَ، يَا كِيرِيَّةُ، لَا كَاتِبِي أَكْتُبُ إِلَيْكَ وَصِيَّةَ جَدِيدَةً بَلِ الَّتِي كَاتَبْتُ عِنْدَنَا مِنَ الْبَدْءِ، أَنْ يُحِبَّ بَعْضًا بَعْضًا.<sup>6</sup> وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْمَحَبَّةُ، أَنْ تَسْلُكَ بِحَسَبِ وَصَايَاهُ، هَذِهِ هِيَ الْوَصِيَّةُ كَمَا سَمِعْتُمْ مِنِّي الْبَدْءِ أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا فِيهَا.<sup>7</sup> لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ دَخَلَ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ مُضِلُّونَ كَثِيرُونَ لَا يَعْتَرِفُونَ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ آتِيًّا فِي الْجَسَدِ، هَذَا هُوَ الْمُضِلُّ وَالصِّدْقُ لِلْمَسِيحِ.<sup>8</sup> انْطَرُوا إِلَيَّ أَنْفُسِكُمْ، لِئَلَّا تُضَيَّعَ مَا عَمِلْتَاهُ بَلْ تَتَالَ أَجْرًا تَامًّا.<sup>9</sup> كُلُّ مَنْ تَعَدَّى وَلَمْ يَنْبُتْ فِي تَعْلِيمِ الْمَسِيحِ فَلَيْسَ لَهُ اللَّهُ، وَمَنْ يَنْبُتْ فِي تَعْلِيمِ الْمَسِيحِ فَهَذَا لَهُ الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ جَمِيعًا.<sup>10</sup> إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يَأْتِيكُمْ وَلَا يَجِيءُ بِهَذَا التَّعْلِيمِ فَلَا تَقْبَلُوهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ وَلَا تَقُولُوا لَهُ سَلَامًا،<sup>11</sup> لِأَنَّ مَنْ يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْهِ يَشْرِكُ فِي أَعْمَالِهِ الشَّرِّيرَةِ.

## توصيات أخيرة

إِذْ كَانَ لِي كَثِيرٌ لَأَكْتُبَ إِلَيْكُمْ لَمْ أَرِدْ أَنْ يَكُونَ يَوْرَقِي وَجِيرِي، لِأَنِّي أَرْجُو أَنْ آتِي إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَتَكَلَّمُ مَعَكُمْ لِقَمٍ لِكَيْ يَكُونَ فَرْحَتَا كَامِلًا.<sup>13</sup> يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ أَوْلَادُ أَخِيكَ الْمُخْتَارَةِ، آمِينَ.

<sup>1</sup>The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;<sup>2</sup>For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.<sup>3</sup>Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.<sup>5</sup>And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.<sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.<sup>7</sup>For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.<sup>8</sup>Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.<sup>9</sup>Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.<sup>10</sup>If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:<sup>11</sup>For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.<sup>12</sup>Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.<sup>13</sup>The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.