**مقدّمة الرّسالة**

[1]سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ، عَبْدُ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ وَرَسُولُهُ، إِلَى
الَّذِينَ نَالُوا مَعَنَا إِيمَاناً ثَمِيناً مُسَاوِياً لَنَا بِبِرِّ إِلَهِنَا
وَالمُخَلِّصِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ،[2]لِتَكْثُرْ لَكُمُ النِّعْمَةُ وَالسَّلاَمُ
بِمَعْرِفَةِ اللهِ وَيَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا.

**ثمر الإيمان**

[3]كَمَا أَنَّ قُدْرَتَهُ الإِلَهِيَّةَ قَدْ وَهَبَتْ لَنَا كُلَّ مَا هُوَ لِلْحَيَاةِ
وَالتَّقْوَى بِمَعْرِفَةِ الَّذِي دَعَانَا بِالمَجْدِ وَالْفَضِيلَةِ،[4]اللَّذَيْنِ
بِهِمَا قَدْ وَهَبَ لَنَا المَوَاعِيدَ الْعُظْمَى وَالثَّمِينَةَ لِكَيْ
تَصِيرُوا بِهَا شُرَكَاءَ الطَّبِيعَةِ الإِلَهِيَّةِ هَارِبِينَ مِنَ الْفَسَادِ
الَّذِي فِي الْعَالَمِ بِالشَّهْوَةِ.[5]وَلِهَذَا عَيْنِهِ وَأَنْتُمْ بَاذِلُونَ كُلَّ
اجْتِهَادٍ قَدِّمُوا فِي إِيمَانِكُمْ فَضِيلَةً، وَفِي الْفَضِيلَةِ
مَعْرِفَةً،[6]وَفِي المَعْرِفَةِ تَعَفُّفاً، وَفِي التَّعَفُّفِ صَبْراً، وَفِي
الصَّبْرِ تَقْوَى،[7]وَفِي التَّقْوَى مَوَدَّةً أَخَوِيَّةً، وَفِي المَوَدَّةِ
الأَخَوِيَّةِ مَحَبَّةً.[8]لأَنَّ هَذِهِ، إِذَا كَانَتْ فِيكُمْ وَكَثُرَتْ،
تُصَيِّرُكُمْ لاَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ وَلاَ غَيْرَ مُثْمِرِينَ لِمَعْرِفَةِ رَبِّنَا
يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ.[9]لأَنَّ الَّذِي لَيْسَ عِنْدَهُ هَذِهِ هُوَ أَعْمَى،
قَصِيرُ الْبَصَرِ، قَدْ نَسِيَ تَطْهِيرَ خَطَايَاهُ السَّالِفَةِ.[10]لِذَلِكَ
بِالأَكْثَرِ اجْتَهِدُوا، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَجْعَلُوا دَعْوَتَكُمْ
وَاخْتِيَارَكُمْ ثَابِتَيْنِ، لأَنَّكُمْ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمْ ذَلِكَ لَنْ تَزِلُّوا
أَبَداً.[11]لأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا يُقَدَّمُ لَكُمْ بِسِعَةٍ دُخُولٌ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِ رَبِّنَا
وَمُخَلِّصِنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ الأَبَدِيِّ.

**مجد يسوع المسيح من الله**

[12]لِذَلِكَ لاَ أُهْمِلُ أَنْ أُذَكِّرَكُمْ دَائِماً بِهَذِهِ الأُمُورِ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ
عَالِمِينَ وَمُثَبَّتِينَ فِي الْحَقِّ الْحَاضِرِ.[13]وَلَكِنِّي أَحْسِبُهُ حَقّاً
مَا دُمْتُ فِي هَذَا المَسْكَنِ، أَنْ أُنْهِضَكُمْ بِالتَّذْكِرَةِ،[14]عَالِماً
أَنَّ خَلْعَ مَسْكَنِي قَرِيبٌ كَمَا أَعْلَنَ لِي رَبُّنَا يَسُوعُ المَسِيحُ
أَيْضاً.[15]فَأَجْتَهِدُ أَيْضاً أَنْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدَ خُرُوجِي تَتَذَكَّرُونَ كُلَّ
حِينٍ بِهَذِهِ الأُمُورِ.[16]لأَنَّنَا لَمْ نَتْبَعْ خُرَافَاتٍ مُصَنَّعَةً، إِذْ
عَرَّفْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ وَمَجِيئِهِ، بَلْ قَدْ كُنَّا
مُعَايِنِينَ عَظَمَتَهُ.[17]لأَنَّهُ أَخَذَ مِنَ اللهِ الآبِ كَرَامَةً وَمَجْداً
إِذْ أَقْبَلَ عَلَيْهِ صَوْتٌ كَهَذَا مِنَ المَجْدِ الأَسْنَى: هَذَا هُوَ
ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ الَّذِي أَنَا سُرِرْتُ بِهِ.[18]وَنَحْنُ سَمِعْنَا هَذَا
الصَّوْتَ مُقْبِلاً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِذْ كُنَّا مَعَهُ فِي الْجَبَلِ
المُقَدَّسِ.[19]وَعِنْدَنَا الْكَلِمَةُ النَّبَوِيَّةُ وَهِيَ أَثْبَتُ، الَّتِي
تَفْعَلُونَ حَسَناً إِنِ انْتَبَهْتُمْ إِلَيْهَا كَمَا إِلَى سِرَاجٍ مُنِيرٍ فِي
مَوْضِعٍ مُظْلِمٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَنْفَجِرَ النَّهَارُ وَيَطْلُعَ كَوْكَبُ الصُّبْحِ
فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ،[20]عَالِمِينَ هَذَا أَوَّلاً، أَنَّ كُلَّ نُبُوَّةِ الْكِتَابِ

[1]Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of
Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained
like precious faith with us through the
righteousness of God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ:[2]Grace and peace be
multiplied unto you through the
knowledge of God, and of Jesus our
Lord,[3]According as his divine power hath
given unto us all things that pertain unto
life and godliness, through the knowledge
of him that hath called us to glory and
virtue:[4]Whereby are given unto us
exceeding great and precious promises:
that by these ye might be partakers of the
divine nature, having escaped the
corruption that is in the world through
lust.[5]And beside this, giving all diligence,
add to your faith virtue; and to virtue
knowledge;[6]And to knowledge
temperance; and to temperance patience;
and to patience godliness;[7]And to
godliness brotherly kindness; and to
brotherly kindness charity.[8]For if these
things be in you, and abound, they make
you that ye shall neither be barren nor
unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.[9]But he that lacketh these
things is blind, and cannot see afar off,
and hath forgotten that he was purged
from his old sins.[10]Wherefore the rather,
brethren, give diligence to make your
calling and election sure: for if ye do these
things, ye shall never fall:[11]For so an
entrance shall be ministered unto you
abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.[12]Wherefore I will not be negligent
to put you always in remembrance of these
things, though ye know them, and be

established in the present truth.[13]Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;[14]Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.[15]Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.[16]For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.[17]For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.[18]And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.[19]We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:[20]Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.[21]For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

لَيْسَتْ مِنْ تَفْسِيرٍ خَاصٍّ،[21]لأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَأْتِ نُبُوَّةٌ قَطُّ بِمَشِيئَةِ إِنْسَانٍ بَلْ تَكَلَّمَ أُنَاسُ اللهِ الْقِدِّيسُونَ مَسُوقِينَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.