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لَا تَكُونُوا مُعَلَمِينَ كَثِيرِينَ، يَا إِخْوَتِي، عَالِمينَ أَتَّنَا نَأْخُذُ دَيْنُونَةً أَعْظَمَ. ²لاَّنْنَا فِي أَشْيَاءَ كَثِيرَةٍ نَعْثُرُ جَمِيعُنَا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدُ لاَ يَعْثُرُ فِي الْكَلاَمِ فَذَاكَ رَجُلٌ كَامِلٌ ۚ قَادِرٌ أَنْ كُلَّ الْحَسَدِ أَنْضاً. هُوَذَا الْخَبْلُ نَضَعُ اللَّحُمَ في أُفْوَاهِهَا لِكَيْ تُطَاوِعَنَا فَنُدِيرَ حِسْمَهَا كُلِّهُ. ُهُوَذَا السُّفُنُ ا أَيْضاً، وَهِيَ عَظِيمَةٌ بِهَذَا المَقْدَارِ وَتَسُوقُهَا رِيَاحٌ عَاصِفَةٌ، تُدرُهَا دَفَّةٌ صَغِيرَةٌ حِـدّاً إِلَى خَشْمَا شَاءَ قَصْدُ المُدير. ُ هَكَذَا اللَّسَانُ أَيْضاً هُوَ عُضْوٌ صَغِيرٌ وَيَفْتَخِرُ مُتَعَظِّماً، هُوَذَا نَارٌ قَلِيلَةٌ أَيَّ وُقُودٍ تُحْرِقُ. ۚ فَاللَّسَانُ عَالَمُ الإِثْمِ، هَكَذَا حُعِلَ في أَعْضَائنَا اللِّسَانُ الَّذِي يُدَ الْحِسْمَ كُلَّهُ وَبُصْرِمُ دَائِرَةَ الْكَوْنِ وَبُصْرَمُ مِنْ حَهَنَّمَ. طَبْعِ لِلْوُحُوشِ وَالطَّيُورِ وَالزَّحَّافَاتِ وَالْبَحْرِيَّاتِ وَقَدْ تَذَلُّلَ لِلطَّبْعِ ٱلْبَشَرِيِّ. ⁸َوَأُمَّا اللِّسَانُ فَلاَ يَسْتَطِيعُ أُحَدُ مِنَ النَّاسِ أَنَّ يُذَلِّلُهُ، هُوَ شَرٌّ لاَ يُضْبَطُ مَمْلُوٌّ سُمّاً مُمِيتاً، فِه نُبَارِكُ اللهَ الآبَ وَبِهِ نَلْعَنُ النَّاسَ الَّذِينَ ـ تَكَوَّنُوا عَلَى شبْه الله.¹⁰منَ الْفَمِ الْوَاحِدِ تَخْرُجُ بِبَرَكَةُ وَلَعْنَةُ، لاَ يَصْلِحُ، يَا إِخْـوَتِي، أَنْ تَكُـونَ هَـذه الأُمُـورُ هَكَذَا. 11 أَلَعَلَّ يَنْتُوعاً يُنْبَعُ مِنْ نَفْسٍ عَيْنِ وَاحِدَةِ الْعَذْبَ وَالمُرَّ ؟¹²هَلْ تَقْدرُ، يَا إِخْوَتِي، تِينَةٌ أَنْ َتَصْنَعَ زَيْتُوناً أَوْ كَرْمَةُ تِيناً؟ وَلاَ كَذَلكَ يَنْبُوعُ يَصْنَعُ مَاءً مَالحاً وَعَذْباً.

أَمْنُ هُوَ حَكِيمُ وَعَالِمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فَلْيُرِ أَعْمَالَهُ بِالتَّصَرُّفِ الْحَسَنِ فِي وَدَاعَةِ الْحِكْمَةِ. أُولَكِنْ إِنْ كَانَ لَكُمْ غَيْرَةُ مُرَّةٌ وَتَحَرُّبُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ فَلاَ تَفْتَخِرُوا وَتَكْذِبُوا عَلَى مُرَّةٌ وَتَحَرُّبُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ فَلاَ تَفْتَخِرُوا وَتَكْذِبُوا عَلَى الْحَقِّ. أَلْكَقَّ أَلْسَتُ هَذِهِ الْحِكْمَةُ لَازِلَةً مِنْ فَوْقُ بَلْ هِيَ أَرْضِيَّةُ نَفْسَانِيَّةُ شَيْطَانِيَّةٌ. أُلاَّنَّهُ حَيْثُ الْغَيْرَةُ وَالتَّحَرُّبُ فَوْقُ فَهِيَ التَّيْقِيمِ وَكُلُّ أَمْرٍ رَدِيءٍ. أَوْامًا الْحِكْمَةُ الَّتِي مِنْ فَوْقُ فَهِيَ أَوَّلًا طَاهِرَةٌ، ثُمَّ مُسَالِمَةٌ، مُتَرَفِّقَةٌ، مُذَعِنَةٌ، مُذَعِنَةٌ، مَمْلَوقَةٌ، مُذَعِنَةٌ، مَمْلُوبَةً وَالتَّذِينَ يَفْعَلُونَ وَالتَّرِيا يَفْعَلُونَ وَالتَّرَبُوبِ وَالتَّالَمِ مِنَ اللَّذِينَ يَفْعَلُونَ وَالتَّرِيَا وَنَمَرُ الْبِرِّ يُزْرَعُ فِي السَّلاَمِ مِنَ الَّذِينَ يَفْعَلُونَ وَالتَّيْلَامَ.

¹My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.² For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?¹²Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if we have bitter envying and

strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.