

¹هَنَدًا أُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكِي فَيَهَيِّئُ الطَّرِيقَ أَمَامِي. وَبَنِي يَغْتَنِّ
إِلَيَّ هَيْكَلِهِ السَّيِّئُ الَّذِي تَطْلُبُونَهُ وَمَلَائِكُ الْعَهْدِ الَّذِي
تُسَرُّونَ بِهِ. هُوَذَا بَنِي قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ. ²وَمَنْ يَحْتَمِلُ يَوْمَ
مَجِيئِهِ، وَمَنْ يَثْبُتْ عِنْدَ طَهْوَرِهِ. لِأَنَّهُ مِثْلُ تَارِ الْمُحْمَصِّ،
وَمِثْلُ أَسْتَانِ الْقَصَارِ. ³فَيَجْلِسُ مُحْمَصًا وَمُتَقَبًّا لِلْفِصَّةِ.
فَيَنْقِي بَنِي لَأَوِي وَبُصْفِيهِمْ كَالذَّهَبِ وَالْفِصَّةِ، لِيَكُونُوا
مُقَرَّبِينَ لِلرَّبِّ تَقْدِمَةً بِالْبَرِّ. ⁴فَتَكُونُ تَقْدِمَةُ يَهُودَا
وَأَوْرُسَلِيمَ مَرْضِيَّةً لِلرَّبِّ كَمَا فِي أَيَّامِ الْفَدَمِ وَكَمَا فِي
السَّنِينَ الْقَدِيمَةِ. ⁵وَأَقْتَرِبُ إِلَيْكُمْ لِلْحُكْمِ، وَأَكُونُ شَاهِدًا
سَرِيعًا عَلَى السَّحَرَةِ، وَعَلَى الْقَاسِقِينَ وَعَلَى الْخَالِفِينَ
زُورًا وَعَلَى السَّالِينَ أَجْرَةَ الْأَجِيرِ، الْأَرْمَلَةِ وَالْيَتِيمِ، وَمَنْ
يَضُدُّ الْعَرِيبَ وَلَا يَحْسَنِي، قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ. ⁶لَأَنِّي أَنَا
الرَّبُّ لَا أَتَغَيَّرُ فَأَنْتُمْ يَا بَنِي يَعْقُوبَ لَمْ تَفْتُوا. ⁷مِنْ أَيَّامِ
آبَائِكُمْ جَدْتُمْ عَنْ فَرَائِضِي وَلَمْ تَحْفَظُوهَا. ارْجِعُوا إِلَيَّ
أَرْجِعْ إِلَيْكُمْ قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ. فَقُلْتُمْ، بِمَاذَا تَرْجِعُ. ⁸أَتَسَلُبُ
الْإِنْسَانَ اللَّهَ. فَإِنَّكُمْ سَلَبْتُمُونِي. فَقُلْتُمْ، يَمَ سَلَبْنَاكَ. فِي
الْعُسُورِ وَالْيَقْدِمَةِ. ⁹قَدْ لَعْنْتُمْ لَعْنًا وَإِبَائِي أَنْتُمْ سَالِبُونَ،
هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةُ كُلُّهَا. ¹⁰هَانُوا جَمِيعَ الْعُسُورِ إِلَى الْحَرْبَةِ لِيَكُونَ
فِي بَنِي طَعَامٍ، وَجَزَّيُونِي بِهِذَا قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ، إِنْ
كُنْتُ لَا أَفْتَحُ لَكُمْ كَوَى السَّمَاوَاتِ وَأَفِيضُ عَلَيْكُمْ بَرَكَهَ
حَتَّى لَا تَوْسَعَ. ¹¹وَأَنْتَهُزُ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ الْإِكْلَ فَلَا يَفْسِدُ لَكُمْ
تَمَرُ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَا يُعَقِّرُ لَكُمْ الْكَرْمُ فِي الْحَقْلِ، قَالَ رَبُّ
الْجُنُودِ. ¹²وَيَطْوِيكُمْ كُلُّ الْأُمَمِ، لِأَنَّكُمْ تَكُونُونَ أَرْضَ
مَسَرَّةٍ، قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ. ¹³أَفَوَالَكُمْ اسْتَدْتُ عَلَى قَالَ
الرَّبِّ. وَقُلْتُمْ، مَاذَا فُلْنَا عَلَيْكَ. ¹⁴قُلْتُمْ، عِبَادَةُ اللَّهِ بَاطِلَةٌ،
وَمَا الْمَنْفَعَةُ مِنْ أَتْنَا حِفْظًا سَعَائِرُهُ، وَأَتْنَا سَلَكْنَا بِالْخُرْنِ
فُدَّامَ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ. ¹⁵وَالآنَ تَخُنْ مُطَوِّبُونَ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ
وَأَيْضًا قَاعِلُوا الشَّرَّ يَبْتُونَ. بَلْ جَزَّيُوا اللَّهَ وَتَجَوَّا. ¹⁶جَيِّدٌ
كَلِمَ مُنْفِقُوا الرَّبِّ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ قَرِيبَهُ، وَالرَّبُّ أَصْعَى وَسَمِعَ،
وَكَتَبَ أَمَامَهُ سِفْرَ تَذَكُّرَةٍ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقُوا الرَّبَّ وَلِلْمُعْكِرِينَ
فِي اسْمِهِ. ¹⁷وَيَكُونُونَ لِي قَالَ رَبُّ الْجُنُودِ فِي الْيَوْمِ
الَّذِي أَنَا صَانِعُ خَاصَّةً، وَأَشْفِقُ عَلَيْهِمْ كَمَا يَشْفِقُ
الْإِنْسَانُ عَلَى ابْنِهِ الَّذِي يَخْدُمُهُ. ¹⁸فَتَعُودُونَ وَتُمَيِّزُونَ بَيْنَ
الصَّادِقِ وَالشَّرِّيرِ، بَيْنَ مَنْ يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ لَا يَعْبُدُهُ.

¹Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. ²But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: ³And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. ⁴Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years. ⁵And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁶For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. ⁷Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith,

saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it .¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.¹³ Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?¹⁴ Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?¹⁵ And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.¹⁶ Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it , and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.¹⁷ And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.¹⁸ Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.