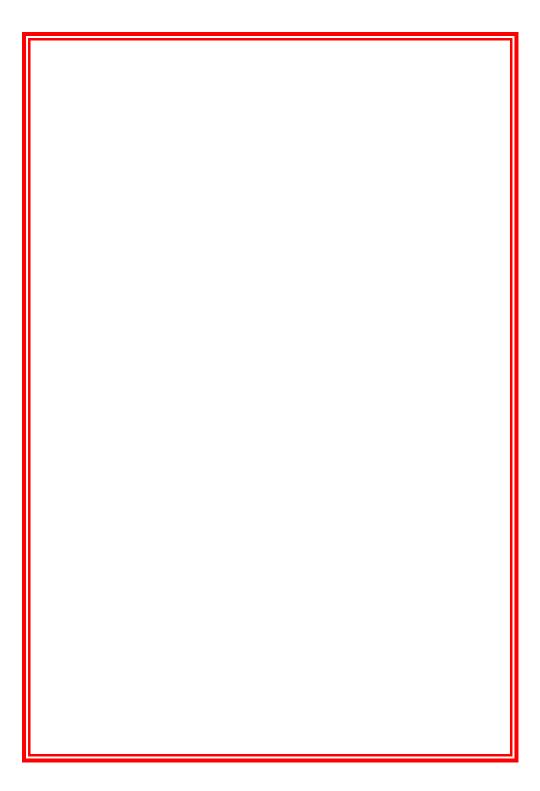


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אביב משינא



Martyr Habib in the poem of Mor Jacob Of Serugh







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مقدمة

لمناسبة مرور الف وخمسمئة سنة على انتقال شاعرنا الكبير مار يعقوب السروجي. اصدر قداسة الحبر الاعظم مار اغناطيوس افرام الثاني بطريرك انطاكية وسائر المشرق منشوراً بطريركياً، يدعو فيه ابناء الكنيسة المقدسة الى الاحتفال بهذه الذكرى المجيدة.

Preface

In early 2021 H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Aphrem II, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, the Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church issued an Apostolic Bull, declaring the year 2021 as the Jubilee year of Mor Jacob of Serugh, thus, instructing the clergy and members of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church to reflect on the life of Mor Jacob of Serugh on the passing of 1500 years since this saint, scholar, and poet of our church eternal sleep.

Here, in Perth, Western Australia, V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa featured Mor Jacob of Serugh on "The LIGHT" "NOOHRO" તાંજ્ય calendar of 2021, thus the image of this saint will be placed at the faithful's homes throughout 2021:



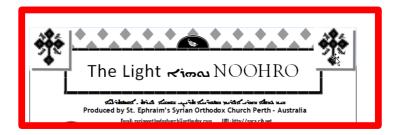
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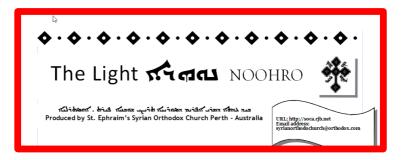
Following from the above, and as part of the activities at St. Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church, Perth – Western Australia – Australia under the leadership of V. Rev. Fr. Issa, this booklet has been collated containing the poem by Mor Jacob of Serugh that was published in 59 series in the weekly bulletin "The LIGHT" "NOOHRO" ciocal between the period 25th July 2004 and 18th September 2005. The Syriac poem verses were handwritten by V. Rev. Fr. Issa, scanned, and included in the bulletin.

The poem verses were published with their English translation in a weekly corner under the title "From our Syriac Literature" 'Habib the Martyr'. The English

translation that was mainly derived from 'Syriac documents attributed to the first three centuries, translated by Rev. B. P. Bratten, P.A., Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 38 George Street, nncooLxxl. Text edited by Rev. Alexander Roberts and James Donaldson and first published by T&T Clark in Edinburgh in 1867. Additional introductory material and notes provided for the American edition by A. Cleveland Coxe, 1886.



The header of the NOOHRO – THE LIGHT published by St. Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church – Perth – Australia for the year 2003/2004



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انمور

محمد هده وا ... همهمل مدا ومزعا والمحروا وحاصبال وهوسلا اهزاده وحمل مدوب. هو حكما وحلا ومولا وحلا وملا ومعلا ومعلا ومدار وملا ومدار ومدار

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To follow is the preface that was included the first time this poem was shared through the LIGHT:

HABIB, THE MARTYR

Saint Habib was a deacon in the village of اعركاً. Tel S-ho located near Edessa.

At the time when the Christians were persecuted, this saint started to tour the neighboring villages encouraging faithful to be strong in their faith. Thus, a decree was issued by the ruler then, to jail him, thus he handed himself in, and endured all sorts of persecution; jail, belting, and combing his body with iron combs until he earned the martyrdom honor burnt with fire on 2nd September 309.

Thus, we share with our readers, this wonderful poem, written by the great Syriac Scholar St. Jacob of Serugh on this great saint Habib.

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 39 – 25th July 2004)

Now to the poem on the martyr Habib by Mor Jacob of Serugh (451-521+).

May his supplications and prayers be with us. First will start with the ones published in Volume 9:

قِي مَدْرُونُ الْ هَمْوُنُ الْكَا سُحَّب هُرهُ وَا الْكَا سُحَّت هُرهُ وَا الْكَا سُحَّت هُرهُ وَا الْكَا وَا هَلَوْ الْمُونِ الْكَا وَا هَلُوا الْمُونِ الْكَا وَهُمْ هُوا الْمُورِ الْرَائِيَةِ الْكَا وَهُمْ مُعُودًا الْمُورِ الْرَائِيةِ الْكَا وَهُمْ مُعُودًا اللّهِ اللّهِ الْمُورِ اللّهِ اللّهِ اللّهِ اللّهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ الل

HABIB THE MARTYR

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Habib the martyr, clad in flame, hath called to me out of the fire,

That for him likewise I should fashion an image of beauty amongst the glorious.

Comrade of conquerors, lo! He beckoneth to me out of the burning.

That, as for the glory of his Lord, I should sing concerning him.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+).

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 39 – 25th July 2004)

فِي هَزِوْهُ الْ هَمْوَسُكَا مُنَّ حَدِيدًا مُفَاهِ مَنْ الْمَاهِ حَرَّهُ الْمَا لَكِ وَرُوهُ الْمَا لَكِ وَارُهُ وَ رَكِيرَهُ مَا الْمُوحُلِّةِ، مَنْ خَرِهُ وَلَا اللهِ مَنْ مُحَدَاً اللهِ مَنْ مُحَدَا اللهِ مَنْ مُحَدَد اللهُ اللهُ مَنْ مُحَدَد اللهُ اللهُ مَنْ مُحَدَد اللهُ اللهُ مَنْ مُحَدَد اللهُ الله

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -2-

Amid live coals stands the heroic man, and lo! He calleth to me.

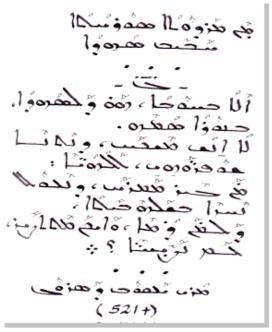
That I should fashion his image: but the blazing fire permits me not.

His love is fervid, glowing is his faith.

His fire also burneth, and who is adequate to recount his love?

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+).

(Published in Volume 9 - issue 40 - 1st August 2004)



HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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Nay, by reason of that love which led the martyr into the fire,

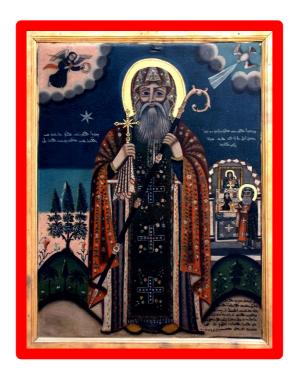
No man is able to recount his beauties divine.

For who shall dare enter and see in the blazing fire.

To whom he is like, and after what pattern he is to be fashioned among the glorious?

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+).

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 41 – 8th August 2004)



A Syriac Icon of Mor Jacob of Serugh

Well... and after conducting a comparison between the three young men, Hananiah, Michael and Azariah, who are known as Shodrach, Meshach and Abednego who were placed within the fire in Babel but did not burn (Daniel 1:11, 3:19-100), and the martyr Habib who was burned, and even we notice that St. Jacob of Serugh in this comparison prefers Habib over these three young men. Thus, he goes back describing this great martyr saying: -

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HABIB THE MARTYR

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Beloved martyr! Exalted is thy beauty; exalted is thy rank:

Graceful too thy crown, and mingled thy story with that of the glorious

Choice gold art thou, and the fire hath tried thee, and resplendent is thy beauty.

And lo! Into the King's crown art thou wrought, along with the victorious.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 42– 15th August 2004)

قِع مَدُوهُ مُا اصَهُ وَسَكَا مُحَدًا لَمُحًا ، وَحَدَهُ هُوْمَهِ وَحَرَّا لَمُحَا وَمَهَ أَس لَمُ وَمَا ، مَدَهُ الْمَهُ وَحَرَّا الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمَا مِنْ الْمَا الْم

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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Good workman! Who, in the doctrine of the Son of God, Pursueth his course like a valiant man, because of the beauty of his faith.

Habib the martyr was a teacher of that which is true. A preacher also, whose mouth was full of faith.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 - issue 43-22nd August 2004)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -6-

Watchful was he, and prompt for service; and he encouraged with his teaching.

The household of the house of God, through his faith.

Of light was he full, and he wrestled with the darkness.

Which overspread the country from the paganism which had darkened it.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 44– 29th August 2004)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

With the Gospel of the Son was his mouth filled in the congregations.

And as it were a leader of the way did, he become to the villages when he arrived in them.

Zealous he was because he was concerned for the doctrine.

Divine, that he might establish the adherents of the faith.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 – issue 45– 5th September 2004)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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At the time when the winds of the pagans blew, a lamp was he,

And flamed forth whilst they blew upon him and went not out.

All on fire was he, and filled with the love of his Lord, and was concerned.

For this – that he might speak of Him without hindrance.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 - issue 46 - 12th September 2004)

فِي مِدْرُوهُ ١١ صَهُ وَسَكَا سُحُب مِهِ هُوهُ اللهِ حَهُ خُل وَلِهُ هُلَّى، مَدْهِ حَالَوُا، مُحْمَد وَهُ هُلِي مَنْهُ وَهُ هُهِ مُحْمَد وَهُ هُلِي اللهِ مَنْهُ وَهُ وَهُ هُمَ مُكُف مُدِي اللهِ مَنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ وَهُ وَهُ هُمَا مُحَد وَوْهُ قِل اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ وَهُ هُمَا مُدَى مُدَهُ مُدَا اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ وَهُ هُمَا مُدَى مُدَهُ فَيْ اللهِ مُنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مُنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ مُنْهُ اللهِ مِنْهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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The thorns of error sprang up in the land from paganism.

And, as much as in him lay, he rooted them out by his diligence.

He taught, admonished, and confirmed in the faith. The friends of Christ, who were harassed by persecutors.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 - issue 47- 19th September 2004)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -10-

Against the sword and against fire did he wrestle,
With love hot as the flame and was not afraid.
Like a two-edged brand, keen was his faith, and against
error did he contend.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+) (Published in Volume 9 – issue 48– 26th September 2004)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

Leaven did he prove to be in this land which had become exhausted.

Through fondness for the idols of vanity which error had brought in.

He was like salt by reason of his savory doctrine. To this region, which had become insipid through unbelief.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+) (Published in Volume 9 – issue 49– 3rd October 2004)

قِع مَدْ وَهُ الْ هَهُ وَ سُلَا مَدُولُهُ الْمُدَا مَدَدُولُهُ الْمُحَدِّدُ الْمُحَدِّدُ الْمُحَدِّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدُّدُ الْمُحَدِّدُ اللَّهُ اللَّه

HABIB THE MARTYR -12-

A deacon was he, and filled the place of a high priest, By the preaching and teaching of that which is true He was to the flock a good shepherd whilst he was its overseer.

And his life he laid down for the flock while he tended it.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)
(Published in Volume 9 – issue 50 – 10th October 2004)

قَبِ مُعْزِوْهُ الْ هَهُ وَسُلَا الْ مُعْرَوْهُ الْ الْمُ مُعْرَوْهُ الْ الْمُحْدِدُهُ الْحَدَدُةُ وَهُ الْحَدُدُةُ الْحَدُدُهُ الْحَدُدُةُ اللّهُ الْحَدُدُةُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ

HABIB THE MARTYR

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He chased away the wolf and drove off from it the beast of prey.

And he repaired the breaches and gathered the lambs into their folds.

He went out secretly and encouraged the congregation.
He strengthened them, and exhorted them, and held
them up.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in Volume 9 - issue 51 - 17th October 2004)

قِهِ هَرَوْهُ الْ هَمُونُكُا اللهُ عَلَيْهُ الْمُعَالَّهُ وَهُمُ هُلِي اللهُ اللهُ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -14-

And he forged armour of faith and put it on them.

That they might not be ignominiously overthrown by the paganism which abounded

The flocks of the fold of the Son of God were being laid waste.

By persecutors: and he encouraged the lambs and the ewes.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)
(Published in Volume 9 – issue 52 – 24th October 2004)

To follow are the poem verses that were published in Volume 10 of The LIGHT − NOOHRO - ≺ioou:

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -15-

And he (Habib) was an advocate to the household of faith.

And he taught them not to be daunted by persecutors.

He taught them to run to meet death,

Without being afraid either of sword or of fire.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 1 of 31st October 2004)

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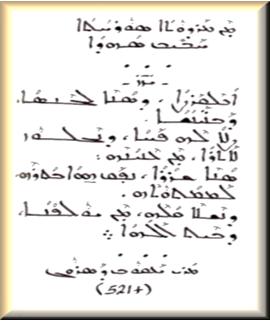
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In the teaching of the Son of God he (Habib) prospered.
So that his faith pursued its course without dread
Then Errour grew envious, because furious, and was
maddened, because of him.

And she pursued after him, that she might shed upon the earth innocent blood.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 2 of 7th November 2004)



HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -17-

The Defamer, who hates the race of men, Laid snares for him (Habib) that he might rid the place of his presence.

He who hateth the truth pursued after him to put him to death,

That he might make his voice to cease from the teaching of the house of God.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 3 of 14th November 2004)

قَدِ مُدَرَهُ وَالْ هَهُونُكُا مُحَدَّ مُحَدَّ هُمُورُا مَحُدَّ لَهُ هُلَّ ، وَبِعِ هُا مَحُدَّ مَكُرُهُ هُلُاءً وَمِكُمُ مَرَّ مُكَادُ اللَّهُ الْمُحَدِّ وَمِعَوْلًا اللَّهِ المُحَدِّ وَمِحَدُّا اللَّهُ اللْم

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -18-

And errour (i.e., error) raised an outcry demanding that Habib should die, because she hated him.

Vexation goaded her on, and she sought to take away his life.

His story was talked about before the pagan judge of the country.

And the dear fame of him reached the king, who in great rage.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 4 of 21st November 2004)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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And because the diadem was interwoven with paganism, decreed death.

Against Habib because he was full of faith.

And, when the command reached the judge, he armed himself.

With rage and fury; and with a mind thirsting for blood.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 5 of 28th November 2004)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -20-

And life hunters who lay nets for the young stage,
After Habib did, they go out to catch him?
But this man was a preacher of the faith,
Who in the highway of the crucifixion was prospering?

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 6 of 5th December 2004)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -21-

And that he (Habib) might benefit by his teaching the children of his people,

His work embraced the countries round about him.

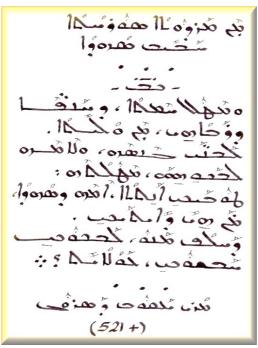
So, when error went out after him, she found him not;

Not that he was fled, but that he had gone out to

preach the Gospel.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

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Then because of the fury of the pagans, which was great beyond all that was met,

His (Habib) kindred and his mother did they seize for his sake.

Blessed art thou, O woman! Mother since thou art of the martyr.

For wherefore was it that they seized thee and bound thee, iniquitously?

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -23-

What do they require of thee (Habib's Mother), O thou full of beauty? What, I ask, have they required of thee? Lo! They require of thee that thou bring the martyr, that he may be a sacrifice.

Bring, oh bring thy sweet fruit to the place of the oblation ...

The fruit whose smell is fragrant, that it may be incense to the Godhead.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -24-

Fair Shoot (Habib's mother) thy cluster bring from where it is,

That its wine may be for a libation whose taste is sweet.

The lamb (Habib) heard that they were seeking him,
that he might be a sacrifice.

And he set out and came to the sacrificers rejoicing.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -25-

He (Habib) heard that others also were being afflicted for his sake,

And he came that he might bear the suffering, which was his, in the stead of many.

The lot fell on him, to be himself alone a sacrifice.

And the fire that was to offer him up was looking out for him until he came.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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رَبِّ مِرْدُوْهُ الْ هَهُوْسُكَا مَرْ مَرْدُوْهُ الْ هَمُوْمُ الْكَالَةِ وَسَطَّعْتَ رَصَّهُ الْمَا وَسَطَّعْتَ رَصَّهُ الْمَا وَسَطُّعْتَ رَصَّهُ الْمَا وَسَطُّمْ الْمَا مُوْمِوْهُ الْمَا وَسَطُلَهُ فَ رَصَّهُ اللّهِ وَسَلَّمُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللل

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -26-

Of the many who were bound for his (Habib) sake
Not one single person was seized to die, but only he.
He it was that was worthy, and for him was martyrdom
reserved.

And to snatch the martyr's place no man was able.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -27-

And therefore, of his own will did he (Habib) himself. To the judge, that he might be seized, and die for Jesus' sake.

He heard that they sought him, and he came that he might be seized, even as they sought him.

And he went in of himself before the judge, and dauntless was his look.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

He (Habib) hid not himself, nor did he wish to flee from the judge.

For with light was he imbued, and from the darkness he would not flee.

No robber was he, no murderer, no thief, No child of night; but his entire course was run in open day.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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مَ مَدُوهُ الْ مَصُونِ الْ الْمُتُ مَّ هُرهُ وَالْ مَصُونِ الْمُتُ مَا مُوهُ وَالْمُتُ مَا مُوهُ وَالْمَا مُرَّا مُكَالًا وَلَمْ الْمُكَالَّا وَلَمْ الْمُكَالِّ وَلَمْ الْمُكَالِّ وَلَمْ الْمُكَالَّا وَلَمْ الْمُكَالِّ وَلَمْ الْمُكَالِّ وَلَمْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -29-

Wherefore from his flock should the good shepherd (Habib) flee.

And leave his fold to be devoured by robbers?
Wherefore should the physician flee, who goeth forth to heal diseases.

And to cure souls by the blood of the Son of God?

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -30-

A fearless countenance did the brave man carry with him, and a great heart.

And to meet death he ran, rejoicing, for Jesus sake. He went in, he stood before the judge, saying to him: I am Habib, whom ye sought lo! Here I stand.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -31-

And the pagan trembled, and amazement seized him, and he marvelled at him...

At the man who was not afraid, either of sword or of fire.

While he thought that he was fleeing apace, he entered in and mocked him.

And the judge shook, for he saw him courageous in the very face of death.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 17 of 20th February 2005)

قَرِ مُدْزِهِ وَالْمُ صَوْفِيْكُا مُنْجُ مُدُرِهِ وَمُنْ وَحَرَّ الْأُوا، رَهُو وَا هَلُمْ رَهِ رَهُو وَحَرَّ الْأُوا، رَهُو وَا هَلُمْ رَهِ رَهُو وَحَرَّ الْأُوا، رَهُو وَ مَوْهُ مِهِ لَاهُ اللَّهِ وَرَهُو وَ مُعْلَمِ وَ مَوْهُ مِهِ لَاهُ اللَّهِ وَرَهُو وَمُعْلَمِ وَ مَوْهُ مِنْ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ وَرَهُو وَمُعْلَمِ وَ مَوْهُ مِنْ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ وَمُونَ وَمُونَا وَكُلُوهُ وَاللَّا اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللْهُ اللَّهُ الللْهُ الللْهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللْهُ الللْهُ الللْهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللْهُ الللْهُ اللَّهُ اللْهُ الللْهُ الللَّهُ اللَ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -32-

A disciple (Habib) of that Son of God who said: "Rise, come, let us go for he hat betrayeth me lo! Is here." And to the crucifiers, again, He said "Who seek ye?" They say: "Jesus" And He said to them "I am He."

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+) (Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 18 of 27th February 2005)

قَرِ مُدزِهِ هُ الْ صَفَّةُ وَسُلَا مُنَّ مُعُرَّهُ الْ صَفَّةُ وَسُلَا مُنَّ مُعُرَّهُ اللَّهُ مُنَّ مُنَّ مُنَّ مُنَّ مُنَا مُنَّ مُنَا مُنَا

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

The Son of God of His own will come to the cross.

And on Him the martyr looked and presented himself uncompelled before the judge.

And the pagan beheld him, and saw smitten with fear, and was exasperated against him.

His rage was excited, and he began in his fury to put to him questions.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 19 of 6th March 2005)

قَحْ مَدْوِهُ الْ صَهُونُ الْمَا مَدْوَهُ الْمَا مَدْوَهُ الْمَا مَدَوْهُ الْمَا مَدَاوُكُا، وَلَا مِنْ كَاوْكُا، وَلَا مِنْ الْمَا وَ صَلَّمْ الْمَا وَصَلَّا الْمَا مَدْالْ الْمَا وَصَلَّا الْمَا مَدْالْ الْمَا الْمَا الْمَا الْمَا الْمَا الْمَا الْمَالِينَ اللَّهِ مَا الْمُنْ اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا مَدْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا مَدْ اللَّهُ مَا مَدْ اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ مَا مَدْ اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ وَمُعَادُ وَمَا مَدْ اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّا اللَّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ ا

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -34-

And, as if he had been one who had shed on the ground the blood of the slain,

He proceeded to question the saintly man, but he was not ashamed:

Menacing him, and trying to terrify him, and to frighten him.

And recounting the sufferings which were being prepared by him on his account.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -35-

But Habib, when questioned, was not afraid, Was not ashamed and was not frightened by the menaces he heard.

Lifting up his voice, he confessed Jesus, the Son of God That he was His servant, and was His Priest, and His Minister

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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مَعْ مَدْنِهِ هُنَا الْمَصْوَفِيْكَا الْمُحْدِهِ هُنَا الْمُحْدِهِ مُنَا الْمُحْدِهِ الْمُحْدِةِ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدُةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدُةُ الْمُحْدُةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْمُحْدِةُ الْم

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -36-

At the fury of the pagans, roaring at him like lions, He trembled not, nor ceased from the confession of the Son of God.

He was scourged, and the scourging was very dear to him.

Seeing that he bore a little of the stripes of the Son of God.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -37-

He was put into bonds, and he looked on his Lord, whom also they had bound.

And his heart rejoiced that in the path of His sufferings he had begun to walk.

He ascended the block, and they tore him with combs, but his soul was radiant with light,

Because he was deemed worthy that on him should come the agony of the suffering of crucifixion.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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فَحْ مُحْرَوْ مُنَا هَهُوْسُكَا الْمُنَا وَهُمَا الْمَهُولِمَةُ وَالْمَا وَهُمَا الْمَعُمِّرِ وَمُعَا الْمُونُونِ الْمُعَلِّمُ الْمَعَا وَهُمُعَا وَهُمُ الْمُعَا وَهُمَا وَهُمُ الْمُعَالَّمُ وَهُمَا وَهُمُ اللَّهُ اللَّ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -38-

In the pathway of death had he set his face to walk,
And what could he desire to find in it but suffering?
The fire of sacrifice was betrothed to him, and for her
did he look.

And she (the fire) on her part sent him combs, and stripes, and pains, to taste.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -39-

All the while that she (the fire) was coming, she sent him sufferings, that by means of them,

he might be prepared, so that when she met him she might not dismay him.

Sufferings purged him, so that, when the blazing fire should put him to the proof. There might not be any dross found in his choice gold.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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فَى مَدْرِهِ هُ الْ هَمْ وَسُكَا الْمُحَدِّ الْهُ مَ لَمُكْرِهُ مَا الْمُهُ وَالْمَا وَ الْمُحَدِّ الْمُهُ الْمُحَدِّ الْمُعُ مُ الْمُكَا وَ الْمُحَدِّ الْمُحَدِي الْمُحَدِّ الْمُحْدِي الْمُحَدِّ الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحَدِّ الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِي الْمُحْدِ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -40-

And he endured the whole of the pains that came upon him,

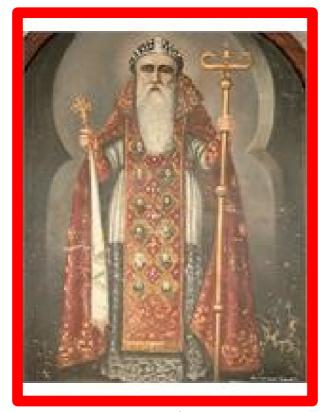
That he might have experience of suffering, and in the burning stand like brave man.

And he accepted rejoicing the sufferings which he had to bear.

For he knew that at their termination he should find death

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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Mor Jacob of Serugh

In the previous forty extracts from this poem, Mor Jacob of Serugh was trying to explain to us the great faith of this saint and deacon Habib and all the citizens of Edessa, he tells us about the verdict that was issued by the judge against this saint saying:

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -41-

The judge, therefore, full of seal for paganism, commanded.

That the martyr should be led forth and burned in the fire which was reserved for him.

And forthwith a strap was thrust into his mouth, as though he had been a murderer.

His confession being kept within his heart towards God.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 29 of 15th May 2005)

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And they hurried him away, and he went out from the judgment-hall, rejoicing.

That the hour was come when the crown should be given to his faith.

And there went out with him crowds of people, that they might bear him company.

Looking upon him, not as a dead man accompanied to his burial.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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Mor Jacob of Serugh

To establish the connection in the mind of our readers, we hereby repeat the last verse of what was published in the previous issue of the LIGHT of part 42 of this poem as Mor Jacob of Serugh describes the huge number of people who accompanied the saint Habib: -

رَجْ مَدْوِهُ الْ هَمْ وَسُكَا سُصَّتُ مُمُوهُ الْ اللَّا صُحَالًا وَاللَّهِ لَـرَهُمَا، وَاللَّا حَكِلًا وَلِكُمْ وَمُهُ مُنالًا حَكِلًا وَلِكُمْ وَمُهُ مُسَنَّ رَمِهُ حَدَهِ اللَّهِ وَحَدُرًا، مُسَنَّ رَمِهُ حَدَهِ اللَّهِ وَحَدُرًا، و مَثْرُ فَهُ مَا لَيْهُ اللَّهِ وَمَعَالًا . و مَثْرُ فَهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ وَمَعْلَا اللَّهِ اللَّهِ وَمَعْلَا اللَّهِ اللَّهُ الْمُعْلِمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُعْمِلُولُولُولِي اللْمُواللَّهُ الْمُعْلِمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُعْلِمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُوالِمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُوالِمُ الللْمُولِلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُوالِمُولِمُ الل

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -43-

Looking upon him, not as a dead man accompanied to his burial, but as a man who was going away that by means of fire, he might become a bridegroom and that there might be bestowed the crown which was by righteousness reserved for him. They looked upon him as upon a man entering battle, and around him were spears, and lances, and words, but he vanquished them.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 31 of 29th May 2005)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -44-

Following onto the events described in the previous issue of the LIGHT under series 43: -

They (i.e., the crowds) beheld him going up like a champion from the contest, and in his triumph, chaplets were brought to him by those who beheld. They looked upon him as he vanquished principalities and powers.

Which all made war with him, and he put them to shame.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 32 of 5th June 2005)

قَلِي مُدَوْ وَمُا صَفَوْنِهُا مَخَب مُعره وَا مِنْ رَحُهُا خَره، خَلْره فَعمُا، وُهمَّ مُنْدُا : وَهمَّ مَنْدُا اللَّهُ اللَّهُولِي اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُولِلَّ اللْمُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الل

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+)

Today, we continue the description of the funeral of this great saint and martyr in a form of poem by St.

Jacob of Serugh: -

The whole congregation of the followers of Christ exulted over him, because he raised up the friends of the faith by the suffering, which he bore. There went forth with him the Church, a bride full of light; And her face was beaming on the beloved martyr who was united to her.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 33 of 12th June 2005)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -47-

Hither to the battle came down love to fight, in the mother's soul... the love of nature, and the love of God. She looked upon her son as he went forth to be put into the flame; And, forasmuch as there was in her the love of the Lord, she suffered not.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 35 of 26th June 2005)

فَدِ مَدُوهُ مَا صَفَّهُ فِسُكَا مَسَّ مَ مَدَ فَهُ مَهُ وَاللَّهُ مَا وَسَمَّ اللَّهُ مَا وَمُنْ هُوهُ وَالْمَا فَكَمَ، وَلَا يَمَا وَفَنْهُمُ وَالْمَا فَكَمَ، وَلَا يَمَا مُلِكَا مَلْكَا، مَلَا رَفَّهُ مُلَا، وَمَنْ اللَّهُ مِلْكَا، مَلَا رَفَّهُ مُلَا، ومَنْ وَهُ مُلَا، مَلَا رَفَّهُ مُلَا، مَلَا رَفَّهُ مُلَا، ومَنْ وَمُونَا مُلَا، مَلَا رَفَّهُ مُلَا، ومَنْ وَمُونَا مُلَادَةً وَلَا أَوْلَمُ وَمُونَا مُرْفِي مُلِفَقُ وَمُونَا مُلَادَةً وَلَا الْمُونَا مُرْفِي مُلِفَقُ وَهُوفَا (521)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -48-

The yearnings of her mother's womb cried out on behalf of its fruit.

But faith silenced them, so that their tumult ceased. Nature shrieked over the limb which was severed from her;

But the love of the Lord intoxicated the soul, that she should not perceive it.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 36 of 3rd July 2005)

مِنْ مُوْدِهُ مُا صَفْوْ سُنَكُا ا سُحُّت هُوهُ وَا سُحُّت هُوهُ وَا سُحُّت هِمُ الْمُنَا، هَوْسَمُّكَا مُنْا، حَبُّوْا نَرِسُكَا حَبُوا نَرِسُكَا حَبُوا نَرِسُكَا حَبُوا نَرِسُكَا مُلْكَمُّ حُرَة مُلْكَمُّ حُرَة مُلْكَمُّ الْمُنَا الْمَالِمَةِ مَنْا مُلْكَمُ اللَّهُ الْمَالِمَةِ الْمَالِمَةِ الْمَالِمَةِ مَنْا مُنْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ الْ

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -49-

Nature loved, but the love of the LORD did conquer in the strife.

Within the soul of the mother, that she should not grieve for her beloved.

And instead of suffering her heart was filled with all emotions of joy;

And, instead of mourning, she went forth in splendid apparel.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 37 of 10th July 2005)

قِي هُرَوهُ الصَّهُ وَمَالاً مَصُوراً مَنْ اللهِ مَنْ اللهِ مَنْ اللهُ اللهِ مَنْ اللهُ ا

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -50-

And she (his mother) accompanied him as he went out to be burned, and was elate,

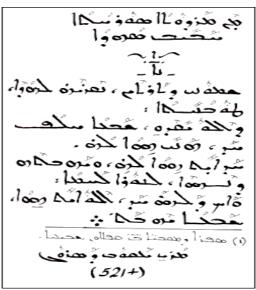
Because the LOVE of the LORD vanquished that of nature

And clad in white, as for a bridegroom, she made a marriage-feast...

She the mother of the martyr and was blithe because of him.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -51-

At the commencement of this section of this great poem, the poet Mor Jacob of Serugh establishes a comparison between the mother of the martyr St. Habib, and St. Shmouneh the mother of the seven children that we read about in the book of Maccabees [2 Maccabees—Chapter 7] "Shmouneh the Second" may we call this blessed one: Since, had seven been burned instead of one, she had been well content.

One she had, and she gave him to be food for the fire. And, even as that one, if she had seven, she had given them all.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

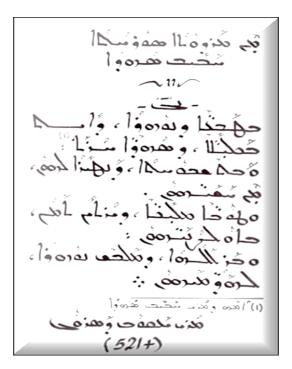
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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -52-

He was cast into the fire, and the blaze kindled around him; And his mother looked on and grieved not at his burning. Another eye, which gazeth upon the things unseen, was in her soul, and by reason of this she exulted when he was being burned.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+) (Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 40 of 31st July 2005)



HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -53-

On the gems of light which are in martyrs' crowns she [the mother of Habib the Martyr] looked.

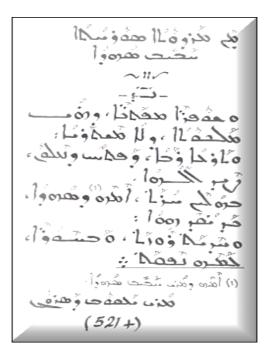
And on the glory which is laid up for them after their suffering.

And on the promised blessing which they inherit yonder through their afflictions,

And on the Son of God who clothes their limbs with light.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 41 of 7th August 2005)



HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -54-

And on the manifold beauties of that kingdom which shall not be dissolved.

And on the ample door which is opened for them to enter God.

On these did the martyr's mother [the mother of Habib the Martyr] look when he was being burned.

And she rejoiced, she exalted, and in white she went forth with him.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 42 of 14th August 2005)

فَيْ مَدْوَهُ مُا هَهُوْمُكُا مَهُوْمُكُا مَدَدَهُ مَدُوهُ الْمَهُومُ الْمَهُومُ الْمَهُومُ الْمُحَدِّمُ مَدُومُ الْمُحَدِّمُ مَدْوهُ الْمُحَدِّمُ مَدُومُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ الْمُحَدِّمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُلِلْمُ اللَّهُ اللللللْمُلِلْمُ الللللْمُلِلْمُ الللللل

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -55-

She [the mother of Habib the martyr] looked upon him while the fire consumed his frame,

And, for as much as his crown was very noble, she grieved not.

The sweet root was thrown into the fire, upon the coals.

And it turned to incense and cleansed the air from pollution.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(Published in the LIGHT - Volume 10 - Issue 43 of 21st August 2005)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -56-

With the fumes of sacrifice had the air been polluted.

And by the burning of this martyr was it cleansed.

The firmament was fetid with the exhalations from the

altars.

And there rose the sweet perfume of the martyr, and it grew sweet thereby.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+) (Published in the LIGHT – Volume 10 – Issue 44 of 28th August 2005)

قَمْ هُرُوهُ مُا صَفَّةُ سُكَا مُحَدَّ مُحَدَّهُ مُرَا مُحَدَّهُ مُكَا مُحَدَّهُ مُكَا مُحَدَّهُ مُكَا مُحَدَّهُ مُكَا مُحَدَّهُ مُكَا مُحَدَّ مُحَدَّ الْأَمْكِلَا مُحَدَّ مُحَدِّ رَحُمُ مُحَدَّ مُحَدِّ الْمُحَلِّلَا مُحَدَّ مُحَدِّ رَحُمُ الْمُحَلِّلَا مُحَدَّ مِحَدِّ رَحُمُ الْمُحَلِّلَا مُحَدِّ مِحَدِّ رَحُمُ الْمُحَلِّلَا الْمُحَلِّ الْمُحَلِّلَا الْمُحَلِيلًا الْمُحَلِّلَا الْمُحْلِقُ الْمُحْلِقِ الْمُحْلِقِي الْمُحْلِقِ الْمُحْلِقِ الْمُحْلِقِي الْمُحْلِقِ الْمُحْلِقِي الْمُحْلِقِ الْمُحْلِقِي الْمُحْل

مَدِي مُعِمَّهُ عَ وَجَعِمَ فَي (521+)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -57-

...And the sacrifices ceased, and there was peace in the assemblies.

And the sword was blunted; that it should no more lay waste the friends of Christ.

With Scharbil (1) it began, with Habib it ended, in our land.

And from that time even until now not one has it shine since he was burned.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(1) Mor Scharbil the Marty was a Pagan Priest then converted to Christianity at the hands of Mor Barsamyo, Bishop of Edessa, joined the martyrs in the year 105.

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مَن مَنو هُ ١١ حمة وسكا شَصَّت مُعرهوًا أَصْكُم رِصُوا كُره، حَدُ ﴿ يَكُمُ مُنَّاءُ مُنَّاءً وَّد أَمُّتُ ا : ه مُحمِّه رِصِّدًا، لَكُمُ وَمُلْكُمُا، ه صُع شل وُسُمِره . أَلْأُحْرِنَا رَهُمُا ، خُزِيْنُ وُهِكًا، وُحاَّدُهُ عُالَ ، ه فِي مُصُرِلُوه ، وهُسوا الله لائم لا وْ عزَّلْ .. (١) مَكْم مَكُمُ اللَّهُ عَدَى مَنْ اللَّهِ عَلَى مِنْ مُكْدِي مِنْ مُنْ اللَّهِ مِنْ مُكْدِي مِنْ مُ و تَوْكُنُ مُلْحُكًا هِفُهُ وَمُنْكُمْ أَوْلَمُكَمِنْ مِنْ لَكُمْ مُنْ أَمَا وَإِ مُدِي مُنصَفُح وَمَعَرَفِي

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HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -58-

Constantine (1), chief of conquerors, took the empire,
And the cross has trampled on the diadem of the
emperor and is set upon his head.
Broken is the lofty horn of idolatry,
And from the burning of the martyr even until now not
one has it pierced.

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

(1) Emperor Constantine 274-337, is the son of Queen Helena the Syriac, who was in Edessa

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بْنِهِ مَكْزُوهُ لِلَّا حِيثُهُ وَسُكًّا ا مُنْدُّت مُعره وُا ۔ نگ مكم النوء وصل كمزا، لأكْسِومُاا ؛ ةُ الْمُكُنَّفُ شَوهُ اللَّهُ وُولِكُسِ مْح سُيعِفُ ١١. وُ حَتْمُ ثِيرِهِ ، أَلَاؤِتُ بِهِ أَلَاؤِتُ بِهُ أَ، أَلَاذًا خُذُ وهِ: حزبر رمه وعرف کره ، حلگا ه حدُ حساء ه حفظ إِدًا ، x مكن مُلحقُ ع وَحَافِي (521+)

HABIB THE MARTYR (309+) -59-

His smoke arose, and it became incense to the Godhead.

And by it was the air purged which was tainted by paganism

And by his burning was the whole land cleansed. Blessed be he that gave him a crown, and glory, and a good name!

St. Jacob of Serugh (521+)

THE END

With these verses we come to the end of the poem by St. Jacob of Serugh on the life and death of St. Habib the Martyr, may their prayers be with all of us, Amen.

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ملاحظة:

لمناسبة مرور الف وخمسمئة سنة على انتقال الشاعر السرياني الكبير، مار يعقوب السروجي الشاعر السرياني: الحث وهو بعنوان: "من روائع الادب السرياني: الشهيد حبيب في شعر مار يعقوب السروجي" والذي سبق ونشر في كتاب "دراسات دينية، تاريخية وادبية" الصادر في بيرث – غرب استراليا – استراليا سنة 2020 للاب بطرس توما ص 129.

من روائع الادب السرباني. الشميد حبيب في شعر مار يعقوب السروجي

الشعر السرياني ولاسيما المسيحي منه، شعر الروعة والجمال. فيه ترتفع النفس المؤمنة الى عالم الروح الواسع، تاركة المادة ومغرياتها. انه شعر الفضائل الالهية الثلاث: الايمان والرجاء

والمحبة. لا يبغي التكسب ولا يرغب في المادة. ومن هنا نرى الشاعر السرياني ينسج قصيدته بعاطفة روحية صافية.

في الثاني من ايلول، تذكر الكنيسة المقدسة، الشماس الشهيد مار حبيب، الذي نال اكليل الشهادة حرقاً في اليوم المذكور من سنة 309. فدوّن سيرته الاديب السرياني الرهاوي، الكاتب ثاوفيلس.

كان حبيب من قرية تل صها القريبة من مدينة الرها. عرف بغيرته الوقادة على نشر الكلمة الانجيلية، حتى انه، وبالرغم عن الاضطهاد العنيف الذي اثير على المسيحية، كان يتنقل من بلدة الى بلدة، واعظاً ومرشداً داعياً الناس الى التمسك بالايمان الحق، والاعتراف بالرب يسوع الهاً ومخلصاً.

لقد خص الشاعر السرياني الكبير، القديس ما ريعقوب السروجي (451 – 521+) هذا الشهيد بقصيدة، اعتبرت من عيون الادب السرياني $^{\mathrm{1}}$.

تقع هذه القصيدة العصماء في 342 سطراً، فيها يرسم الملفان الكبير، صوراً شعرية مرهفة عن هذا القديس الشهيد.

وفيما يلي ندرس هذه القصيدة ذاكرين اهم واروع هذه الصور البديعة.

يقول مار يعقوب في مطلع قصيدته:

"انها دعوة كريمة، يوجهها اليّ الشهيد حبيب من خلال النار، لارسم له صورة محاسن وفضائل، تضعه في مصاف الظافرين"

¹ البطريرك افرام الاول. اللؤلؤ المنثور. الطبعة الخامسة حلب 1987 ص 194

"ها ان خدين "المنتصر"² يشير اليّ من وسط الحريق طالياً ان اخبر بمجد سيده، بدلاً عنه"

"هناك ، وبين جمرات تلتهب، يقف شخص داعياً اياي لتبيان مثاله! ولكن كيف السبيل الى هذا . والسلهبة لا تسمح؟!"

"ان حبه يفور، وايمانه يضطرم. اما ناره فمتقدة!! ومن هو القادر على التحدث عنه"؟!

بهذه الابيات "الدعوة" يفتتح مار يعقوب انطلاقته هذه الشاعرية ليلج من ثم الباب الواسع، والذي من خلاله سيحدثنا شاعرنا الكبير عن هذا الشهيد العظيم.

وما ذاك الباب المشرع على مصراعيه، الى الحب الحقيقي الذى تحلى به حبيب، والذي حمله

² المنتصر هو الرب يسوع تقدس اسمه. القائل "انا غلبت العالم" (يوحنا 33:16)

على الاندفاع، وبكل قوة، نحو النار، والدخول الى قلبها الملتهب. يقول مار يعقوب:

"ليس بمقدور انسان، ان يتحدث عن هذا الشهيد، ولا عن محاسنه المقدسة، الا من خلال الحب الذي دفع به الى داخل النار"!

وهنا يقيم الشاعر الملهم، مقارنة فنية رائعة، بين الفتية الثلاثة الذين وضعوا في اتون بابل³، والشهيد حبيب فيقول:

"اولئك لم يحترقوا. اما هذا فقد احترق" ، ويتساءل: "ترى هل هناك من يتجاسر ، فيفضّل اولئك على هذا؟ او يجعل هذا مرذولاً امام اولئك الثلاثة"؟

³ دانيال 1: 6 ، 7 و 3 : 13 – 30

وبعد طرح هذه الاسئلة ينتقل شاعرنا الكبير ليذكر الشخص الرابع الذي ظهر مع الفتية الثلاثة في الاتون، فيعلن: "ان ذاك الرابع كان يرمز الى هذا الذي احترق. وحينذاك يصبح حبيب المحترق هو الرابع لدى "المنتصر" لا بل ان حبيباً هذا احصي مع الظافرين" وبهذا يفضله على الفتية الذين لم يحترقوا ويقول:

"هذا الذي احترق، اسمى جمالاً وبهاء من الثلاثة"

واذ يختم المقارنة باعطاء الشهيد هذه الكرامة، يدخل مار يعقوب قدس اقداس التدبير الالهي فيقول:

"التدبير هو لله جل شأنه. واسمه القدوس، يتمجد حيث انقذ او امات. فلو امر الرب النار بحرق اولئك الثلاثة لاحترقوا من ساعتهم. ولو اشار – جلّ

⁴ دانيال 3 : 24 – 28

شأنه - عليها بعدم حرق هذا، لما احترق. وحينذاك لا تكون نجاته من خاصته. فواحد هو اذن بهاء غير المحترق والمحترق. لان الارادة هي واحدة."

ثم يشرع الشاعر العملاق في رسم صور بديعة للشهيد ويخاطبه قائلاً:

"ما ابهى جمالك! وما اسمى مقامك ايها الشهيد "الحبيب""!

"ما اجمل اكليلك! لان سيرتك سيرة الظافرين..."!

"انت ذهب مختار، واذ فحصتك ومحصتك النار... بدا جمالك الفتان، ولذلك وضعت في تاج المليك، صحبة الغالبين" "ان حبيباً هذا عامل مجد في حقل تعاليم الله. وهو يسعى، بكل جهد ونشاط، الى اظهار جمالها وروعتها".

ونظراً لخدمات حبيب الجلى، وتفانيه المستمر في سبيل نشر الكلمة وتبديد سجف الوثنية يقول مار يعقوب في حقه:

"لقد اضحى "حبيب" المشعل الوضاء ، فلم تقو رياح الوثنيين على اخماده" "ايمان حبيب سيف ذو حدين، وبه يحارب الضلال"

"اصبح حبيب خميرة في منطقة ابتليت بفطير الاصنام"

"كان حبيب ملحا⁵ في هذا الناحية الفاسدة بالكفر والجحود"

"كان شماسا، غير انه قام مقام الكاهن بالوعظ والتعليم الصحيح"

"اضحى حبيب راعياً، فبذل نفسه عن الخراف"

"اقام حبيب سوراً للحظيرة6. وفيها جمع الاغنام بعيدة عن الذئاب"

⁵ متى 15 : 13 ومرقس 9 : 50

⁶ يوحنا 10 : 1

"لقد سكّ حبيب سلاحاً من ايمان. قلّد به المؤمنين لئلا تستولي الوثنية عليهم. انه المحامي الذي دافع عن ابناء الايمان ملقنا اياهم عدم الخوف. . . لا من السيف ولا من النار."

بعد هذه الاوصاف التي اوردناها ملخصة. ينتقل مار يعقوب ليحدثنا عن المؤامرة الدنيئة التي حيكت ضد حبيب فيقول:

"لقد اغرى الحسد صدر الضلال، معتوها ومجنوناً ، فتعقب حبيباً ليسفك دما بريئاً على الارض"

"ان الثلاب، عدو الجنس البشري، نصب فخاخه ليحرم المنطقة (أي منطقة الرها وتخومها) من كلام الذي انتشرت اخبار نشاطه، فتلقفها الولاة، ووصلت الملك المرتوى غضباً"

"صدر حكم الموت على الحبيب المفعم ايماناً. وبدأ البحث عنه. اما هو فكان

يطوف ناشراً الايمان ومشجعاً المؤمنين، جاداً في طريق الالام والصلب. فلم يظفر به الضلال"

"لم يهرب حبيب، بل خرج للتبشير" "تعاظم غضب المضطهدين... واذ فشلوا في اعتقاله. وتغطية لفشلهم ذاك، عمدوا الى اعتقال والدته وابناء عشريته".

وهنا يوجه مار يعقوب حديثه نحو هذه الام فيقول:

"طوباك ايتها الامرأة... اياً كنت! يا ام الشهيد... لماذا القوا عليك الايدي؟ الكي تجلبي لهم الشهيد، فيكون ذبيحة؟ هاتي اذن... قدمي "ثمرة" بطنك ليصير قرباناً. ان رائحته ذكية! اجل، انه عطر، لله، طاهر"

"ايه ايتها الجفنة الجميلة! هاتي عنقودك من حيث هو ليعصر، فيصير خمرة جيدة طبية المذاق."

وبعد هذا نرى الفارس المغوار الذي لا يشق له غبار، والشاعر الملهم مار يعقوب، يعود ليخبرنا عن الشهيد فيقول:

"اما الحمل... وقد سمع انه مطلوب ليصير ذبيحة... فقد اقبل نحو القصابين، فرحاً، مغتبطاً، مسروراً." "عرف ان غيره يحتمل الالام بسببه، فجاء ليحمل هو الامه بدلاً عن كثيرين"

كانت القرعة ان يكون هو وحده التقدمة. وان النار تنتظره. انه اذن آت لا محالة. وبهذا لم يمت واحذ من المعتقلين، اذ كان الموت من نصيبه! انه يستحق هذه الشهادة المحفوظة له. وليس بمقدور آخر ان يختلس مركزه في ذلك!!.

لذلك جاء الى الحاكم بملء ارادته. ليعتقل ويقتل حباً بيسوع. سمع انه مطلوب... فاقبل نزولاً عند رغبة الطالبين.

"مثل بين يدي الحاكم بوجه سافر! لم يرغب في الهرب. ولم يرض في الاختفاء! انه مستنار فلا يهاب الظلام!" "وماكان حبيب قاتلاً ولا مجرماً"

"ما كان سارقاً ولا ابن الليل⁷. بلا عاملاً مجداً في وضح النهار"

"اذن لماذا يتهرب الراعي الصالح من خدمة الرعية، فيتركها فريسة للصوص؟" "لماذا يهرب الطبيب الخارج في امل شفاء الامراض، وتضميد النفوس بدم ابن الله؟"

"ان لحبيب دالةً غظيمة، وقلباً كبيراً! ولذلك توجه نحو الموت لاجل يسوع مغتبطاً مسروراً"

"ها انه يتقدم من الحاكم مصرحاً ومعلناً: انا هو حبيب الواقف امامكم وبحسب طلبكم"!

وهنا يرسم مار يعقوب صورة قاتمة لذاك الحاكم المستبد فيقول: -

"اضطرب الغاشم منذهلاً محتاراً!"

"ارتبك الآثم بهذا الآتي الذي لا يهاب السيف ولا النار"

"ظن ان حبيباً قد هرب خوفاً. غير انه يعاينه الآن واقفاً امامه، ساخراً به وبأحكامه!"

"اجل لقد اضطرب حين راه مقبلا على الموت! وحبيب تلميذ نجيب لابن الله القائل "قوموا ننطلق . فها هو الذي يسلمني قد اقترب" (متى 26:46). ويسأل يسوع الصالبين "من تطلبون" فقالوا له "يسوع الناصري" فقال لهم يسوع "انا هو" (يوحنا 18:4 و 5)

"اجل! بارادته جاء ابن الله ليموت، واليه نظر الشهيد فجاء بنفسه ووقف امام الحاكم"

"المحكمة تبدو غريبةً... فالحاكم واعوانه مضطربون، والمحكوم عليه مغتبط مسرور. لقد استحق ان ينال، ولو قسطاً بسيطاً، من الآم سيده. لقد وضع ذاته على طريق الموت. فماذا ينتظر الا الضرب والجلد"؟

وما اجمل الكنية التي اطلقها مار يعقوب على النار. لقد وصفها "بالخطيبة المنتظرة خطيبها الآتي اليها. لذلك، ومقدماً، ارسلت اليه هذه الخطيبة كلاً من التنكيل والتمشيط والسياط والجلدات، مشفوعةً بالآلام والعذابات حتى لا يفاجأ وهو يستقبل العروس، أي النار!! ها انها ترمقه مقبلاً... فاذا كان ودخلها ، سوف لن تجد فيه عيباً واحداً!! لقد محصته الآلام والاحزان. انه الذهب المصفى المختار!

ويتابع مار يعقوب قائلاً:

"لا يعرف حبيب خوفاً، لانه ثمل بخمرة الصليب!"

"السياط تنهال على ظهره، والامشاط تأكل من جانبيه. والقيود في رجليه... والنار تنتظره!! ومع هذا كله، انه مقدام، شجاع، مفعم بالايمان، ويعلن بملء فمه: انه لا ولن يسجد لانسان بل للآله المتجسد".

وبعد ان يتحدث مار يعقوب عن مدينة الرها عاصمة الاباجرة⁸، التي خطبها ادى البشير⁹ عذراء نقية للرب يسوع ويشرح العقيدة المسيحية في سر التجسد الالهي، ويورد ذكر

⁸ الرها عاصمة الاباجرة لان معظم ملوكها دعوا بابجر

و ادى البشير. اخو مار توما الرسول الذى هدى اهل الرها وملكهم ابجر الخامس اوكومو 9 الى نور الايمان.

الشهيدين الرهاويين مار شمونا ومار كوريا¹⁰ يعود الى والدة الشهيد ليقول:

"ازدانت "الأم" بابهى حللها. انه يوم عرس ابنها. فلا يليق ان تتشح بالسواد. لذلك ارتدت الذواقة ثياباً بيضاء ناصعة" ثم يدخل مار يعقوب الى اعمق اعماق قلب هذه الوالدة فيصور لنا الصراع الهائل، الذي دارت رحاه بين رأفة الام ومحبة الله ويقول:

"ان حنو الرحم يصرخ في اثر ثمرته، فيسكته الايمان، ويهدأ غير هياب!" ان الطبيعة تولول على العضو المفصوم منها، غير ان حب الله يسكر النفس دون ايلام"

وبعد استرسال في هذا الصراع، تنتصر المحبة الالهية على الطبع البشري عند هذه الام

الشهادة مار شمونا ومار كوريا: كانا شيخين ناسكين من الرها، عذبا كثيراً ثم نالا اكليل الشهادة في 15 تشرين الاول سنة 306 وكتب سيرتهما بالسريانية معاصرهما ثاوفيلس السرياني الرهاوي.

الفخورة بعرس وليدها. ولذلك يشبهها مار يعقوب بالشهيدة شموني المقابية التي نالت هي واولادها السبعة¹¹ ومعلمهم العازر¹² اكليل الشهادة دفاعاً عن الشريعة ويقول:

"انها شموني الثانية. غير ان حبيباً هو ابنها الوحيد. ولو كان لها سبعة مثل شموني لقدمتهم الى المحرقة دون ان يرف لها جفن"

"لقد نظرت هذه الام بعين غير عينها الجسدية، ففرحت بالاحجار الكريمة الموضوعة في اكاليل الشهداء، وبالمجد المعد لهم في الملكوت".

"ان ابنها حبيب بخور طيب، وقع على الجمرات، فصار عطراً طهّر الفضاء من رجس الوثنية."

¹¹ سفر المكابيين الثاني الاصحاح السابع

¹² سفر المكابيين الثاني الاصحاح السادس

واخيراً يعتبر مار يعقوب استشهاد الشماس حبيب خاتمة للاضطهاد الذي اثير على المؤمنين في منطقة الرها. كما يتحدث عن وصول الملك الظافر قسطنطين. الذي سيطر الصليب المقدس على تاجه. ويختم قصيدته النفيسة بهذه المكافأة السامية فيقول:

"مبارك هو الذي وهب "الحبيب" اكليلاً ومجداً وذكراً صالحاً".

May the prayers and supplications of Mor Jacob of Serugh be with all of us – Amen.





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