

KUMAHEBHERU

Indodana ingaphezu kwezingilosi

1 Kudala uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kubokhokho ngabaphrofethi ezikhathini ezinengi langezindlela ezehlukeneyo, ² kodwa ngalezizinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana yakhe, ayibeka ukuba yindlalifa yezinto zonke, yona adala ngayo izulu lomhlaba. ³ Indodana iyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kanye lesifanekiso uqobo sokuba nguye kwakhe, iqinisa izinto zonke ngelizwi layo elilamandla. Emva kokuba isidlinzekele ukuhlanjululwa kwezono, yahlala phansi ngakwesokudla sobuKhosi ezulwini. ⁴ Ngakho yaba ngaphezu kwezingilosi ngoba ibizo eyalithola njengelifa lilikhulu kulelazo. ⁵ Ngoba kukuyiphi ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo,

“Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo?”

Kumbe njalo wathi,

“Ngizakuba nguYise, yona izakuba yiNdodana yami?”

⁶ Njalo, lapho uNkulunkulu eletha izibulo lakhe emhlabeni, uthi, “Zonke izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze.”

⁷ Lapho ekhuluma ngezingilosi uthi,

“Wenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omlilo.”

⁸ Kodwa ngeNdodana uthi,

“Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, O Nkulunkulu, sizakuba khona kuze kube nininini, lokulunga kuzakuba yintonga yombuso wakho.

⁹ Ukuthandile ukulunga, wazonda ububi; ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho, ukubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho ngokukgcoba ngamafutha entokozo.”

¹⁰ Njalo uthi,

“Ekuqaleni, O Nkosi, wabeka isisekelo somhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho.

¹¹ Kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uyasala ukhona; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko.

¹² Uzakugoqa njengesambatho; kuzantshintshwa njengesigqoko. Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela.”

¹³ Kukuyiphi yezingilosi uNkulunkulu ake watsho kuyo ukuthi,

“Hlala esandleni sami sokudla; izitha zakho ngize ngizenze isinabelo sakho?”

¹⁴ Izingilosi kazisimimoya esebenzayo yini ethunywe ukukhonza labo abazakudla ilifa lokusindiswa na?

Isixwayiso ukuba kunanzelelwe

2 Ngakho kufanele siqaphelisise

lokho esikuzwileyo, ukuze singaduki.

² Ngoba uma ilizwi elakhulunywa yizingilosi liqinisa, njalo konke ukona lokungalaleli kuthole isijeziso sakho esifaneleyo, ³ pho thina sizaphepha njani uma singanaki insindiso enkulu kangaka na? Ukusindiswa lokhu, okwabikwa

kuqala yiNkosi, kwafakazwa kithi yilabo abayizwayo. ⁴ LoNkulunkulu wakufakaza ngezibonakaliso, langezimanga, langezimangaliso ezahlukeneyo, langezipho zikaMoya oNgcwele ezabiwa ngokwentando yakhe.

UJesu wenziwa waba njengabafowabo

⁵ Akusikho kuzingilosi abeka ngaphansi kwazo ilizwe elizayo, esikhuluma ngalo. ⁶ Kodwa ikhona indawo lapho omunye ofakaza khona esithi:

“Umuntu uyini ukuba ukhathazeke ngaye,
loba indodana yomuntu ukuba uyinanze na?

⁷ Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi;
wambeka umqhele wobukhosi lodumo, ⁸ wabeka lezinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.”

Ekubekeni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho olungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi kwakhe. ⁹ Kodwa sibona uJesu, owenziwa waba ngaphansanyana kwezingilosi, ebekwa umqhele wobukhosi lodumo, ngokuba wavuma ukufa ukuze kuthi ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ezwe ukufa ngenxa yabantu bonke.

¹⁰ Ekuletheni amadodana amanengi enkazimulweni, kwakufanele ukuba uNkulunkulu, yena ozinto zonke zikhona ngenxa yakhe langaye, enze uMsunguli wokusindiswa kwabo aphelele ngokuhlupheka. ¹¹ Ngoba lowo owenza abantu babe ngcwele kanye lalabo abenziwe baba ngcwele ngabendlunye. Ngakho uJesu kakumyangisi ukuba athi bangabafowabo.

¹² Uthi,

“Ngizamemezela ibizo lakho kubafowethu;
ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho phambi kwebandla.”

¹³ Njalo uthi,

“Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye.”

Uphinda athi,

“Ngikhona lapha, kanye labantwana uNkulunkulu angiphe bona.”

¹⁴ Njengoba abantwana belomzimba legazi, laye wahlanganyela ebuntwini babo ukuze kuthi ngokufa kwakhe amchithe lowo ophethe amandla okufa – okutsho uSathane – ¹⁵ abakhulule ababebambeke ebugqilini impilo yabo yonke ngenxa yokwesaba kwabo ukufa. ¹⁶ Ngoba impela akusizingilosi azisizayo, kodwa inzalo ka-Abrahama. ¹⁷ Ngenxa yalokhu kwakumele enziwe afane labafowabo kukho konke, ukuze abe ngumphristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, lokuba abe yinhlawulo yezono zabantu. ¹⁸ Njengoba laye wahlupheka lapho elingwa, uyanelisa ukubasiza abalingwayo.

UJesu ungaphezu kukaMosi

3 Ngakho-ke bafowethu abangcwele, abahlanganyela ekubizweni ezulwini, bekani imicabango yenu kuJesu, umphostoli lomphristi omkhulu esimvumayo. ² Wathembeka kulowo owambekayo, njengoMosi owayethembekile kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu. ³ UJesu ufunyenwe efanele udumo olukhulu kuloMosi,

njengomakhi wendlu elodumo olukhulu kulendlu yona ngokwayo. ⁴ Ngoba yileyo laleyo indlu yakhiwa ngumuntu othize, kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumakhi wezinto zonke. ⁵ UMosi wayethembekile njengenceku kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu, efakaza lokho okwakuzatshiwo ezinsukwini ezizayo. ⁶ Kodwa uKhristu uthembekile njengendodana endlini kaNkulunkulu. Njalo thina siyindlu yakhe uma sibambelela kuso isibindi sethu lethemba lokhu esizincoma ngakho.

Isixwayiso ngokungakholwa

⁷ Ngakho, njengoba uMoya oNgcwele esithi:

“Lamhla, uma lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, ⁸ lingazenzi zibe lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu,

njengelakwenzayo ekuhlamukeni, ngesikhathi sokulingwa enkangala,

⁹ lapho okhokho benu abangihlola khona bangilinga,

babona engakwenzayo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.

¹⁰ Yikho nje ngasithukuthelela isizukulwana leso,

njalo ngathi, ‘Izinhliziyu zabo zihlezi ziduka, njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami.’

¹¹ Ngakho ukuthukuthela kwami ngakumemezela ngesifungo ngathi, ‘Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.’ ”

¹² Bonani, bazalwane, ukuthi kakho omunye wenu olenhliziyu yokona lokungakholwa, ephambukayo kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. ¹³ Kodwa khuthazanani izinsuku zonke kusabizwa ngokuthi lamhla, ukuze angabikhona owenu oba lukhuni ngenxa yokukhohliswa yisono. ¹⁴ Ngoba sesingabhanganyelayo kuKhristu uma sibambelele ngokuqina kuze kuphele

ithemba esasilalo kuqala. ¹⁵ Njengoba kutshiwo:

“Lamhla, uma lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu njengelakwenzayo ekuhlamukeni.”

¹⁶ Babengobani labo abezwayo basebehlamuka na? Akusibo yini bonke labo uMosi abakhupha eGibhithe na?

¹⁷ Njalo ngobani ayebathukuthelele okweminyaka engamatshumi amane na? Akusibo yini labo abonayo, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala na? ¹⁸ Ngobani uNkulunkulu abafungela ukuthi kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe uma kungayisibo labo abangalalelanga na? ¹⁹ Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengeke bangene ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

ISabatha – UkuPhumula kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu

4 Ngakho-ke, njengoba isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe silokhu sikhona, kasiqapheleni ukuba kakho owenu otholakala engafinyeleli kuso. ² Ngoba ivangeli latshunyayelwa kithi njengakubo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo lalingelasizo kubo, ngoba labo abalizwayo kabalihlanganisanga lokholo. ³ Thina esakholwayo siyangena kulokhokuphumula, njengoba uNkulunkulu etshilo ukuthi:

“Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, ‘Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.’ ”

Kodwa umsebenzi wakhe usuqediwe kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. ⁴ Ngoba kwenye indawo ukhulume ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngala amazwi athi:

“Njalo ngosuku lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu waphumula emsebenzini wakhe.”⁵ Njalo endimeni engaphezulu uthi, “Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.”

⁶ Kulokhu kunjalo ukuthi abanye bazangena kulokhokuphumula, lalabo ivangeli elatshunyayelwa kubo kuqala kabangenanga ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo. ⁷ Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabuya wamisa olunye usuku, elubiza ngokuthi Lamuhla, lapho kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside wakhuluma ngoDavida, njengokwakutshiwo mandulo ukuthi:

“Lamhla, uma lisizwa ilizwi lakhe lingazenzi zibe lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu.”

⁸ Ngoba aluba uJoshuwa wayebanikile ukuphumula, ngabe uNkulunkulu kakhulumanga muva ngolunye usuku. ⁹ Ngakho kulokhu kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; ¹⁰ ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi, njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. ¹¹ Ngakho-ke kasenzi imizamo yonke ukuba singene kulokhokuphumula, ukuze angabi khona ozawiswa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe sokungalaleli.

¹² Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyaphila njalo liyasebenza. Libukhali kulenkemba esika inxa zombili, ingena ize yehlukanise umphefumulo lomoya, amalunga lomnkantsho; lahlulela imicabango lomumo wenhliziyu. ¹³ Kukho konke okudaliweyo akulalutho olufihlakeleyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. Konke kwambuliwe kwabekwa obala phambi kwamehlo akhe yena okumele sizibike kuye.

UJesu uMphristi omkhulu kakhulu

¹⁴ Ngakho, njengoba silomphristi omkhulu kakhulu osengene amazulwini, uJesu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kasibambeeleni kakhulu ekholweni esiluvumayo. ¹⁵ Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo ukuzwela ubuthakathaka bethu, kodwa silaye osekewalingwa ngezindlela zonke njengathi kodwa akaze aba lesono. ¹⁶ Kasisondeleni esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa ngesibindi, ukuze samukele isihawu njalo sithole umusa wokusizisa ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

5 Wonke umphristi omkhulu ukhethwa

ebantwini abekwe ukuba abamele ezindabeni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo yezono.

² Ulakho ukubaphatha ngesineke labo abangaziyo abadukayo, njengoba laye uqobo ephethwe yikuba buthakathaka.

³ Yikho nje kumele anikele imihlatshelo yezono zakhe, kanye leyezono zabantu.

⁴ Kakho ozethesa udumo lolu phezu kwakhe; kumele abizwe nguNkulunkulu, njengo-Aroni. ⁵ Ngakho loKhristu kazethesanga udumo lokuba ngumphristi omkhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye,

“Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo.”

⁶ Njalo kwenye indawo uthi,

“Wena ungumphristi nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.”

⁷ Ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaJesu emhlabeni, wakhuleka wacela ngokukhala kakhulu langezinyembezi kuye lowo owayengamsindisa ekufeni, njalo wezwakala ngenxa yokuzehlisa kwakhe okuhloniphekayo. ⁸ Lanxa

wayeyindodana wafunda ukulalela kulokhu ahlupheka ngakho, ⁹ kwathi lapho esephelelisiwe, waba ngumthombo wokusindiswa okulaphakade wabo bonke abamlalelayo ¹⁰ wasekhethwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba abe ngumphristi omkhulu, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.

Isixwayiso ngokuhlubuka

¹¹ Kunengi esingakutsho ngalokho, kodwa kunzima ukuchaza ngoba liyaphuza ukufunda. ¹² Ngeqiniso, lanxa ngalesi isikhathi lifanele ukuba ngabafundisayo, liswela omunye ukuba alifundise njalo amaqiniso okuqala elizwi likaNkulunkulu. Lifuna uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo! ¹³ Lowo ophila ngochago, elokhu elusane, kayazi imfundiso emayelana lokulunga. ¹⁴ Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo ngokwabakhulileyo asebazifundisa ukwehlukana okuhle kokubi.

6 Ngakho kasiyekeleni imfundiso

elula ngoKhristu siqhubeke siye ekukhuleni. Kasingasibeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka ezenzweni eziholela ekufeni, lezokukholwa kuNkulunkulu, ² lemfundiso ngemibhaphathizo, lokubekwa kwezandla, lokuvuka kwabafuleyo kanye lokwahlulelwa okulaphakade. ³ Njalo uma uNkulunkulu evuma, sizakwenza njalo.

⁴ Akwenzakali kulabo asebake bakhanyiselwa, asebenambithe isipho sasezulwini, asebehlanyelele kuMoya oNgewe, ⁵ asebenambithe ubuhle belizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lamandla esikhathi esizayo, ⁶ uma behlubuka, ukuba babuyiselwe ekuphendukeni, ngoba ekulahlekelweni kwabo bayayibethela futhi esiphambanweni

iNdodana kaNkulunkulu beyethesa ihlazo phambi kwabantu bonke.

⁷ Umhlabathi onatha izulu elihlezi lisina phezu kwawo loveza isilimo esilusizo kulabo abawulimayo uthola isibusiso sikaNkulunkulu. ⁸ Kodwa umhlabathi oveza ameva lokhula kawulasizo njalo usengozini yokuthukwa. Ekucineni uzatshiswa.

⁹ Kodwa lanxa sikhuluma kanje, bazalwane abathandekayo, silethemba lezinto ezingcono ngani – izinto ezihambelana lokusindiswa.

¹⁰ UNkulunkulu kasuye ongalunganga; kasoke awukhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lothando elamtshengisa lona njengoba lasiza abantu bakhe njalo liyaqhubeka libasiza. ¹¹ Sifuna omunye lomunye wenu abonakalise ukukhuthala lokhu kuze kube sekupheleni, ukuze ithemba lenu liqiniseke. ¹² Kasifuni ukuba libe ngamavila, kodwa ukuba lilingisele labo okwathi ngokukholwa langokubekezela bathola ilifa lalokhu okwakuthenjisiwe.

Ubuqotho besithembiso sikaNkulunkulu

¹³ Lapho uNkulunkulu esenza isithembiso sakhe ku-Abrahama, njengoba wayengekho omkhulu ayengafunga ngaye, wafunga ngaye yena ngokwakhe, ¹⁴ esithi, “Ngempela ngizakubusisa ngikuphe inzalo enengi.”

¹⁵ Ngakho emva kokulinda ngokubekezela, u-Abrahama wathola okwakuthenjisiwe.

¹⁶ Abantu bafunga ngomunye omkhulu kulabo, njalo isifungo siqinisa lokho okutshiwoyo siqede lokuphikisana konke. ¹⁷ Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathanda ukuba enze ukungaguquki kwesimo senhloso yakhe kube sobala kuzindlalifa zalokho okwathenjisiwayo, wakuqinisa ngesifungo. ¹⁸ UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze kuthi, ngezinto ezimbili ezingaguqulekiyo uNkulunkulu angeke aqambe amanga ngazo, thina

esibalekileyo sibambelele kulo ithemba esiliphiwayo sikhuthazeke kakhulu.

¹⁹ Silethemba leli njengesikhonkwane semiphefumulo yethu, esiqinileyo njalo sigxilile. Lingena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi ngemuva kwamakhetheni ²⁰ lapho uJesu, owahamba phambi kwethu, angena khona ngenxa yethu. Usebe ngumphristi omkhulu kuze kube nininini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.

UMelikhizedekhi umphristi

7 UMelikhizedekhi lo wayeyinkosi yaseSalemu lomphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. Wahlangabeza u-Abrahama evela kwehlula amakhosi, wambusisa, ² u-Abrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwakho konke. Okwakuqala, ibizo lakhe litsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokulunga,” lokuthi futhi, “Nkosi yaseSalemu” kutsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokuthula.” ³ Engelayise loba unina, engelamdabuko, engelakuqala kwezinsuku loba ukuphela kokuphila, njengeNdodana kaNkulunkulu uhlezi engumphristi nini lanini.

⁴ Ake licabange ukuthi wayemkhulu kangakanani: Lokhokho u-Abrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwempango! ⁵ Khathesi umthetho ufuna abenzalo kaLevi ababa ngabaphristi ukuba baqoqe okwetshumi ebantwini – lokhu kutsho abafowabo – lanxa abafowabo beyinzalo ka-Abrahama. ⁶ Kodwa umuntu lo kazange abonakalise umdabuko wakhe usukela kuLevi, kodwa waqoqa okwetshumi ku-Abrahama njalo wambusisa yena lowo owayelezithembiso. ⁷

Kakulakuthandabuza ukuthi umuntu omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu.

⁸ Kwesinye isehlakalo, okwetshumi kuthathwa ngabantu abafayo; kodwa kwesinye isehlakalo, kube ngulowo

okuthiwe uyaphila. ⁹ Umuntu angatsho lokuthi uLevi, oqoqa okwetshumi, wanikela okwetshumi ngo-Abrahama, ¹⁰ ngoba lapho uMelikhizedekhi ehlangabeza u-Abrahama, uLevi wayelokhu esesemzimbeni kakhokho wakhe.

UJesu njengoMelikhizedekhi

¹¹ Nxa ukuphelela kwakungatholakala ngobuphristi babaLevi (ngoba umthetho waphiwa abantu ngenxa yakho), pho kungani kwakulokhu kusweleka ukuba omunye umphristi eze – omunye onjengoMelikhizedekhi, onganjengo-Aroni na? ¹² Ngoba lapho kulokuguqulwa kobuphristi, kufanele kube lokuguqulwa komthetho futhi. ¹³ Yena lowo okutshiwo lezizinto ngaye ngowesinye isizwana, njalo kakho owalesosizwana owake wakhonza e-alithareni. ¹⁴ Ngoba kusobala ukuba iNkosi yethu yadabuka koJuda, njalo mayelana lalesosizwana uMosi katshongo lutho ngabaphristi. ¹⁵ Njalo lokhu esesikutshilo kucace kakhulu uma omunye umphristi onjengoMelikhizedekhi evela, ¹⁶ omunye obe ngumphristi kungayisikho ngokomthetho ngokosendo lwakhe kodwa ngokumayelana lamandla okuphila okungeke kuchithwe. ¹⁷ Ngoba kumenyezelwe ukuthi:

“Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.”

¹⁸ Umthetho wakuqala ubekwe eceleni ngoba wawubuthakathaka njalo ungelasizo ¹⁹ (ngoba umthetho kawenzanga lutho olupheleleyo), ngakho kulethwa ithemba elitsha esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu.

²⁰ Njalo kwakungayisikho ngaphandle kwesifungo! Abanye baba ngabaphristi

kungekho sifungo, ²¹ kodwa yena waba ngumphristi ngesifungo lapho uNkulunkulu wathi kuye:

“INkosi ifungile njalo kayiyikuguqula ingqondo yayo: ‘Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini.’ ”

²² Ngenxa yesifungo lesi, uJesu usebe yisiqinisele sesivumelwano esingcono.

²³ Abaphristi labo sebebani, njengoba babevinjelwa yikufa ukuba baqhubeke besezikhundleni; ²⁴ kodwa ngoba uJesu uphila kokuphela, ulobuphristi obuyisimakade. ²⁵ Ngakho ulamandla okubasindisa ngokupheleleyo labo abeza kuNkulunkulu ngaye, ngoba uhlezi ephilela ukubancengela.

²⁶ Umphristi omkhulu onjalo wanelisa iziswelo zethu – ongongcwele, ongelasici, lohlanzekileyo, lowehlukaniswe lezoni, lophakanyiselwe ngaphezu kwamazulu.

²⁷ Kungenjengabanye abaphristi, yena kasweli kunikela imihlatshelo izinsuku zonke, kuqala eyezono zakhe, kulandele owezono zabantu. Wabenzela umhlatshelo wezono zabo kwaba kanye kuphela lapho ezinikela. ²⁸ Ngoba umthetho ubeka abantu ababuthakathaka ukuba ngabaphristi abakhulu; kodwa isifungo, eseza emva komthetho, sabeka iNdodana, eyenziwe yaba ngepheleleyo kuze kube ninini.

Umphristi omkhulu wesivumelwano esitsha

8 Isiqokoqela salokho esikutshoyo yilesi: Silaye umphristi omkhulu onjalo, owahlala phansi ngakwesokudla kwesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu ezulwini, ² okhonzayo endaweni engcwele, ithabanikeli elamiswa yiNkosi, hatshi ngabantu.

³ Umphristi omkhulu ngamunye ubekelwe ukunikela iziphos lemihlatshelo, ngakho kwakuswelakala ukuba lalo abe lolutho alunikelayo.

⁴ Aluba wayesemhlabeni wayengayikuba ngumphristi, ngoba bevele bekhona abantu abanikela iziphos eziphawulwa ngumthetho. ⁵ Bakhonza endaweni engcwele eyisifanekiso lesithunzi salokho okusezulwini. Yikho nje uMosi waxwayiswa lapho wayesezakwakha ithabanikeli ngokuthi: “Qaphela ukuthi konke ukwenza mayelana lesifanekiso ositshengiswe phezu kwentaba.”

⁶ Kodwa inkonzo uJesu ayemukeleyo ingcono kuleyabo njengesivumelwano yena angummeli waso singcono kulesidala, njalo sakhelwe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono.

⁷ Ngoba aluba kwakungelalutho olungalunganga kusivumelwano sakuqala leso, akulasizatho esasingadingelwa esinye. ⁸ Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathola isici ebantwini wasesithi:

“Isikhathi siyeza, kutsho iNkosi, lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-Israyeli kanye lendlu kaJuda.

⁹ Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano engasenza labokhokho babo lapho ngababamba ngesandla ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe, ngoba kabaqhubekanga bethembekile esivumelwaneni sami, ngasengibadela, kutsho iNkosi.

¹⁰ Nansi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli ngemva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizabeka imithetho yami ezingqondweni zabo ngiyilobe ezinhliziyweni zabo. Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami.

¹¹ Umuntu akasayikufundisa
umakhelwane wakhe,
kumbe umfowabo, esithi,
'Yazi iNkosi,'
ngoba bonke bazangazi,
kusukela komncinyane wabo
kusiya komkhulu.

¹² Ngoba ngizathethelela okubi kwabo,
njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo
futhi."

¹³ Ngokuthi isivumelwano lesi "sitsha"
usenze esakuqala saba
ngesingasasebenziyo; futhi
okungasasebenziyo njalo sekuguga
kuzanyamalala masinyane.

Inkonzo ethabanikeleni lasemhlabeni

9 Isivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso
zokukhonza kanye lendawo engcwele
yasemhlabeni. ² Kwakhiwa ithabanikeli.
Ekamelweni lalo lakuqala kwakuloluthi
lwesibane, letafula kanye lesinkwa
esingwelisiweyo; lokhu kwakubizwa
ngokuthi yiNdawo eNgcwele.
³ Ngemuva kwekheteni lesibili
kwakulekamelu elalithiwa yiNdawo
eNgcwele kakhulu, ⁴ eyayile-alithare
legolide elokutshisela impepha, kanye
lebhokisi lesivumelwano elalihuqwe
ngegolide. Ibhokisi lelo
lalilembizanyana yemana, lentonga ka-
Aroni eyayisihlumile, kanye lezicecedu
zamatshe esivumelwano. ⁵ Ngaphezu
kwebhokisi kwakulamakherubhi
eNkazimulo enze ithunzi phezu
kwendawo yenhlawulelo. Kodwa
kathesi asingeke silandise okugcweleyo
ngalezozinto.

⁶ Kwathi konke sekulungisiwe kanje,
abaphristi bangena njalonjalo
ekamelweni langaphandle ukuba benze
inkonzo yabo. ⁷ Kodwa umphristi
omkhulu nguye kuphela owayengena
ekamelweni langaphakathi, njalo

kukanye ngomnyaka, njalo kungeke
kube engelagazi, alinikelela yena kanye
lezono abantu abazenza bengazi.

⁸ UMoya oNgcwele wayetshengisa
ngalokho ukuthi indlela eya eNdaweni
eNgcwele kaKhulu yayingabonakaliswa
uma ithabanikeli lakuqala lilokhu
likhona. ⁹ Lokhu kuyisifanekiso
salesisikhathi, okubonakalisa ukuthi
izipho lemihlatshelo okwakunikelwa
kwakunganelisi ukuhlambulula izazela
zabakhonzayo. ¹⁰ Kuyindaba yokudla
lokunatha kuphela kanye lemikhuba
eyehlukeneyo yokugeza imilayo
yangaphandle komzimba esebenza kuze
kufike isikhathi sezimiso ezintsha.

Igazi likaKhristu

¹¹ Kwathi lapho uKhristu esefikile
njengomphristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle
esezikhona, wadabula phakathi
kwethabanikeli elikhulu elipheleleyo
elingenziwanga ngabantu, okuyikuthi,
kalisingxenyeye yale indalo.

¹² Kangenanga ngokusebenzisa igazi
lembuzi loba elamathole; kodwa
wangena kanye kuphela eNdaweni
eNgcwele kakhulu ngegazi lakhe,
esethole ukukhululwa okulaphakade.
¹³ Igazi lezimbuze lelezinkunzi lemilotha
yamathokazi okufafazwa kulaba
abangahlambulukanga ngokomkhuba
kuyabangwelisa ukuba babe
ngabahlambulukileyo ngaphandle. ¹⁴ Pho
igazi likaKhristu, owazinikela engelasici
kuNkulunkulu ngomoya olaphakade,
lizazihlambulula kakhulu okungakanani
izazela zethu emisebenzini edonsela
ekufeni, ukuze sikhonze uNkulunkulu
ophilayo!

¹⁵ Ngenxa yalokhu uKhristu
ungummeli wesivumelwano esitsha
ukuze kuthi labo ababiziweyo bathole
ilifa elingapheliyo elathenjiswa –
njengoba sewafa njengenhlawulo ukuba

abakhulule ezonweni abazenzayo esivumelwaneni sakuqala.

¹⁶ Mayelana lentando yokwaba ilifa, kuyadingakala ukuba kufakazwe ukufa kwalowo owayenzayo, ¹⁷ ngoba intando yokwaba ilifa isebenza kuphela lapho kukhona ofileyo; kayisebenzi uma lowo owayenzayo elokhu esaphila. ¹⁸ Yikho nje lesivumelwano sakuqala kasifezwanga kungekho gazi. ¹⁹ Kwathi uMosi esememezele imilayo yonke yomthetho ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole, ndawonye lamanzi, lewulu ebomvu kanye lezingatsha zehisopi, wachela umqulu kanye labantu bonke. ²⁰ Wathi, “Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alaye ukuba lisigcine.” ²¹ Ngendlela efanayo wachela ithabanikeli ngegazi kanye lezinto zonke ezisetshenziswayo emikhosini yalo. ²² Ngempela umthetho uphose ufune ukuba izinto zonke zihlanjululwe ngegazi, njalo kungekho kuchithwa kwegazi akukho ukuthethelela.

²³ Ngakho kwakufanele ukuba izifanekiso zezinto zasezulwini zihlanjululwe ngemihlatshelo le, kodwa izinto zasezulwini uqobo kube ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. ²⁴ Ngoba uKhristu kangenanga endaweni engcwele eyenziwa ngabantu eyayiyisifanekiso nje kuphela saleyo eqotho; yena wangena ezulwini uqobo, ukuba asimele phambi kukaNkulunkulu. ²⁵ Kangenanga ezulwini ukuba azinikele njalonjalo, njengomphristi omkhulu engena eNdaweni eNgcwele kaKhulu minyaka yonke legazi elingayisilo lakhe. ²⁶ Ngakho uKhristu wayezahlupheka kanengi kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. Kodwa khathesi usebonakale kanye kuphela ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse isono ngomhlatshelo onguye. ²⁷ Njengalokhu umuntu wamiselwa ukufa kanye, kuthi emva kwalokho abhekane

lokwahlulelwa, ²⁸ ngokunjalo uKhristu wanikelwa kanye ukuba asuse izono zabantu abanengi; njalo uzabonakala okwesibili, hatshi ukuthwala isono, kodwa ukuletha ukusindiswa kulabo abamlindeleyo.

Umhlatshelo kaKhristu kanye kuphela

10 Umthetho uyisithunzi nje sezinto ezinhle ezizayo – hatshi lokho okuyikho uqobo. Ngenxa yalokhu awungeke, ngemihlatshelo efanayo ephindwa okungapheliyo iminyaka leminyaka, ubenze baphelele labo abasondela ekukhonzeni. ² Aluba wawusanelisa, imihlatshelo yayingayikuyekelwa ukunikelwa na? Ngoba abakhonzayo babezahlanjululwa kube kanye kuphela, njalo babengasayikuzizwa belecala lezono zabo. ³ Kodwa imihlatshelo iyisikhumbuzo sezono zeminyaka yonke, ⁴ ngoba akwenzakali ukuba igazi lezinkunzi lelezimbuzi lisuse izono.

⁵Ngakho-ke, uKhristu esefikile emhlabeni wathi:

“Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufunanga, kodwa wena wangilungisela umzimba; ⁶ kawuthokozanga ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yesono. ⁷ Ngasengisithi, ‘Ngilapha – kulotshiwe ngami emqulwini – ngilande ukuzakwenza intando yakho, O Nkulunkulu.’”

⁸Kuqala wathi, “Imihlatshelo leminikelo, iminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yesono kawuyifunanga, njalo kayikuthokozisanga” (lanxa umthetho usithi kayenziwe). ⁹ Wabuya wathi, “Ngilapha, ngilande ukuzakwenza intando yakho.” Ususa okokuqala ukuze amise okwesibili. ¹⁰ Njalo ngaleyontando senziwe saba ngcwele ngomhlatshelo

womzimba kaJesu Khristu kanye kuphela.

¹¹ Izinsuku zonke umphristi uyema enze imisebenzi yakhe yenkonzo, anikele njalonjalo imihlatshelo minye, engeke isuse izono. ¹² Kodwa kwathi umphristi lo esenikelele izikhathi zonke umhlatshelo owodwa wezono, wahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. ¹³ Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ulindele izitha zakhe ukuba zibe yisinabelo sakhe, ¹⁴ ngoba ngomhlatshelo owodwa usephelelise nini lanini labo abenziwayo ukuba ngewe.

¹⁵ LoMoya oNgcwele uyafakaza kithi ngalokho. Kuqala uthi:

¹⁶ “Lesi yisivumelwano engizasenza labo emva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizafaka imithetho yami ezinhliziyweni zabo ngiyilobe lasezingqondweni zabo.”

¹⁷ Wabuya wengeza wathi:

“Izono zabo lezenzo zokungabi lamthetho, angiyikukukhumbula futhi.”

¹⁸ Nxa lezi sezithethelelwe, kawusekho umhlatshelo wesono.

Isikhuthazo sokubekezela

¹⁹ Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, njengoba silethemba lokungena eNdaweni eNgcwele kaKhulu ngegazi likaJesu, ²⁰ ngendlela entsha ephilayo, esiyivulelwe ekhethenini, okuyikuthi umzimba wakhe, ²¹ njalo njengoba silomphristi omkhulu ophethe indlu kaNkulunkulu, ²² kasisondeleni phansi kukaNkulunkulu ngezinhliziyi eziqotho ngethemba elipheleleyo lokholo; sibe lezinhliziyi ezicheliweyo ukuba sihlanjululwe isazela secala lemizimba

yethu igeziswe ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo.

²³ Kasibambeeleni ngokuqina kulo ithemba esilikholwayo, ngoba lowo owathembisayo uthembekile. ²⁴ Njalo kasicabangeni ukuba singakhuthazana kanjani ethandweni lasezenzweni ezinhle. ²⁵ Kasingakudeli ukuhlangana, njengalokhu abanye abajayele ukukwenza, kodwa kasikhuthazane – ikakhulu njengoba libona uSuku lusondela.

²⁶ Uma siqhubeka sisenza izono ngabomu emva kokuba iqiniso sesilazi, kawusekho umhlatshelo wezono, ²⁷ kodwa umlindelo kuphela owesabekayo wokwahlulelwa kanye lomlilo ovuthayo ozaqothula izitha zikaNkulunkulu. ²⁸ Owawalayo umthetho kaMosi wafa kungekho sihawu ngobufakazi babafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. ²⁹ Pho licabanga ukuthi ufanele ukujeziswa kakhulu okungakanani umuntu owanyathela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi konyawo, ophathe igazi lesivumelwano elamenza waba ngcwele njengento engangcwele, lohlambaza uMoya womusa na? ³⁰ Ngoba thina siyamazi lowo owathi, “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,” njalo wathi, “iNkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo.” ³¹ Kuyinto eyesabekayo ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo.

³² Khumbulani izinsuku zakuqala leziyana emva kokuba selamukele ukukhanya, lapho elaqinisela khona ebunzimeni obukhulu phakathi kokuhlupheka. ³³ Ngezinye izikhathi lenziwa umbukiso wokuhlanjzwa lokuhlukuluzwa; kwathi ngezinye izikhathi lamanyana lalabo ababephathwa kanjalo. ³⁴ Laba lozwelo kulabo ababesentolongweni, lamukela ngentokozo ukuthunjwa kwempahla yenu, ngoba lalikwazi ukuthi lina lilempahla engcono engapheliyo.

³⁵ Ngakho lingalilahli ithemba lenu; lizavuzwa ngokunengi. ³⁶ Kuyasweleka ukuba libekezele ukuze kuthi lapho seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lamukele lokho akuthembisayo. ³⁷ Ngoba ngesikhathshana nje,

“Lowo ozayo uzafika njalo kazukuphuza.

³⁸ Kodwa olungileyo wami uzaphila ngokukholwa. Angahlehlela emuva: kangiyikuthokoza ngaye.”

³⁹ Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva babhujiswe, kodwa labo abakhulwayo basindiswe.

Ngokukholwa

11 Ukukholwa yikuba leqiniso

lalokhu esikulindeleyo njalo kuqinisekile ngalokho esingakuboniyo. ² Lokhu yikho abendulo abanconywa ngakho.

³ Ngokukholwa siyezwisisa ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kwadalwa ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthi okubonakalayo kakwenziwanga ngalokho okwakubonakala.

⁴ Ngokukholwa u-Abela wanikela kuNkulunkulu umhlathshelo ongcono kulokaKhayini. Ngokukholwa wanconywa njengomuntu olungileyo, lapho uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kuhle ngeminikelo yakhe. Njalo ngokukholwa ulokhu ekhuluma, lanxa sewafa.

⁵ Ngokukholwa u-Enoki wasuswa kulokhu kuphila, ukuze angakuzwa ukufa; kabonakalanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemthethe. Ngoba engakathathwa, wayenconywe njengowayethokozise uNkulunkulu.

⁶ Kungelakukholwa akwenzakali ukuthokozisa uNkulunkulu, ngoba oza kuye kumele akholwe ukuthi ukhona

lokuthi uyabanika umvuzo labo abadinga ngobuqotho.

⁷ Ngokukholwa uNowa esexwayisiwe ngezinto ezazingakabonakali, ngokwesaba okungcwele wakha umkhumbi ukuba ahlenge abendlu yakhe. Ngokukholwa kwakhe wawulahla umhlaba waba yindlalifa yokulunga okuza ngokukholwa.

⁸ Ngokukholwa u-Abrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe, walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona. ⁹ Ngokukholwa wahlala elizweni lokuthenjiswa njengesihambi elizweni elingasilo lakibo; wahlala emathenteni, njengokwenziwa ngu-Isaka loJakhobe, ababeyizindlalifa kanye laye zalelolizwe lesithembiso. ¹⁰ Ngoba wayelindele idolobho elilezisekelo, elimcandi walo lomakhi walo nguNkulunkulu.

¹¹ Ngokukholwa, lanxa u-Abrahama wayeseluphele – loSara eyinyumba – wanikwa amandla okuba lomntwana ngoba wambona njengothembekileyo lowo owayenze isithembiso. ¹² Ngakho kusukela kulo umuntu oyedwa, owayefana lofileyo, kwavela inzalo enengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini njalo engeke ibalwe njengenhlabathi ekhunjini lolwandle.

¹³ Abantu bonke laba bafa belokhu bephila ngokukholwa. Kabazamukelanga izinto ezathenjiswa; bazibona nje kuphela bazithakazelela kude. Njalo bavuma ukuthi bona babeyizizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. ¹⁴ Abantu abakhuluma izinto ezinje babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna ilizwe elingelabo. ¹⁵ Aluba babecabanga ngelizwe abasuka kulo, babezakuba lethuba lokubuyela. ¹⁶ Kodwa-ke bona babefuna ilizwe elingcono – elasezulwini. Ngakho uNkulunkulu akumyangisi ukubizwa ngokuthi

unguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba usebalungisele idolobho.

¹⁷ Ngokukholwa, kwathi u-Abrahama elingwe nguNkulunkulu, wanikela u-Isaka njengomhlatshe. Yena owayamukele izithembiso wayeseseduze ukuba anikele indodana yakhe eyodwa njalo eyiyo kuphela, ¹⁸ lanxa uNkulunkulu wayethe kuye, “Ngo-Isaka kuzavela inzalo yakho owayithenjisiwayo.” ¹⁹ U-Abrahama wanakana ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayengabavusa abafileyo, njalo nxa kuzekeliswa, wamamukela u-Isaka evela ekufeni.

²⁰ Ngokukholwa u-Isaka wabusisa uJakhobe lo-Esawu mayelana lekusasa labo.

²¹ Ngokukholwa uJakhobe, esesifa wawabusisa wonke amadodana kaJosefa, wasekhonza eyame phezu kodondolo lwakhe.

²² Ngokukholwa uJosefa, isiphetho sakhe sesisondele, walandisa ngokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe walayezela ngamathambo akhe.

²³ Ngokukholwa abazali bakaMosi bamfihla izinyanga ezintantu emva kokuzalwa kwakhe, ngoba babona ukuthi wayengasumtwana nje ojwayelekileyo, njalo babengawesabi umthetho wenkosi.

²⁴ Ngokukholwa uMosi, esekhulile, wala ukuba aziwe njengendodana yendodakazi kaFaro. ²⁵ Wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuba akholise injabulo yesono okwesikhathi esifitshane. ²⁶ Wakhetha ihlazo ngenxa kaKhristu njengegugu elikhulu kulengebo yaseGibithe, ngoba wayekhangelele umvuzo phambili.

²⁷ Ngokukholwa wasuka eGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; wabekezela ngoba wambona lowo ongabonakaliyo.

²⁸ Ngokukholwa wagecina iPhasika lokuchelwa kwegazi, ukuze umbulali wamazibulo angawathinti amazibulo ako-Israyeli.

²⁹ Ngokukholwa abantu badabula phakathi koLwandle oluBomvu njengasemhlabathini owomileyo; kodwa kwathi amaGibhithe ezama ukwenza njalo, agalula.

³⁰ Ngokukholwa imiduli yaseJerikho yadilika, emva kokuba abantu beyibhode okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa.

³¹ Ngokukholwa uRahabi isifebe, ngokuba wamukela izinhlozi, kabulawanga kanye lalabo ababengalaleli.

³² Kuyini okunye engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi sokulandisa ngoGidiyoni, loBharakhi, loSamsoni, loJefitha, loDavida, loSamuyeli kanye labaphrofethi, ³³ abanqoba imibuso ngokukholwa batshaya imithetho, njalo bathola okwakuthenjisiwe; bona abavala imilomo yezilwane, ³⁴ bacitsha ukuvutha kwamalangabi, baphepha lasebukhalini benkamba; ababuthakathaka babo bezwa amandla; njalo ababa lamandla empini bawachitha amabutho ezizweni.

³⁵ Abesifazana bamukela abafayo babo sebevuselwe ekuphileni futhi. Abanye bahlukuluzwa njalo bala ukukhululwa, ukuze bathole ukuvuka ekufeni okuhle.

³⁶ Abanye bahozwa batshaywa, kwathi abanye babotshwa ngamaketane bafakwa entolongweni. ³⁷ Batshaywa ngamatshe, baqunywa ngesaha baba ziqambili; babulawa ngenkamba. Bahamba begqoke izikhumba zezimvu lezikhumba zezimbuzi, beswela, behlukuluzwa, bephathwa kubi – ³⁸ umhlaba kubo wawungabafanele. Bantula enkangala lasezintabeni lasezimbalwini kanye lasemilindini emhlabathini.

³⁹ Bonke laba banconywa
ngokukholwa kwabo, ikanti kakho
owabo owathola okwakuthenjisiwe.
⁴⁰ Thina uNkulunkulu wayesimisele
okuhle ukuze bapheleliswe yikuba kanye
lathi kuphela.

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12 Ngakho-ke, njengoba sihanqwe
lixuku elikhulu kangaka labofakazi,
kasikulahlani konke okusivimbelayo
kanye lesono esihlela lula, njalo
kasigijimeni ngokubekezela kulo umjaho
ophawulelwe thina. ² Kasikhangeliseni
amehlo ethu kuJesu, uMqalisi
loMphelelisi wokukholwa kwethu,
okwathi ngentokozo eyayibekwe phambi
kwakhe wabekezelela isiphambano,
engananzi ihlazo laso, wahlala
kwesokudla phansi kwesihlalo
sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu. ³ Cabangani
ngaye owabekezelela ukuphikiswa
okungaka ngabantu abayizoni, ukuze
lingabi buthakathaka lilahle ithemba.
⁴ Ekulweni kwenu lesono,
kalimelananga laso okufika ebangeni
lokuchitha igazi lenu. ⁵ Njalo
selilikhohliwe lelizwi lokulikhuthaza
elikhuluma kini njengamadodana elithi:

“Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya
kweNkosi.
Njalo ungalahli ithemba lapho
ikukhuza,
⁶ ngoba iNkosi ilaya labo ebathandayo,
ijejise wonke emamukela
njengendodana.”

⁷ Bekezelelani ukuhlupheka
njengokulaywa; uNkulunkulu uliphatha
njengamadodana akhe. Ngoba yiyiphi
indodana engalaywa nguyise na? ⁸ Uma
lingalaywa (umuntu wonke uyalaywa),
liyabe lingabantwana abazalwa

ngokungumthetho abangasiwo
amadodana uqobo. ⁹ Phezu kwalokho,
sonke sake saba labobaba abasilayayo
njalo sabahlonipha ngenxa yalokho. Pho
kufanele sizehlise kakhulu okungakanani
kuBaba wemimoya yethu njalo siphile!
¹⁰ Obaba basilaya okwesikhatshana
ngababebona kukuhle; kodwa
uNkulunkulu usilaya ukuba sisizakale,
ukuba sihlanganyele ebungcweleni
bakhe. ¹¹ Akukho kulaywa okukhanya
kukuhle ngalesosikhathi, kodwa
kubuhlungu. Kodwa muva, kuletha
isivuno sokulunga lokuthula kulabo
abafundiswa yikho.

¹² Ngakho-ke qinisani izingalo zenu
ezibuthakathaka lamadolo enu axegayo.
¹³ “Yenzelani izinyawo zenu izindlela
ezibekekileyo,” ukuze abaqhulayo
bangagokeki, kodwa basiliswe.

Isixwayiso ngokwala uNkulunkulu

¹⁴ Zamani kakhulu ukuhlalisana
ngokuthula labantu bonke lokuba
ngcwele; kungekho bungcwele kakho
ozayibona iNkosi. ¹⁵ Bonani ukuthi
kakho oswela umusa kaNkulunkulu
kanye lokuthi akulampande ebabayo
ekhulayo ukuba idale uhlupho ingcolise
abanengi. ¹⁶ Bonani ukuthi kakho
oyisifebe, loba ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu
njengo-Esawu okwathi ngenxa yokudla
kunye wathengisa amalungelo elifa
lakhe okuba yindodana endala. ¹⁷ Muva,
njengoba lisazi, lapho esefuna ukuzuza
isibusiso lesi waliwa. Wayengeke enze
kube lokuguquka kwengqondo, lanxa
wafuna isibusiso lesi ngezinyembezi.

¹⁸ Kalizanga entabeni engathintwa
njalo ebhebha umlilo; ebumnyameni
lasekufipheleni lesiphepho; ¹⁹ ekukhaleni
kwecilongo loba ilizwi elinjalo
elikhulumayo, okwenza labo abalizwayo
bacela ukuba kungabi lelizwi
elikhulunywa kubo futhi, ²⁰ ngoba
babengeke bakumele ukulaywa okwathi:

“Lenyamazana ingathinta intaba, kumele itshaywe ngamatshe.”²¹ Okwabonwayo kwakusesabeka kakhulu uMosi waze wathi, “Ngiyathuthumela ngenxa yokwesaba.”

²² Kodwa lina lize eNtabeni iZiyoni, iJerusalema lasezulwini, umuzi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Lize kuzinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zezingilosi ezihlangane ngentokozo,²³ ebandleni lezibulo, ezimabizo azo alotshiwe ezulwini. Lize kuNkulunkulu, umahluleli wabantu bonke, emimoyeni yabantu abalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo,²⁴ kuJesu ummeli wesivumelwano esitsha, lasegazini elicheliweyo elikhuluma ilizwi elihle kulegazi lika-Abela.

²⁵ Bonani ukuthi kalimenqabeli lowo okhulumayo. Uma bengaphephanga lapho benqabela lowo owabaxwayisa emhlabeni, koba kuncane kangakanani kithi, uma sidela lowo osixwayisa ezulwini na? ²⁶ Ngalesosikhathi ilizwi lakhe lanyikinyisa umhlaba, kodwa khathesi usethembisile wathi: “Ngizaphinda njalo futhi nginyikinyise, hatshi umhlaba kuphela, kodwa lamazulu futhi.”²⁷ Amazwi la “njalo futhi” atsho ukususwa kwalokho okunganyikinyiswa – okuyikuthi izinto ezadalwayo – ukuze kuthi lokho okungeke kunyikinyiswe kusale.

²⁸ Ngakho-ke, njengoba sisamukela umbuso ongeke unyikinyiswe, kasibongeni njalo sikhonze uNkulunkulu ngokufaneleyo ngenhlonipho langokwesaba,²⁹ ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo oqothulayo.

Iziqonqoselo zokucina

13 Qhubekani lithandana njengabazalwane.² Lingakhohlwa ukwamukela izihambi, ngoba

ngokwenza njalo abanye abantu bamukela izingilosi bengazi.

³ Khumbulani abasentolongweni ngokungathi lani liyizibotshwa kanye labo, kanye lalabo abaphethwe kubi ngokungathi lani uqobo liyahlupheka.

⁴ Ukuthathana kumele kuhlonitshwe ngumuntu wonke, kuthi lombheda wokuthathana uhlale ungangcoliswanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela isifebe labo bonke abayiziphingi.

⁵ Ekuphileni kwenu xwayani ukuthanda imali lisuthiseke ngalokho elilakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi,

“Kangisoze ngilitshiye;
kangisoze ngilidele.”

⁶ Ngakho siyatsho ngethemba sithi,

“INkosi ingumsizi wami;
kangiyikwesaba.
Umuntu angenzani kimi na?”

⁷ Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kini. Cabangani okwavela endleleni yokuphila kwabo lilingisele ukukholwa kwabo.⁸ UJesu Khristu uyafana izolo lalamhla kanye lanininini.

⁹ Musani ukuhugwa yizinhlobo zonke zezimfundiso ezingaziwayo. Kuhle ukuba izinhliziyi zethu ziqiniswe ngumusa, hatshi yikudla komkhuba, okungelasizo kulabo abakudlayo.

¹⁰ Sile-alithare abakhonza ethabanikeleni abangelalungelo lokudlela kulo.

¹¹ Umphristi omkhulu uletha igazi lezifuyo eNdaweni eNgcwele kaKhulu njengomnikelo wesono, kodwa izidumbu zazo ziyatshiswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo.¹² Ngokunjalo uJesu laye wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango ledolobho ukuba enze abantu bakhe babe ngcwele ngegazi lakhe.¹³ Ngakho-ke, kasiyeni kuye ngaphandle kwezihonqo silehlazo alithwalayo.¹⁴ Ngoba lapha

kasiladolobho elimiyo njalo, kodwa sidinga idolobho elizayo.

¹⁵ Ngakho, ngoJesu, kasinikeleni njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu umhlatshele wokubonga – isithelo sezindebe ezivuma ibizo lakhe. ¹⁶ Njalo lingakhohlwa ukwenza okulungileyo kanye lokwabela abanye, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngemihlatshelo enje.

¹⁷ Lalelani abakhokheli benu lithobeke amandla abo. Bayalilinda njengabantu okumele balandise ngani. Balaleleni ukuze umsebenzi wabo uthokozise, ungasindi, ngoba lokho akungeke kube lusizo kini.

¹⁸ Sikhulekeleni. Sileqiniso ukuthi silesazela esihle njalo sifisa ukuhlala ngobuqotho ngezindlela zonke.

¹⁹ Ikakhulu ngiyalincenga ukuba likhuleke ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini masinyane.

²⁰ Sengathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula, owavusa iNkosi yethu uJesu kwabafuleyo ngegazi lesivumelwano esingapheliyo, lowoMalusi omkhulu wezimvu, ²¹ angalihlomisa ngakho konke okulungele ukwenza intando yakhe, njalo sengathi angasebenza phakathi kwethu lokho okumthokozisayo, ngoJesu Khristu, odumo kalube kuye kuze kube nininini. Amen.

²² Bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuba libekezelele ilizwi lami lokuqonqosela, ngoba ngililobeke incwadi emfitshane nje.

²³ Ngithanda ukuba likwazi ukuthi umzalwane wethu uThimothi usekhululwe. Angafika masinyane ngizakuza laye sizelibona.

²⁴ Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu kanye labantu bonke bakaNkulunkulu. Abavela e-Ithali bayalibingelela.

²⁵ Umusa kawube lani lonke.