

UMSHUMAYELI

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ISAPHLUKO 1

Amazwi oMshumayeli indodana kaDavide, inkosi yaseJerusalema.

² “Ize leze,” usho uMshumayeli, “ize leze, konke kuyize.”

³ Kuyinzuzoni kumuntu ngawo wonke umshikashika wakhe awushikashikayo phansi kwelanga na?

⁴ Isizukulwane siyamuka, isizukulwane siyeza, kepha umhlaba umi phakade.

⁵ Ilanga liyaphuma, ilanga liyashona, lishesha ukuya endaweni yalo lapho liphuma khona.

⁶ Umoya uya ngaseningizimu, uzungeze, uye ngasenyakatho; uzungazungeza njalo ekuhambeni kwawo, nasekuzungezeni kwawo umoya uyabuyela.

⁷ Yonke imifula iyangena elwandle, kepha ulwandle alugcwali; endaweni eya kuyo imifula, ibuye iye khona njalo.

⁸ Zonke izinto ziyakhandleka, akakho ongakuphimisa; iso alisuthi ngokubona, nendlebe ayigcwali ngokuzwa.

⁹ Okwake kwaba khona yikho okuyakuba khona, nokwake kwenziwa yikho okuyakwenziwa; akukho okusha phansi kwelanga.

¹⁰ Kukhona yini into okuthiwa ngayo: “Bheka, intsha le.” Yayikhona nasemandulo ayengaphambi kwethu.

¹¹ Akukho ukukhunjulwa kwase bephelile, nabalandelayo abayakufika abayikukhunjulwa nabo phakathi kwabalandela bona.

¹² Mina Mshumayeli ngangiyinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli eJerusalema.

¹³ Nganikela inhliziyo yami ukufuna nokuvivinya ngokuhlakanipha konke okwenziwa phansi kwezulu; kungumshikashika omubi uNkulunkulu awunikile amadodana abantu ukuba awushikashike.

¹⁴ Ngiyibonile yonke imisebenzi eyenziwayo phansi kwelanga; bheka, konke kuyize nokufuna umoya.

¹⁵ Okuyisigwegwe akunakuqondiswa, nokungekho akunakubalwa.

¹⁶ Ngakhuluma mina nenhliziyo yami, ngathi: “Bheka, ngenzile ukuhlakanipha kube kukhulu, ngikwandisile kunabo bonke phambi kwami eJerusalema, yebo, inhliziyo yami ibonile kakhulu ukuhlakanipha nokwazi.”

¹⁷ Nganikela inhliziyo yami ukwazi ukuhlakanipha nokwazi ubuhlanya nobuwula. Ngase ngibona ukuthi nalokho kwakungukufuna umoya.

¹⁸ Ngokuba ekuhlakanipheni okuningi kukhona ukukhathazeka okuningi; owandisa ukwazi wandisa usizi.

ISAHLUKO 2

Ngase ngithi mina enhliziyweni yami: “Woza, ngizakukulinga ngentokozo; mawubone okuhle nje.” Kepha nalokho kwakuyize.

² Ngathi ngokuhleka: “Ngubuhlanya,” nangentokozo: “Yenzani na?”

³ Ngaphenya enhliziyweni yami ukuba ngiyakuthokozisa kanjani umzimba wami ngewayini, inhliziyo ingihole nokho ngokuhlakanipha, nokuba ngibambe ubuwula, ngize ngibone ukuthi kuyini okuhle kumadodana abantu ukuba akwenze phansi kwezulu ezinsukwini zonke zokuphila kwawo.

⁴ Ngazenzela imisebenzi emikhulu, ngazakhela izindlu, ngazitshalela izivini,

⁵ ngazenzela izivande namahlathi, ngatshala khona imithi enezithelo zezinhlobo zonke,

⁶ ngazenzela amachibi amanzi ukuba kuniselwe ngawo ihlathi lemithi emilayo.

⁷ Ngathenga izinceku nezincekukazi, nganginazo ezazalwa endlini; yebo, nganginemfuyo enkulu yezinkomo neyezimvu phezu kwakho konke okwakuphambi kwami eJerusalema.

⁸ Ngazibuthela futhi isiliva negolide, nemfuyo yamakhosi, nezifunda; ngathola abahlabeleli, abesilisa nabesifazane, nalokho athokoza ngakho amadodana abantu: isancinza, yebo, izancinza eziningi.

⁹ Ngase ngikhula ngaba mkhulu kunabo bonke ababe phambi kwami eJerusalema. Nokuhlakanipha kwami kwakumi ngakimi.

¹⁰ Konke amehlo ami akufisayo angikugodlanga kuwo; angenqabelanga inhliziyo yami neyodwa intokozo, ngokuba inhliziyo yami yathokoza ngawo wonke umshikashika wami; lokho kwakuyisabelo sami kuwo wonke umshikashika wami.

¹¹ Ngase ngibhekana nemisebenzi yonke ezaziyezile izandla zami, nomshikashika engangishikashikile ukuwenza; bheka, konke kwakuyize nokufuna umoya, akukho nzuzo phansi kwelanga.

¹² Ngase ngiphenduka ukuba ngibone ukuhlakanipha, nokuhlanya, nobuwula, ngokuba angenzani umuntu olandela inkosi ngaphandle kwalokho okwenziweyo ngaphambili na?

¹³ Ngase ngibona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kudlula ubuwula njengalokhu ukukhanya kudlula ubumnyama.

¹⁴ Ohlakaniphileyo unamehlo ekhanda lakhe, kepha isiwula sihamba ebumnyameni; nokho ngabona ukuthi umehlo munye wehlela bonke.

¹⁵ Ngase ngithi enhliziyweni yami: “Njengokwehlelwa kwesiwula ngiyakwehlelwa nami; ngisidluleleni ngokuhlakanipha na?” Ngathi-ke enhliziyweni yami ukuba nalokho kwakuyize.

¹⁶ Ngokuba akukho ukukhunjulwa kohlakaniphileyo nokwesiwula kuze kube phakade, lokhu ezinsukwini ezizayo konke kuyakube sekukhohlakele. Nohlakaniphileyo akafi njengesiwula na?

¹⁷ Ngase ngizonda ukuphila, ngokuba umsebenzi owenziwa phansi kwelanga mubi kimi, lokhu konke kuyize nokufuna umoya nje.

¹⁸ Yebo, ngazonda wonke umshikashika wami engangiwehshikashika phansi kwelanga, lokhu ngabona ukuthi ngizakuwushiya kumuntu ofika emva kwami.

¹⁹ Ngubani owaziyo, uma eyakuba ngumuntu ohlakaniphileyo noma isiwula na? Nokho uyakubusa phezu kwawo wonke umshikashika wami engiwehshikashikile nengihlakaniphele kuwo phansi kwelanga. Nalokho kuyize.

²⁰ Ngase ngibuye ngaphela ithemba ngawo wonke umshikashika engangiwehshikashikile phansi kwelanga.

²¹ Ngokuba kukhona umuntu omshikashika wakhe wenziwe ngokuhlakanipha,

nangokwazi, nangekhono, kepha nokho uyakuwunikeza kumuntu ongawushikashikanga kube yisabelo sakhe. Nalokho kuyize nobubi obukhulu.

²² Ngokuba umuntu unanzuzoni yawo wonke umshikashika wakhe nokukhandleka kwenhliziyo yakhe akushikashikile phansi kwelanga na?

²³ Ngokuba zonke izinsuku zakhe zinobuhlungu, nomsebenzi wakhe ulusizi; yebo, nasebusuku inhliziyi yakhe ayiphumuli; nalokho kuyize.

²⁴ Akukho okuhle kumuntu kunalokhu kokuba adle, aphuze, abonise umphefumulo wakhe okuhle emshikashikeni wakhe, kepha nalokho ngakubona ukuthi kuvela esandleni sikaNkulunkulu.

²⁵ Ngokuba ngubani ongadla, ngubani ongajabula ngaphandle kwakhe na?

²⁶ Ngokuba umuntu omuhle kuNkulunkulu uyamnika ukuhlakanipha, nokwazi, nentokozo, kepha isoni usinika usizi lokuba sibuthe, siqongelele, ukuze simnike yena omuhle kuNkulunkulu. Nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya.

ISAHLUKO 3

Konke kunesikhathi sakho, yonke indaba inomzuzu wayo phansi kwezulu.

² Kukhona isikhathi sokuzalwa nesikhathi sokufa, isikhathi sokutshala nesikhathi sokusiphula okutshaliweyo;

³ isikhathi sokubulala nesikhathi sokuphilisa, isikhathi sokudiliza nesikhathi sokwakha;

⁴ isikhathi sokukhala nesikhathi sokuhleka, isikhathi sokulila nesikhathi sokusina;

⁵ isikhathi sokuphonsa amatshe nesikhathi sokuqoqa amatshe, isikhathi sokugona nesikhathi sokungagoni;

⁶ isikhathi sokufuna nesikhathi sokulahlekelwa, isikhathi sokugcina nesikhathi sokuhlahla;

⁷ isikhathi sokuklebhula nesikhathi sokuthunga, isikhathi sokuthula nesikhathi sokukhuluma;

⁸ isikhathi sokuthanda nesikhathi sokuzonda, isikhathi sokulwa nesikhathi sokuzola.

⁹ Unanzuzoni osebenzayo ngalokho akushikashikayo na?

¹⁰ Ngibonile umshikashika uNkulunkulu awunikile amadodana abantu ukuba awushikashike.

¹¹ Wenzile konke kube kuhle esikhathini sakho, ubekile nokuphakade ezinhliziyweni zabo; nokho umuntu angefumane umsebenzi awenzile uNkulunkulu kwasekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni.

¹² Ngiyazi ukuthi akukho okuhle kubo kunokuba bathokoze, bazenzele okumnandi besekhona.

¹³ Kepha futhi ukuba abantu bonke badle, baphuze, babone okuhle kuwo wonke umshikashika wabo kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu nalokho.

¹⁴ Ngiyazi ukuthi konke akwenzayo uNkulunkulu kuyakuba khona kuze kube phakade; akukho okungenezelwa kukho, futhi akukho okungasuswa kukho. UNkulunkulu ukwenzile ukuba abantu besabe phambi kwakhe.

¹⁵ Lokhu okukhona yikho okwakukhona, nalokhu okuyakuba khona kade kwakukhona; uNkulunkulu ufuna okudlulileyo.

¹⁶ Futhi ngabona phansi kwelanga ukuthi kukhona okubi endaweni yokwahlulela nokuthi kukhona ukushinga endaweni yokulunga.

¹⁷ Ngase ngithi enhliziyweni yami: “UNkulunkulu uyakwahlulela nolungileyo nomubi, ngokuba kukhona lapha isikhathi sezindaba zonke nesemisebenzi yonke.”

- ¹⁸ Ngathi enhliziyweni yami: “Kungenxa yamadodana abantu ukuze uNkulunkulu awavivinye, wona azibonele ukuthi anjengezilwane nje.
- ¹⁹ Ngokuba okwehlela amadodana abantu kwehlela nezilwane, into inye ikwehlela kokubili: njengalokhu kufa lokho, kuyafa nalokhu; kunomphefumulo munye, umuntu akazidluli ngalutho izilwane, ngokuba konke kuyize.
- ²⁰ Konke kuya endaweni inye; konke kuvela othulini, konke kubuyela othulini.
- ²¹ Ngubani owaziyo ukuthi umoya wamadodana abantu ukhuphukela phezulu, nomoya wezilwane ukuthi wehlela phansi emhlabathini, na?”
- ²² Ngase ngibona-ke ukuthi akukho okungcono kunokuba umuntu athokoze ngemisebenzi yakhe, lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe, ngokuba ngubani ongambuyisa ukuba abone okuyakuba semva kwakhe na?

ISAHLUKO 4

- N**gase ngibuye ngabona konke ukucindezela okwenziwa phansi kwelanga; bheka izinyembezi zabacindezelwayo; babengenamduduzi. Ohlangothini lwababacindezelayo kwakukhona amandla, kepha bona babengenamduduzi.
- ² Ngase ngibusisa abafileyo asebafa kunabaphilayo abasekhona,
- ³ kepha badlulwa bobabili nguye ongakabikho, ongabonanga umsebenzi omubi owenziwa phansi kwelanga.
- ⁴ Futhi ngabona wonke umshikashika nakho konke okwenziwe ngekhono ukuthi kungumhawu womuntu ngomakhelwane wakhe. Nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya.
- ⁵ Isiwula siyasonga izandla zaso, sidle umzimba waso.
- ⁶ Kungcono ukhweshe lokuthula kunezandla zombili zigcwele umshikashika kanye nokufuna umoya.
- ⁷ Ngase ngibuye ngabona okunye okuyize phansi kwelanga:
- ⁸ Kukhona oyedwa, kanaye owesibili, yebo, akanamntwana, kanamfowabo, nokho ukuphela komshikashika wakhe akukho, namehlo akhe awasuthi ngengcebo. Uthi: “Ngishikashikela-bani, ngiswezisela umphefumulo wami ngokuhle, na?” Nalokho kuyize nenhlupheko embi.
- ⁹ Kungcono ababili kunoyedwa, ngokuba banomvuzo omkhulu ngomshikashika wabo.
- ¹⁰ Ngokuba uma bewa, omunye uyavusa umngane wakhe; kepha maye kuye oyedwa laphe ewa, engenawesibili wokumvusa!
- ¹¹ Futhi uma ababili belele ndawonye, banokufudumala, kepha oyedwa angafudumala kanjani na?
- ¹² Nakuba umuntu ahlula oyedwa, ababili bayakuma phambi kwakhe, nentambo emicu mithathu ayisheshi ukugqashuka.
- ¹³ Kungcono umfana ompofu ohlakaniphileyo kunenkosi egugileyo eyisiwula, engasakwazi ukuxwayiswa,
- ¹⁴ ngokuba waphuma etilongweni ukuba abe yinkosi, yebo, wazalwa embusweni wayo empofu.
- ¹⁵ Ngabona bonke abaphilayo ababehamba phansi kwelanga bekanye nalowo mfana obeyakuma esikhundleni sakhe;
- ¹⁶ kwakungekho ukuphela kwabantu bonke, bonke ayephambi kwabo; nokho abafika emuva abayikuthokoza ngaye. Impela nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya.

ISAPHLUKO 5

Gcina unyawo lwakho, lapho uya endlini kaNkulunkulu, ngokuba ukusondela ukuyokuzwa kungcono kunokunikela ngomhlathelo weziwula, ngokuba azazi ukuthi zenza okubi.

² Ungabi namawala ngomlomo wakho, nenhliziyo yakho mayingasheshi ukukhipha izwi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngokuba uNkulunkulu usezulwini, wena usemhlabeni; ngalokho amazwi akho mawabe yingcosana.

³ Ngokuba iphupho livela ngemisebenzi eminingi nephimbo lesiwula ngobuningi bamazwi.

⁴ Lapho wenza isithembiso phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ungalibali ukusifeza, ngokuba akathokozi ngeziwula: feza lokhu okwethembisayo.

⁵ Kungcono ukuba ungenzi isithembiso kunokuba uthembisa ungameze.

⁶ Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukuba wonise inyama yakho, futhi ungasho phambi kwesithunywa sikaNkulunkulu ukuthi kuyiphutha; yini ukuba uNkulunkulu athukuthelele izwi lakho, achithe umsebenzi wezandla zakho, na?

⁷ Ngokuba lapho kukhona amaphupho amaningi, kukhona nokuyize namazwi amaningi, kepha wena yesaba uNkulunkulu.

⁸ Uma ubona ukudlovelwa kwabampofu nokuphangwa kokwahlulela nokokulunga ezweni, ungamangali ngakho, ngokuba omkhulu uqaphela omkhulu kunaye, futhi kukhona nabakhulu kunabo.

⁹ Inkosi esebenzela amasimu iyinsizakalo yezwe kukho konke.

¹⁰ Othanda imali akayikusutha ngemali, nothanda okuningi akaneliswa yizithelo; nalokho kuyize.

¹¹ Lapho okuhle kwanda, nabakudlayo bayanda; kulusizo luni kumninikho ngaphandle kokuba akubone ngamehlo akhe na?

¹² Ubuthongo besisebenzi bumnandi, noma sidla okuyingcosana noma okuningi, kepha ukusutha kocebileyo akumvumeli ukuba alale.

¹³ Kukhona ububi obudabukisayo engibubonile phansi kwelanga: ingcebo egcinelwe umniniyo ukuba imlimaze;

¹⁴ futhi uma ingcebo ichithwa ngengozi embi, indodana ayizalileyo ayinalutho esandleni sayo.

¹⁵ Njengalokho aphuma esizalweni sikanina, uyakubuye amuke, ahambe ze njengasekufikeni kwakhe, engatholi lutho ngomshikashika wakhe, ahambe nalo esandleni sakhe.

¹⁶ Nalokho kungububi obudabukisayo ukuthi uyamuka kukho konke njengokufika kwakhe; unanzuzoni ukuthi ushikashikele umoya na?

¹⁷ Yebo, zonke izinsuku zakhe zisebumnyameni nasosizini, nasekukhathazekeni okuningi, nasekuguleni, nasekuthukutheleni.

¹⁸ Bheka, engikubonile mina ukuthi kuhle nokumnandi kumuntu kungukudla, nokuphuza, nokubona okuhle kuwo wonke umshikashika wakhe awushikashikayo phansi kwelanga zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe uNkulunkulu amnika zona; ngokuba lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe.

¹⁹ Futhi bonke abantu uNkulunkulu abaphe ingcebo nemfuyo, abanike futhi namandla okudla kukho ukuba bathathe izabelo zabo, bathokoze ngomshikashika wabo lokho

kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu.

²⁰ Ngokuba akakhumbuli kakhulu izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe, lokhu uNkulunkulu emnika intokozo enhliziyweni yakhe.

ISAHLUKO 6

Kukhona ububi engibubonile phansi kwelanga ukuthi bunzima phezu kwabantu:

² umuntu uNkulunkulu amnika ingcebo, nemfuyo, nodumo, aze angasweli lutho lomphefumulo wakhe kukho konke akufisayo, uNkulunkulu angamniki nokho amandla okudla kukho, kepha kudliwa ngumfokazi; lokho kuyize, kuyisifo esibi.

³ Uma umuntu ezala abantwana abayikhulu, ehamba iminyaka eminingi, zibe ziningi izinsuku zeminyaka yakhe, kodwa umphefumulo wakhe ungasuthi ngokuhle, futhi angabi nakumbelwa, ngithi okuphuphumileyo kungcono kunaye,

⁴ ngokuba kufika ngeze, kumuke ebumnyameni, igama lakho lisitshekelwa ngubumnyama.

⁵ Nelanga akulibonanga, akwazi lutho; khona kunokuphumula kunaye.

⁶ Yebo, noma ephila iminyaka eyinkulungwane ephindwa kabili, engaboni okuhle, abayi bonke endaweni inye na?

⁷ Wonke umshikashika womuntu wenzelwa umlomo wakhe, nokho iphango alaneliswa.

⁸ Ngokuba ohlakaniphileyo udluleleni isiwula, nompofu okwazi ukuhamba phambi kwabaphilileyo unantoni na?

⁹ Kungcono ukubona kwamehlo kunokuzulazula kwesifiso; nalokhu kuyize nokufuna umoya.

¹⁰ Okukhona kwake kwabizwa ngegama; kwaziwa ukuthi umuntu uyakuba yini; akanakwahlulelana nonamandla kunaye.

¹¹ Lokhu kukhona amazwi amaningi akwandisa okuyize, umuntu unanzuzoni na?

¹² Ngokuba ngubani okwaziyo okuhle okuyakuba ngokomuntu ekuhambeni kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe okuyize aziqedayo njengesithunzi na? Ngubani ongatshele umuntu okuyakuba semva kwakhe phansi kwelanga na?

ISAHLUKO 7

Igama elihle lingcono kunamafutha amahle, nosuku lokufa lungcono kunosuku lokuzalwa.

² Kungcono ukuya endlini yokulila kunokuya endlini yedili, ngokuba lokho kungukuphela kwabantu bonke; nophilayo makakubeke enhliziyweni yakhe.

³ Usizi lungcono kunokuhleka, ngokuba ngokudabuka kobuso inhliziyo yenzelwa okuhle.

⁴ Inhliziyo yabhlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila, kepha inhliziyo yeziwula isendlini yentokozo.

⁵ Kungcono ukuzwa ukukhuza kohlakaniphileyo kunokuba umuntu ezwe ukuhlabelela kweziwula.

⁶ Njengokucacamba kwezintathawe eziphansi kwekhanzi, kunjalo ukuhleka kweziwula. Nalokho kuyize.

⁷ Impela ukucindezela kuyamhlanyisa ohlakaniphileyo, nokuthengwa ngomvuzo kuchitha ingqondo.

⁸ Kungcono ukuphela kwendaba kunokuqala kwayo; onomoya obekezelayo ungcono kunoziphakamisayo.

- ⁹ Ungasheshi ukuthukuthela emoyeni wakho, ngokuba ulaka luhlala ezifubeni zeziwula.
- ¹⁰ Ungasho ukuthi: “Kwenziwa kanjani ukuba izinsuku zokuqala zazizinhle kunalezi na?” Ngokuba awubuzi kanjalo ngokuhlakanipha.
- ¹¹ Ukuhlakanipha kuhle njengefa, yebo, kunenzuzo kwabalibonayo ilanga,
- ¹² ngokuba kusemthunzini wokuhlakanipha njengasemthunzini wemali, kepha inzuzo yokwazi ingeyokuba ukuhlakanipha kulondoloza ukuphila kwalowo onakho.
- ¹³ Bona umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, ngokuba ngubani ongelula lokho akugobileyo na?
- ¹⁴ Yenama ngosuku lwenhlanhla, kepha ngosuku olubi qonda ukuthi nalolu uNkulunkulu ulwenzile njengalolo, ukuze umuntu angafumani lutho oluyakuba khona emva kwakhe.
- ¹⁵ Konke ngikubonile emihleni yami eyize: kukhona olungileyo obhubhile ekulungeni kwakhe, kukhona nomubi owelula ukuphila kwakhe ebubini bakhe.
- ¹⁶ Ungabi ngolungileyo ngokudluleleyo, ungazenzi ohlakaniphileyo kakhulu; uzichithelani na?
- ¹⁷ Ungabi mubi ngokudluleleyo, ungabi yisiwula; uyakufelani kungakabi yisikhathi na?
- ¹⁸ kuhle ukuba ubambelele kulokhu, yebo, ungabuyisi isandla sakho nakulokho, ngokuba owesaba uNkulunkulu uyakuphumelela kukho konke.
- ¹⁹ Ukuhlakanipha kumenza ohlakaniphileyo ukuba abe namandla kunababusi abayishumi abasemzini.
- ²⁰ Ngokuba akukho muntu emhlabeni olungileyo kangaka ukuba enze okuhle, angoni.
- ²¹ Ungabeki inhliziyi yakho emazwini onke akhulunywayo, funa uzwe inceku yakho ikuthuka,
- ²² ngokuba kaninginingi inhliziyi yakho iyazi ukuba nawe ubathukile abanye.
- ²³ Konke lokho ngikuvivinyile ngokuhlakanipha, ngathi: “Ngiyakuhlakanipha,” kepha kwakusala kude nami.
- ²⁴ Okude nokujulile kakhulu, ngubani ongakufumana na?
- ²⁵ Ngase ngiphenduka ukuba inhliziyi yami yazi, ihlole, ifune ukuhlakanipha nendikimba yezindaba ukuyokwazi ububi ukuthi bungubuwula, nobuwula ukuthi bungubuhlanya.
- ²⁶ Ngase ngifumana okubaba kunokufa: owesifazane onhliziyo yakhe iyizingibe namanetha, nezandla zakhe ziyizibopho; omuhle phambi kukaNkulunkulu uyakuphunyuka kuye, kepha isoni siyakubanjwa nguye.
- ²⁷ “Bheka, nakhu engikufumene,” uthi uMshumayeli: “Ngibeka okunye kokunye ukuba ngithole indikimba yezindaba,
- ²⁸ nokusafunwa ngumphefumulo wami, ngingakakufumani kodwa: indoda inye phakathi kwenkulungwane ngiyifumene, kepha owesifazane phakathi kwabo bonke labo angimfumananga.
- ²⁹ Bheka, lokhu kuphela ngikufumene ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu waba qotho, kepha bona bafunile amacebo amaningi.”

ISAHLUKO 8

Ngubani onjengohlakaniphileyo na? Ngubani owazi ukuchasisela indaba na? Ukuhlakanipha komuntu kuyakhanyisa ubuso bakhe, nobulukhuni bobuso bakhe buyaguqulwa.

² Ngithi: Gcina izwi lenkosi ngenxa yesifungo ngoNkulunkulu.

³ Ungasheshi ukusuka ebusweni bayo, ungemi endabeni embi, ngokuba yenza konke ekuthandayo.

- ⁴ Ngokuba izwi lenkosi liyabusa; ngubani ongasho kuyo ukuthi: “Wenzani na?”
- ⁵ Ogcina umyalo akayikwazi okubi: nenhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo iyakwazi isikhathi nokwahlulela,
- ⁶ ngokuba kukhona isikhathi nokwahlulela ezindabeni zonke; nokho ububi bomuntu bukhulu phezu kwakhe,
- ⁷ lokhu engazi okuyakuba khona, ngokuba ngubani ongamtshela ukuthi kuyakuba kanjani na?
- ⁸ Akukho muntu onamandla phezu komoya ukuba awuthiye, futhi akakho obusa phezu kosuku lokufa; ukukhululwa akukho empini, nobubi abunakukhulula umninibo.
- ⁹ Ngabona konke lokho, ngabeka inhliziyo yami kuyo yonke imisebenzi eyenziwa phansi kwelanga ngesikhathi lapho umuntu ebusa omunye kube ngukulimala kwakhe.
- ¹⁰ Kanjalo ngabona ukuthi ababi bembelwa, ababengenile bephuma endaweni engcwele, bababazeka emzini lapho kade benza okunjalo; nalokho kuyize.
- ¹¹ Ngenxa yokuba ububi obenziwayo bungahlulelwa masinyane, ngalokho izinhliziyu zamadodana abantu phakathi kwawo zigcwele ukwenza okubi,
- ¹² ngangokuba isoni, noma senza okubi kayikhulu, kuyandiswa nokho izinsuku zaso. Kanti nokho ngiyazi ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kwabamesabayo uNkulunkulu, lokhu besaba phambi kobuso bakhe;
- ¹³ kodwa akuyikuba kuhle kwababi, nemihla yabo ayiyikwandiswa njengesithunzi, lokhu abesabi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
- ¹⁴ Kukhona okuyize okwenziwa emhlabeni kokuthi kukhona abalungileyo abehlelwa ngokomsebenzi wababi, nokuthi kukhona ababi abehlelwa ngokomsebenzi wabalungileyo; ngathi: “Nalokho kuyize.”
- ¹⁵ Ngase ngibabaza intokozo, ngokuba umuntu akanakho okuhle phansi kwelanga kunokudla, nokuphuza, nokujabula; lokhu kuyakuhlala kuye emshikashikeni wakhe ezinsukwini zokuphila kwakhe aziphiweyo nguNkulunkulu phansi kwelanga.
- ¹⁶ Lapho ngibeka inhliziyo yami ukukwazi ukuhlakanipha nokubona umshikashika owenziwa emhlabeni, ngokuba akakho obona ubuthongo ngamehlo akhe imini nobusuku,
- ¹⁷ ngase ngiqonda wonke umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ukuthi umuntu akanakuwubamba umsebenzi owenziwa phansi kwelanga, ngokuba noma umuntu eshikashikeka kangakanani ukuwuhlola, angewuthole, yebo, nakuba ohlakaniphileyo ecabanga ukuthi uyawazi, akanakuwuthola.

ISAHLUKO 9

- N**gokuba konke lokho ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami ukuhlola konke lokho ukuthi abalungileyo nabahlakaniphileyo nemisebenzi yabo kusesandleni sikaNkulunkulu; noma kuluthando noma kuyinzondo, akukho muntu okwaziyo; konke kusebusweni babo.
- ² Konke kungabehlela bonke, olungileyo nomubi, omuhle nohlambulukileyo nongcolileyo, onikela ngomhlatsshelo nongenawo umhlatsshelo, omuhle abe njengesoni, ofungayo njengowesaba isifungo.
 - ³ Kubi lokhu kukho konke okwenziwa phansi kwelanga ukuthi bonke behlelwa yinto inye; ngalokho izinhliziyu zamadodana abantu zigcwele ububi, nobuhlanya busezinhliziyweni zabo besekhona, andukuba baye kwabafileyo.
 - ⁴ Ohlangene nabo bonke abaphilayo kukhona ithemba kuye, ngokubainja ephilayo ingcono kunengonyama efileyo.

- ⁵ Ngokuba abaphilayo bayazi ukuthi bayakufa, kepha abafileyo abazi lutho, futhi abasenawo umvuzo, ngokuba ukukhunjulwa kwabo sekukhohlakele.
- ⁶ Uthando lwabo, nokuzonda kwabo, nomhawu wabo sekuphelile, futhi abasenaso isabelo nanini kukho konke okwenziwa phansi kwelanga.
- ⁷ Hamba udle isinkwa sakho ngentokozo, uphuze iwayini ngenhliziyo enhle, ngokuba uNkulunkulu usevumile imisebenzi yakho.
- ⁸ Izingubo zakho mazibe mhlophe ngezikhathi zonke, nekhandla lakho malingasweli amafutha.
- ⁹ Thokoza ngokuphila nomkakho omthandayo zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakho okuyize, oziphiwayo phansi kwelanga zonke izinsuku zakho eziyize, ngokuba lokhu kuyisabelo sakho kulokho kuphila ngomshikashika wakho owushikashikayo phansi kwelanga.
- ¹⁰ Konke isandla sakho esikufumanayo ukukwenza, kwenze ngamandla akho, ngokuba akukho msebenzi, namcabango, nakwazi, nakuhlakanipha endaweni yabafileyo, lapho uya khona.
- ¹¹ Ngabuye ngabona phansi kwelanga ukuthi ukujaha akuyi ngabanejubane, nokulwa ngamaqhawe, nesinkwa ngabahlakaniphileyo, nengcebo ngabaqondileyo, nomusa ngabanokwazi, ngokuba bonke bahlangabezana nesikhathi nethuba.
- ¹² Ngokuba umuntu akasazi isikhathi sakhe; njengezinhlanzi ezibanjwa enetheni elibi nezinyoni ezibanjwa ogibeni, kanjalo amadodana abantu abekelwa isihibe ngesikhathi esibi, lapho siwehlela ngokuzumayo.
- ¹³ Ngabona futhi ukuhlakanipha ngale ndlela phansi kwelanga, kwaba kukhulu kimi:
- ¹⁴ kwakukhona umuzi omncane, unabantu abayingcosana phakathi kwawo; kwafika inkosi enkulu kuwo, yawuvimbezela, yakha izinqaba ezinkulu ngakuwo;
- ¹⁵ kepha kwafunyanwa kuwo indoda empofu ehlakaniphileyo; yawukhulula umuzi ngokuhlakanipha kwayo, kodwa nokho akakho okhumbula leyo ndoda empofu.
- ¹⁶ Ngase ngithi: “Ukuhlakanipha kuhle kunamandla,” kepha ukuhlakanipha kompofu kuyadelelwa, namazwi akhe awezwakali.
- ¹⁷ Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo ezwakalayo ekuthuleni mahle kunokumemeza kobusa phakathi kweziwula.
- ¹⁸ Ukuhlakanipha kungcono kunezikhali zokulwa, ngokuba oyedwa owonayo angachitha okuhle okuningi.

ISAPHLUKO 10

- ¹ Zimpukane ezifileyo zenza amafutha omthaki ukuba anuke, abile; kanjalo ubuwula obuncane bulingana nokuhlakanipha nodumo.
- ² Inhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo ingakwesokunene sakhe, kepha inhliziyo yesiwula ingakwesokhohlo.
- ³ Yebo, nasendleleni esihamba ngayo isiwula, siyaphela ingqondo, sisho kubo bonke ukuthi siyisiwula.
- ⁴ Uma umoya wombusi ukuvukela, ungashiyi indawo yakho, ngokuba ukubekezela kuvimba izono ezinkulu.
- ⁵ Kukhona ububi engibubonile phansi kwelanga, bunjengephutha elivela kumbusi:
- ⁶ ubuwula bubekwa ezindaweni eziningi eziphakemeyo, kepha abacebileyo bahlala kweziphansi.
- ⁷ Ngibonile izinceku zikhwele amahhashi, nezikhulu zihamba phansi njengezinceku.

- ⁸ Omba umgodi uyakuwela kuwo, nodiliza ugange uyakulunywa yinyoka.
- ⁹ Okhipha amatshe uyakulinyazwa yiwo, nobanda izinkuni uyakuba sengozeni ngazo.
- ¹⁰ Uma insimbi ibuthuntu, umuntu engaloli usiko, uyakhamelela ngamandla; kepha okusizayo ukuphumelelisa kungukuhlakanipha.
- ¹¹ Uma inyoka iluma ingakalunjwa, umlumbi akasizi lutho.
- ¹² Amazwi omlomo wohlakaniphileyo anomusa, kepha izindebe zesiwula ziyasigwinya sona.
- ¹³ Ukuqala kwamazwi omlomo waso angubuwula, nokugcina kokukhuluma kwaso kungubuhlanya obubi.
- ¹⁴ Isiwula siyandisa amazwi, nokho umuntu akazi okuyakuba khona; nalokho okuyakuba ngasemva kwakhe, ngubani ongamtshela lokho na?
- ¹⁵ Umshikashika weziwula uyaziqoba, ukuze zingazi nokuya emzini.
- ¹⁶ Maye kuwe lizwe onkosi yakho ingumntwana, nezikhulu zakho zinedili ekuseni!
- ¹⁷ Ubusisiwe wena lizwe onkosi yakho iyindodana yabakhulu, nezikhulu zakho zinedili ngesikhathi, ziziqinise, zingadakwa.
- ¹⁸ Ngobuvila obukhulu indlu iyabola, nangokwenqena kwezandla iyavuzwa.
- ¹⁹ Idili lenzelwa ukuhleka, newayini liyenamisa ukuphila, kepha imali iyimpendulo yakho konke.
- ²⁰ Ungayiqalekisi inkosi nasemicabangweni yakho, ungabathuki abacebileyo nasekamelweni lakho lokulala, ngokuba inyani yezulu iyakulihambisa izwi, nokunamaphiko kuyakuyilanda indaba.

ISAHLUKO 11

Thuma isinkwa sakho ebusweni bamanzi, ngokuba uyakusifumana emva kwezinsuku eziningi.

- ² Yabela abayisikhombisa nabayisishiyagalombili, ngokuba awukwazi okubi okuyakuba semhlabeni.
- ³ Uma amafu egcwele imvula, ayayithulula emhlabeni; futhi uma kuwa umuthi ngaseningizimu noma ngasenyakatho, endaweni lapho uwa khona umuthi, uyakuba lapho.
- ⁴ Oqaphela umoya akayikuhlwaneyela; obheka amafu kayikuvuna.
- ⁵ Njengalokhu ungazi indlela yomoya ukuthi iphi, nokubunjwa kwamathambo esizalweni sokhulelweyo, kanjalo awuyazi nemisebenzi kaNkulunkulu owenza konke.
- ⁶ Hlwanyela imbewu yakho kusasa, ungaphumuzi isandla sakho nakusihlwa, ngokuba awazi ukuthi yiyiphi eyakuphumelela, yilena noma yileyo, noma ziyakuba zinhle zombili ngokufanayo.
- ⁷ Ukukhanya kumnandi, yebo, kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga.
- ⁸ Noma umuntu ekhona iminyaka eminingi, makathokoze ngayo yonke, akhumbule nokho nezinsuku zobumnyama ukuthi njengokuba ziziningi, konke okufikayo kuyize.
- ⁹ Thokoza, nsizwa, ebusheni bakho, inhliziyi yakho ikuphe ukwenama emihleni yobunsizwa bakho, uhambe ngezindlela zenhliziyi yakho njengokubona kwamehlo akho, kepha yazi ukuthi ngakho konke lokho uNkulunkulu uyakukungenisa ekwahlulelweni.
- ¹⁰ Khipha usizi enhliziyweni yakho, udlulise okubi emzimbeni wakho, ngokuba ubusha nobunsizwa buyize.

ISAPHLUKO 12

Futhi khumbula uMdali wakho emihleni yobusha bakho, zingakafiki izinsuku ezimbi, ingakasondeli iminyaka osho ngayo ukuthi: “Angithokozi ngayo,”

² yebo, lingakabi mnyama ilanga, nokukhanya, nenyanga, nezinkanyezi, namafu engakabuyi emva kwemvula,

³ ngalolo suku lapho abalindi bendlu beyakuthuthumela, amadoda anamandla agobe, abasilikazi bayeke ngokuba beyingcosana, abalunguza emafasiteleni bafiphazelwe,

⁴ iminyango ivalwe esitaladini, lapho umsindo wokusila uncipha, umuntu avuke ngezwi lenyoni, izintombi zonke zokuhlabelela zithuliswe;

⁵ nalapho abantu besaba imimango izesabiso zibe sendleleni, umalimondi ukhahlele, intethe itotobe, izithelo zesihlahla sekaphari zingabe zisaba namandla, ngokuba umuntu useya endlini yakhe ephakade, nabalilayo bazulazula esitaladini;

⁶ yebo, lingakagqabuki igoda lesiliva, nokhamba lwegolide lungakaphahlazwa, nembiza ingakafi ngasemthonjeni, nesondo lingakaphuki ngasemgodini wamanzi,

⁷ uthuli lubuyele emhlabathini, njengokuba lwalunjalo, umoya ubuyele kuNkulunkulu owawunikayo.

⁸ “Ize leze,” usho uMshumayeli, “konke kuyize.”

⁹ Futhi ngokuba uMshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, wayefundisa abantu ukwazi, wazindla, waphenya walungisa izaga eziningi.

¹⁰ UMshumayeli wafuna ukuthola amazwi anamisayo afanele ukulotshwa, amazwi eqiniso.

¹¹ Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengezincijo, nezigaba zawo zinjengezipikili ezinamatheleyo, ephiwe nguMalusi munye.

¹² Kepha phezu kwalana, ndodana yami, mawuxwaye; ukwenza izincwadi eziningi akunakuphela, nokufunda okuningi kukhathaza umzimba.

¹³ Nakhu ukuphela kwendaba, lapho sekuzwakele konke: Mesabe uNkulunkulu, ugcine imiyalo yakhe, ngokuba lokho kungokwabantu bonke.

¹⁴ Ngokuba uNkulunkulu uyakuyisa uyakuyisa yonke imisebenzi ekwahlulelweni kanye nakho konke okufihliweyo, noma kuhle noma kubi.

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