

JOBE

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ISAPHLUKO 1

Kwakukhona umuntu ezweni lase-Uzi ogama lakhe lalinguJobe; lowo muntu wayengenasici elungile, wayemesaba uNkulunkulu, wabalekela okubi.

² Wazala amadodana ayisikhombisa namadodakazi amathathu.

³ Impahla yakhe yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, namakamela ayizinkulungwane ezintathu, namabhangqa angamakhulu ayisihlanu ezinkabi, nezimbongolo zezinsikazi ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu, nezinceku eziningi kakhulu; wayemkhulu lowo muntu kunabo bonke abantu basempumalanga.

⁴ Amadodana akhe ayehamba enza idili endlini yaleyo naleyo ngosuku lwayo; ayesethuma ebiza odadewabo abathathu ukuba badle, baphuze nawo.

⁵ Kwathi lapho seziphelile izinsuku zedili lawo, uJobe wathuma wawangcwelisa, wavuka ekuseni, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa njengomumo wawo onke; ngokuba uJobe wathi: “Mhlawumbe amadodana ami onile, amthukile uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zawo.” Wenze njalo uJobe imihla yonke.

⁶ Kwathi ngelinye ilanga kwafika amadodana kaNkulunkulu ema phambi kukaJehova, kwafika noSathane phakathi kwawo.

⁷ UJehova wayesethi kuSathane: “Uvelaphi na?” USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: “Ekuzuleni emhlabeni nasekuhambahambeni kuwo.”

⁸ Wayesethi uJehova kuSathane: “Inhliziyo yakho iyiqaphele inceku yami uJobe na? Ngokuba akakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu ongenasici nolungileyo, omesaba uNkulunkulu, obalekela okubi.”

⁹ USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: “UJobe uyamesaba uNkulunkulu ngeze na?”

¹⁰ Wena awumbiyelanga yini yena nendlu yakhe nakho konke okwakhe nxazonke, wabusisa umsebenzi wezandla zakhe na? Impahla yakhe yandile emhlabeni.

¹¹ Kepha ake welule isandla sakho, uthinte konke anakho, impela uyakukuthuka ebusweni bakho.”

¹² Wathi uJehova kuSathane: “Bheka, konke anakho kusesandleni sakho; kuphela kuyena uqobo ungabeki isandla sakho.” Wayesephuma uSathane ebusweni bukaJehova.

¹³ Kwathi ngolunye usuku lapho amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe edla, ephuza iwayini endlini yomfowabo oyizibulo,

¹⁴ kwafika isithunywa kuJobe, sathi: “Izinkabi bezilima, izimbongolo ziklabile eceleni kwazo,

- ¹⁵ lapho amaSheba etheleka, azithatha; izinceku azibulele ngosiko lwenkemba; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele.”
- ¹⁶ Esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi: “Umlilo kaNkulunkulu uwile ezulwini, washisa izimvu nezinceku, waziqeda; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele.”
- ¹⁷ Esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi: “AmaKaledi enza amaviyo amathathu, ahlasele amakamela, awathatha, azibulala izinceku ngosiko lwenkemba; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele.”
- ¹⁸ Esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi: “Amadodana akho namadodakazi akho ayedla, ephuza iwayini endlini yomfowabo oyizibulo;
- ¹⁹ bheka, kwafika, kwadabula ihlane umoya omkhulu, washaya amagumbi omane endlu, yawa phezu kwezinsizwa, zafa; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele.”
- ²⁰ Wayesesukuma uJobe, waklebhula ingubo yakhe, waphucula ikhanda lakhe, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka,
- ²¹ wathi: “Ngaphuma ngize esizalweni sikamame; ngiyakubuyela khona ngize; uJehova wapha, uJehova uthathile; malibongwe igama likaJehova.”
- ²² Kukho konke lokho uJobe akonanga, akamthelanga uNkulunkulu okubi.

ISAPHLUKO 2

Kwathi futhi ngelinye ilanga afika amadodana kaNkulunkulu, ema phambi kukaJehova; noSathane wafika phakathi kwawo ukuba eme phambi kukaJehova.

- ² UJehova wathi kuSathane: “Uvelaphi na?” USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: “Ekuzuleni emhlabeni nasekuhambahambeni kuwo.”
- ³ Wayesethi uJehova kuSathane: “Inhliziyo yakho iyiqaphele inceku yami uJobe na? Ngokuba akakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu ongenasici nolungileyo, omesaba uNkulunkulu, obalekela okubi; usabambelela ekupheleleni kwakhe, noma ungivusele ukumchitha engenacala.”
- ⁴ USathane wamphendula uJehova, wathi: “Isikhumba ngesikhumba, yebo, konke umuntu anakho uyakunika ngokuphila kwakhe.
- ⁵ Kepha ake welule isandla sakho, uthinte amathambo akhe nenyama yakhe, impela uyakukuthuka ebusweni bakho.”
- ⁶ UJehova wayesethi kuSathane: “Bheka, usesandleni sakho; gcina ukuphila kwakhe kodwa.”
- ⁷ Wayesephuma uSathane ebusweni bukaJehova, wamshaya uJobe ngamathumba amabi, kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kufike okhakhayini.
- ⁸ Wathatha udengezi ukuzozenwaya ngalo; wayehlezi phakathi komlotha.
- ⁹ Wayesethi umkakhe kuye: “Usabambelela ekupheleleni kwakho na? Thuka uNkulunkulu, ufe.”
- ¹⁰ Kepha wathi kuye: “Ukhuluma njengalokhu owesifazane oyisiwula ekhuluma. Siyakwamukela okuhle kuphela kuNkulunkulu, singamukeli nokubi, na?” Kukho konke lokho uJobe akonanga ngomlomo wakhe.
- ¹¹ Lapho abangane abathathu bakaJobe sebezwe ngakho konke lokho okubi okumehleleyo, bafika kuye bevela, kwaba yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe: ngu-Elifazi umThemani, noBilidadi umShuhi, noSofari umNahama; bavumelana ukuba baye bamkhalele, bamduduze.

- ¹² Lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo besekude, abamazanga; badazuluka bakhala, baklebhula, kwaba yilowo nalowo ingubo yakhe, bafafaza amakhanda abo ngothuli beluphonsa phezulu.
- ¹³ Bahlala phansi naye emhlabathini izinsuku eziyisikhombisa nobusuku obuyisikhombisa, akukhulumanga muntu kuye, ngokuba babona ukuthi usizi lwakhe lwalulukhulu kakhulu.

ISAHLUKO 3

Emva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe, waqalekisa usuku lwakhe.

² UJobe wathatha wathi:

³ “Makubhubhe usuku engazalwa ngalo, nobusuku obathi: ‘Ukhulelwe umntwana wesilisa.’

⁴ Lolo suku malube ngubumnyama; uNkulunkulu makangalunaki ephezulu, ukukhanya makungakhanyiswa kulo.

⁵ Ubumnyama nethunzi lokufa maluphiwe khona, kuhlale ifu phezu kwalo; okwenza mnyama usuku makulwesabise.

⁶ Ubusuku lobo isigayegaye masibubambe; mabungajabuli phakathi kwezinsuku zomnyaka, bungangeni phakathi komumo wezinyanga.

⁷ Bheka, lobo busuku mabungabi nalutho, kungangeni ukujabula kubo.

⁸ Mababuqalekise abathuka amalanga, abalungele ukuvusa uLeviyathani.

⁹ Izinkanyezi zokuhwelela kwabo maziphenduke ubumnyama; mabulinde ukukhanya kungabikho, bungaboni izinkophe zokusa,

¹⁰ ngokuba abuvalanga izivalo zesizalo sikamame, abufihlanga ukuhlupheka emehlweni ami.

¹¹ “Angifanga ngani esizalweni na? Angibhubhanga ngani ekuphumeni kwami esiswini na?

¹² Amadolo angamukeleleni, namabele ukuba ngincele, na?

¹³ Ngokuba kalokhu ngakube ngilele, ngithule; khona ngakube ngilele ubuthongo nginokuphumula

¹⁴ kanye namakhosi nabeluleki bomhlaba abazakhela izinqaba zamathuna,

¹⁵ noma kanye nezikhulu ezinegolide ezazigcwalisa izindlu zazo ngesiliva,

¹⁶ noma ngangingekho njengokuphuphumileyo okuthukusiweyo, njengezingane ezingazange zibone ukukhanya.

¹⁷ Lapho amashinga ayekile ukudlova; lapho baphumule abaphelile amandla.

¹⁸ Lapho iziboshwa ziyatabhaya kanyekanye; azizwa izwi labazicindezelayo.

¹⁹ Lapho nabancane nabakhulu bayafanana; isigqila sikhululekile enkosini yaso.

²⁰ “Odiniweyo unikelwani ukukhanya nabanomunyu emphefumulweni ukuphila;

²¹ abalinda ukufa kungafiki, abakumba kunengebo;

²² abathokoza baze bethabe, bajabule, uma belithola ithuna,

²³ nomuntu ondlela yakhe isithekile, uNkulunkulu ambiyeleyo nxazonke zakhe, na?

²⁴ Ukugquma kwami kufika phambi kwesinkwa sami, nokububula kwami kuthululwa njengamanzi,

²⁵ ngokuba engikwesabayo sekuyangifikela, nenginovalo ngakho sekuyangehlela.

²⁶ Anginakuthula, angizolile, anginakuphumula; kepha ukuyaluza kuyafika.”

ISAHLUKO 4

Wayesethatha u-Elifazi, umThemani, wathi:

- ² “Uma kulingwa ukukhulunywa kuwe, uyakukhathazeka na? Kepha ngubani ongazibamba, angakhulumi, na?
- ³ Bheka, uqondisile abaningi; uqinisile izandla ezibuthakathaka.
- ⁴ Amazwi akho amisile okhubekayo; usimamisile amadolo athuthumelayo.
- ⁵ “Kepha sekufikile kuwe, uyakhathazeka; kuyakuthinta wena, uyashaywa luvalo.
- ⁶ Ukumesaba kwakho uNkulunkulu akusilo ithemba lakho yini, nokuphelela kwezindlela zakho akusiso isisekelo sakho na?
- ⁷ Ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngubani owake wachithwa engenacala na? Babhujiswaphi abalungileyo na?
- ⁸ Njengokubona kwami abalima okubi bahlwanyele ukona, bayakuvuna.
- ⁹ Babhubha ngokuphephetha kukaNkulunkulu; ngomoya wentukuthelo yakhe bayaphela.
- ¹⁰ Ukubhonga kwengonyama nezwi lebhumbesi kuyaphela, namazinyo amabhongo ayaphuka.
- ¹¹ Ibhumbesi elinamandla liyabhubha ngokuswela impango; amawundlu ebhumbesikazi ayahlakazeka.
- ¹² “Kwanyenyiselwa kimi izwi, indlebe yami yabamba ukunyenyezwa kwalo.
- ¹³ Ngokudlala kwemicabango ivuswe yimibono yasebusuku, lapho abantu sebehlelwe ngubuthongo obunzima,
- ¹⁴ ngafikelwa yingebhe nokuthuthumela okwaqhaqhaazelisa onke amathambo ami.
- ¹⁵ Kwadlula umoya ebusweni bami; uboya bomzimba wami bavuka.
- ¹⁶ Kwema okuthile, kepha angaqonda ukubonakala kwakho; isimo sasiphambi kwamehlo ami; kwathula; ngase ngizwa izwi, lathi:
- ¹⁷ ‘Umuntu ulungile kunoNkulunkulu na? Umuntukazana uhlambulukile kunoMenzi na?
- ¹⁸ Bheka, nasezincekwini zakhe akethembi, nezingelosi zakhe uyazibeka icala;
- ¹⁹ kakhulu kangakanani abahlezi ezindlini zodaka, abazisekelo zabo zisothulini, abachotshozwa njengenundu.
- ²⁰ Bagxotshwa kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa; babhubha kuze kube phakade benganakwa muntu.
- ²¹ Intambo yetende labo ayisishulwa yini phakathi kwabo, bafe bengazelele, na?’

ISAHLUKO 5

“Ake umemeze; ukhona okuphendulayo na? Uyakuphendukela kumuphi kwabangcwele na?

- ² Ngokuba isiwula siyabulawa ngukukhathazeka, nomhawu uyachitha oyisiphukuphuku.
- ³ Mina ngibonile isiwula sigxilile, kepha ngaqalekisa indlu yaso ngokuzumayo.
- ⁴ Abantwana baso bakude nokusindiswa, bachotshozwa esangweni; akakho obophulayo,
- ⁵ abakuvuna kwabo kudliwa ngabalambileyo, bakukhipha nasemeveni; abanxanelayo basezela impahla yabo.
- ⁶ Ngokuba usizi aluveli othulini, nokuhlupheka akuphumi emhlabathini,
- ⁷ ngokuba umuntu uzalelwa ukuhlupheka, njengokuba izinhlansi ziqhashela phezulu.
- ⁸ “Kodwa mina bengiyakumfuna uNkulunkulu; kuNkulunkulu bengiyakubeka indaba yami,

- ⁹ yena owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingaphenyekiyo, izimangaliso ezingenakubalwa,
- ¹⁰ yena onisa imvula emhlabeni, athume amanzi ebusweni bamasimu,
- ¹¹ ukuze aphakamise abayizimpofana nabadabukileyo baphakanyiselwe ukusindiswa.
- ¹² Uyachitha amacebo abanobuqili, ukuze izandla zabo zingabi nakufeza umgomo wabo.
- ¹³ Uyabamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo; isiluleko soyisigwegwe siyachithwa ngokuphuthuma.
- ¹⁴ Emini bahlangana nobumnyama, baphumputha emini njengasebusuku.
- ¹⁵ Uyasindisa enkembeni yemilomo yabo, yebo, abampofu esandleni sonamandla.
- ¹⁶ Ompofu usenethemba; ububi buvala umlomo wabo.
- ¹⁷ "Bheka, ubusisiwe lowo muntu uNkulunkulu amlayayo; ngalokho ungadeleli ukukhuzwa nguSomandla.
- ¹⁸ Ngokuba uma ezwisa ubuhlungu, ubuye abophe; uyalimaza, kepha izandla zakhe zibuye zelaphe.
- ¹⁹ Uyakophula ezinhlophekweni eziyisithupha; yebo, nakweziyisikhombisa awuyikuthintwa ngokubi.
- ²⁰ Endlaleni uyakukuhlenga ekufeni nasempini emandleni enkemba.
- ²¹ Uyakufihlwa enkalivasini yolimi; awuyikwesaba lapho kufika ukuchitha.
- ²² Uyakuhleka incithakalo nendlala, nezilo zomhlaba awuyikuzesaba.
- ²³ Ngokuba unesivumelwano namatshe asendle; izilo zasendle zihlalisana kahle nawe.
- ²⁴ Uyakwazi ukuthi itende lakho linokuthula; uyakuhambela indlu yakho, awuyikusilalelwa lutho.
- ²⁵ Uyakwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho iyakuba nkulu, abantwana bakho babe njengotshani bomhlaba.
- ²⁶ Uyakufika ethuneni usuthi ngobudala njengeqhinqa lamabele ngesikhathi salo.
- ²⁷ Bheka, lokho sikuphenyile; kunjalo; kuzwe, uzazele khona."

ISAHLUKO 6

Wayesephendula uJobe ethi:

- ² "Sengathi ukuncokolozwa kwami ngabe kulinganiswe nokulinganiswa, inhlopheko yami ibekwe esilinganisweni kanyekanye.
- ³ Ngokuba manje iyasinda kunesihlabathi solwandle; ngalokho amazwi ami ayengukubheda.
- ⁴ Ngokuba imicibisholo kaSomandla ikimi; isihlungu sayo siphuzwa ngumoya wami; izesabiso zikaNkulunkulu ziyangehlela.
- ⁵ Imbongolo yasendle iyakhala yini inotshani na? Inkabi iyakhonya isekudleni kwayo na?
- ⁶ Okudumayo kungadliwa ngaphandle kukasawoti na? Kukhona ukuklwabusa kokumhlophe kweqanda na?
- ⁷ Umphefumulo wami uyala ukukuthinta, kungukudla okunengekayo kimi.
- ⁸ "Sengathi isicelo sami singenziwa, uNkulunkulu angiphe lokhu engikubhekayo.
- ⁹ Yebo, sengathi uNkulunkulu angangichoboza, athukulule isandla sakhe, anginqume.
- ¹⁰ Lokho ngakube kuhlale kube yinduduzo yami, yebo, ngabe ngijabule ebuhlungwini obungahawukeliyo ukuthi angigodlanga amazwi oNgcwele.
- ¹¹ Ayini amandla ami ukuba ngingaze ngethembe na? Ukuphela kwami kuyini ukuba ngingaze ngibekezele na?

- 12 Pho, amandla ami angamandla amatshe yini? Inyama yami iyithusi na?
- 13 Akusikho yini ukuthi alukho usizo kimi; ukusindiswa kususwa kimi.
- 14 “Odangeleyo nga ehawukelwa ngumngane wakhe; kepha ukumesaba uSomandla kuyayekwa.
- 15 Abafowethu bambuluzile njengomfula, njengemithonjana yemifula eshayo,
- 16 emnyama ngeqhwa, lapho ungqoqwane ezisitheza khona,
- 17 kepha ngesikhathi sokufudumala inyamalale, ishe endaweni yayo, lapho libalele.
- 18 Abahamba ngezindlela zayo bayaphambuka, benyukela oqwathuleni, babhubhe.
- 19 Izihambi zakwaThema zabheka; izindwendwe zakwaSheba zazihlalela.
- 20 Zajabha, ngokuba zazibhekile; sezifike khona zadana.
- 21 Ngokuba kalokhu seniyize nje; nibona okwesabisayo niyesaba.
- 22 Ngasho yini ukuthi: ‘Ngipheni, ninginike isipho empahleni yenu,’ na?
- 23 noma: ‘Ngikhululeni esandleni sesitha, ningihlenge esandleni sezidlova,’ na?
- 24 “Ngifundiseni, khona ngiyakuthula mina, ningiqondise lapho ngiduke khona.
- 25 Ukukhuluma okuqotho kunamandla, kepha ukusolwa nokusolwa yinina kusizani na?
- 26 Nicabanga yini ukusola amazwi, lokhu ukukhuluma kophelelwa ithemba kungumoya nje na?
- 27 Yebo, nenza inkatho ngentandane, nithengisa ngomngane wenu.
- 28 Manje, qalani ukungibuka; kuyakuba sobala, uma ngiqamba amanga.
- 29 Ake niphenduke, kungabikho ukungalungi, nibuye niphenduke; indaba yami ilungile.
- 30 Kukhona ukungalungi olimini lwami yini, ulwanga lwami alunakuqonda okubi na?

ISAHLUKO 7

- “U**muntu akasempini yini emhlabeni, imihla yakhe ayinjengemihla yomqashwa na?
- 2 Njengenceku ekhefuzelela ithunzi, nanjengomqashwa obheka umvuzo wakhe,
 - 3 kanjalo ngithole ifa lezinyanga zokubi; ngimiselwe ubusuku bezinhlopheko.
 - 4 Lapho ngilala phansi, ngisho ngithi: ‘Ngingavuka nini,’ ngokuba ubusuku bude; ngigcwele ukubinyabinyeka kuze kuse.
 - 5 Inyama yami yembesiwe izimpethu namagade othuli; isikhumba sami siyaphola, sibuye sibhicike.
 - 6 “Imihla yami iyashesha kunesaluko, iphela ingenathemba.
 - 7 Khumbula ukuthi ukuphila kwami kungumoya; iso lami aliyikubuye libone okuhle.
 - 8 Iso longibonayo alisayikungibuka; amehlo akho esekimi, angisekho.
 - 9 Ifu liphela lihamba; kanjalo owehlele endaweni yabafuleyo akasayikukhuphuka.
 - 10 Kasayikubuyela endlini yakhe; indawo yakhe ayisayikumazi.
 - 11 “Ngalokho nami angiyikubamba umlomo wami; ngiyakukhuluma osizini lomoya wami, ngikhale ngomunyu womphefumulo wami.
 - 12 Ngilulwandle yini, ngingumkhomo yini, ukuze ungibekele abalindi?
 - 13 Lapho ngithi umbhede wami uyakungiduduza, ukhukho lwami lungithwalise ukukhala kwami,
 - 14 uyangesabisa ngamaphupho, ungethusa ngemibono,
 - 15 ukuze umphefumulo wami ukhethe ukuklanywa nokufa kunalawa mathambo ami.
 - 16 Ngibanengwa yiwo; mangingahlali njalo; ngiyeke, ngokuba imihla yami iyize.

- ¹⁷ Uyini umuntu ukuba umkhulise, nokuba ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuye,
¹⁸ nokuba umhambele ekuseni njalo, umhlote njalonjalo, na?
¹⁹ Koze kube nini uyeka ukungibheka na? Ngiyeke, ngize ngiminze amathe ami.
²⁰ Noma ngonile, ngenzeni kuwe mlindi wabantu na? Ungimiseleni ngibe yisigcibisholo sakho, ngize ngibe ngumthwalo nakimi, na?
²¹ Awuthetheleli ngani isiphambeko sami, ususe isono sami, na? Ngokuba manje ngiyakulala phansi othulini; uyakungifunisisa, kepha angiyikubakho.”

ISAHLUKO 8

Wayesethatha uBilidadi umShuhi, wathi:

- ² “Koze kube nini ukhuluma lezi zinto, amazwi akho abe ngumoya onamandla, na?
³ UNkulunkulu uhlanekezela ukwahlulela yini? USomandla uphendukeyela ukulunga na?
⁴ Uma abantwana bakho bonile kuye, yena wabanikela emandleni ezono zabo,
⁵ khona, uma wena ufunisisa uNkulunkulu, unxuse kuye uSomandla,
⁶ uma uhlambulukile, futhi ulungile, khona yena uyakuvuka ngenxa yakho, aphumelelise ikhaya lokulunga kwakho.
⁷ Ukuqala kwakho sekuyakuba ngokuncane, nokugcina kwakho kube ngokukhulu kakhulu.
⁸ Ake ubuze ezizukulwaneni zakuqala, uzibhekise lokho abakuphenyileyo oyise bazo,
⁹ ngokuba thina singabezolo nje, asinalwazi, lokhu imihla yethu emhlabeni iyithunzi;
¹⁰ bona abayikukufundisa yini, bakutshela, bakhiphe amazwi ezinhliziyweni zabo, na?
¹¹ Umhlanga ungahluma lapho kungekho xhaphozi na? Incema ingamila kungekho manzi na?
¹² Uma iseluhlaza, ingakakhiwa, iyabuna phambi kwabo bonke utshani.
¹³ “Zinjalo izindlela zabo bonke abakhohlwa uNkulunkulu: ithemba longenaNkulunkulu liyakuchitheka;
¹⁴ ithemba lakhe liyakunqunywa, nesisekelo sakhe siyindlu yolwembu.
¹⁵ Uyakwencika endlini yakhe, kepha ayiyikuma; uyakubambelela kuyo, kepha ayiyikuqina.
¹⁶ Yena uluhlaza phambi kwelanga; imixhantela yakhe iyaxhantela ensimini yakhe.
¹⁷ Izimpande zakhe ziyathandela enqwabeni yamatshe, aqhekeze indawo yamatshe.
¹⁸ Uma echithwa endaweni yakhe, iyakumala ngokuthi: ‘Angizange ngikubone.’
¹⁹ Bheka, injalo indlela yokuthokoza kwakhe; kuyakuvela abanye othulini.
²⁰ “UNkulunkulu akamlahli opheleleyo, kabambi isandla sababi,
²¹ aze agcwalise umlomo wakho ngokuhleka, nezindebe zakho ngokumemeza.
²² Abakuzondayo bayakwembeswa amahloni; itende lababi aliyobe lisabakho.”

ISAHLUKO 9

Wayesephendula uJobe ethi:

- ² “Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi kunjalo, kepha umuntu angaba elungile phambi kukaNkulunkulu na?
³ Uma efuna ukuthetha amacala naye, angemphendule nakwelilodwa kwayinkulungwane.

- ⁴ Ehlakaniphile enhliziyweni, eqinile emandleni, ngubani oziqinisele kuye, waphumelela,
- ⁵ yena ogudluza izintaba ngokungazeleli, ezigumbuqela ngentukuthelo yakhe;
- ⁶ ozamazamisa umhlaba usuke endaweni yawo, kuthuthumele izinsika zawo;
- ⁷ oyala ilanga lingaphumi, avalele izinkanyezi;
- ⁸ oweneka izulu yedwa, ahambe emazeni olwandle;
- ⁹ owenza iBhere, neMpambano, nesiLimela, namaKamelo aseningizimu;
- ¹⁰ owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingenakuhlolwa, yebo, izimangaliso ezingenakubalwa.
- ¹¹ Bheka, uyangidlula, ngingaboni; uyagudla, ngingezwa.
- ¹² Bheka, uyabamba; ngubani ongamkhalima na? Ngubani ongasho kuye ukuthi: 'Wenzani na?'
- ¹³ "UNkulunkulu akayikubuyisa intukuthelo yakhe; phansi kwakhe bayakhothama abasizi bakaRahabi.
- ¹⁴ Pho, mina ngingamphendula ngithini, ngikhethe amazwi ami aqondene naye, na?
- ¹⁵ Noma bengilungile, bengingenakumphendula, kepha nginxuse umahluleli wami.
- ¹⁶ Uma bengimbizile abesengiphendula, bengingayikukholwa nokho ukuthi ubekile indlebe ezwini lami.
- ¹⁷ Uyangilimaza ngesiphepho; uyandisa amanxeba ami ngeze.
- ¹⁸ Kavumi ukuba ngiphefumule, kepha uyangigcwalisa ngomunyu.
- ¹⁹ Uma kuyindaba yamandla, nangu onawo; uma yindaba yokwahlulela, ngubani ongimemayo na?
- ²⁰ Noma ngilungile, umlomo wami uyakungilahla; noma ngingenacala, uyakuthi ngonakele.
- ²¹ Anginasici; anginakekeli umphefumulo wami; anginanzi ukuphila kwami.
- ²² Ukuphela kunye nje; ngalokho ngithi: 'Uyaqeda ongenasici kanye nomubi.'
- ²³ Uma isiswebhu sibulala ngokuzumayo, uyahleka ingozi yabangenacala.
- ²⁴ Umhlaba unikezwe esandleni sababi; uyasibekela ubuso babahluleli bawo; uma kungesiye, pho, ngubani na?
- ²⁵ "Imihla yami iyashesha kunesigijimi; iyabaleka ingabonanga okuhle.
- ²⁶ Itshuza njengomkhunjana womhlana, njengokhozi olutheleka empangweni.
- ²⁷ Noma ngithi ngiyakukhohlwa ukukhala kwami, ngiyeke ukunyukubala kwami, ngincibilike,
- ²⁸ ngiyesaba nokho bonke ubuhlungu bami, ngiyazi ukuthi awuyikungibheka nginjengongenacala.
- ²⁹ Ngiyakulahlwa mina; ngikhandlekelani ize na?
- ³⁰ Noma ngizigeza ngamanzi eqhwa, ngihlambe izandla zami ngensipho,
- ³¹ uyakungicwilisa nokho emgodini, izingubo zami zinengwe yimi.
- ³² Ngokuba akasiye umuntu onjengami ukuba ngingase ngimphendule, siye kanyekanye ekwahlulelweni.
- ³³ Akukho mngamulajuqu phakathi kwethu ongabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili.
- ³⁴ Makayisuse induku yakhe kimi; ingebhe ngaye mayingangesabisi.
- ³⁵ Khona ngiyakukhuluma, ngingamesabi, ngokuba anginjala ngokwami.

- “U**mphefumulo wami ukhathele ukuhamba kwami; ngiyazinikela ekukhaleni, ngikhulume ngomunyu womphefumulo wami.
- ² Ngiyakusho kuNkulunkulu ukuthi: ‘Ungangilahli; ngazise ukuthi uphikisanelani nami na?’
- ³ Kuhle yini kuwe ukuba ucindezele, ulahle umsebenzi wezandla zakho, ukhanye phezu kwamasu ababi, na?
- ⁴ Amehlo enyama unawo na? Uyabona njengabantu na?
- ⁵ Imihla yakho injengemihla yomuntu na? Neminyaka yakho injengezinsuku zabantu na?
- ⁶ Lokhu ufuna ukona kimi, ufunisisa isono sami,
- ⁷ noma ukwazi ukuthi angimubi nokuthi akakho ongophula esandleni sakho.
- ⁸ Izandla zakho zingibumbile, zangenza ngokupheleleyo nxazonke; nokho uyangichitha.
- ⁹ Ake ukhumbule ukuthi ungenzile njengebumba; pho, uyakungibuyisela othulini na?
- ¹⁰ Awungithululanga njengobisi, wangijiyisa njengoshizi, na?
- ¹¹ Awungembathisanga isikhumba nenyama, wangiphica ngamathambo nangemisipha, na?
- ¹² Ungenzele ukuphila nomusa; ukungihambela kwakho kulondile umoya wami.
- ¹³ Kepha ufihlile enhliziyweni yakho lokhu; ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kukuwe kokuthi:
- ¹⁴ Uma ngona, uyangiqaphela; awuyikuthethelela ukona kwami.
- ¹⁵ Uma nginecala, maye kimi! Noma bengilungile, bengingayikuphakamisa ikhanda lami, lokhu ngisuthi ngehlazo, ngibona ukuhlupheka kwami.
- ¹⁶ Nokuba bengiziphakamisa, ubuyakungizingela njengengonyama, ubuye uzenze omangalisayo kimi.
- ¹⁷ Ubuyakuletha kimi ofakazi abasha, wandise intukuthelo yakho kimi, amabandla ngamabandla angisukele.
- ¹⁸ “ ‘Ungikhipheleni esizalweni na? Ngangiyakugqibuka lingakangiboni iso,
- ¹⁹ ngibe njengokungathi ngingekho, ngiyiswe ethuneni ngisaphuma esiswini.
- ²⁰ Imihla yami ayiyingcosana na? Makapheze, angiyike ukuba ngithokoze kancane,
- ²¹ ngingakayi lapho ngingasayikubuya khona, izwe lobumnyama nelomthunzi wokufa,
- ²² izwe lobumnyama obunjengesigayegaye nelomthunzi wokufa nelesiphithiphithi, lapho ukukhanya kunjengobumnyama.’ ”

ISAHLUKO 11

Wayesethatha uSofari waseNahama, wathi:

- ² “Awayikuphendulwa amazwi amaningi kangaka na? Umuntu oliphoshophosho angathethelelwa na?
- ³ Ukugavuzwa kwakho kuthulisa abantu na? Nalapho ukloloda, akakho ongakuhlaza na?
- ⁴ Ngokuba uthi: ‘Ukufundisa kwami kulungile; ngimhlophe emehlweni akho.’
- ⁵ Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakhuluma, akuvulele izindebe zakhe,
- ⁶ akwazise izimfihlakalo zokuhlakanipha, ngokuba ukuqonda kwakhe kuninginingi, uze wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu, ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, wenza ukuba ikhohlakale inxenye yecala lakho.
- ⁷ “Ungathola imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu na? Ungamfumana uSomandla kuze kube sekupheleleni kwakhe na?
- ⁸ Kuphakeme njengezulu — ungenzani na? Kujulile kunendawo yabafuleyo — ungazini

na?

⁹ Isilinganiso sakho side kunomhlaba, sibanzi kunolwandle.

¹⁰ Uma edlula, avalele, abizele ekwahluleleni, ngubani ongamkhalima na?

¹¹ Ngokuba uyabazi abantu ababi; lapho ebona ukona, akayikukunaka na?

¹² Umuntu oyize uyakuba nengqondo, nxa ithole lembongolo yasendle lizalwa libe ngumuntu.

¹³ “Uma ulungisa inhliziyi yakho, welulele izandla zakho kuye;

¹⁴ uma udedisele kude ukona okusesandleni sakho, ungahlalisi ububi ematendeni akho,

¹⁵ khona uyakuphakamisa ubuso bakho ungenamahloni, uqine, ungesabi.

¹⁶ Ngokuba uyakukhohlwa ukuhlupheka kwakho, ukukhumbule kunjengamanzi adlulileyo.

¹⁷ Ukuphila kwakho kuyakusa kunemini; noma kuhlwa, kuyakuba njengokusa nje.

¹⁸ Uyakuba nokwethemba, ngokuba ithemba likhona; uyakuphendla, ulale ngokulondeka.

¹⁹ Uyakulala, ungethuswa muntu; abaningi bayakuzincengela kuwe.

²⁰ Kepha amehlo ababi ayakufiphala; abayikuba nandawo yokuphephela; ithemba labo liyakuba ngukuphuma komphefumulo.”

ISAPHEKULO 12

Wayesephendula uJobe, wathi:

² “Impela yinina eningabantu; ukuhlakanipha kuyakufa nani.

³ Kodwa nami nginengqondo njengani, angahlulwa yinina; ngubani ongazazi izinto ezinje na?

⁴ Ngiyisigcono somngane wami, ngowambiza uNkulunkulu, waphendula; olungileyo nongenasici uysisigcono.

⁵ Emcabangweni wohlezi kahle ingozi iyadeleleka; kulungiselwe abazinyawo zabo zishelela.

⁶ Amatende abacindezelayo anokuthula; abathukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bayalondeka, abaletha unkulunkulu wabo ngezandla zabo.

⁷ Kepha mawubuze izinkomo, ziyakukufundisa, nezinyoni zezulu, ziyakukutshela.

⁸ Khuluma kuwo umhlaba, uyakukufundisa, nezinhlanzi zolwandle ziyakukulandisa.

⁹ Ngubani ongaziyo ngakho konke lokho ukuthi isandla sikaJehova sikwenzile lokho na?

¹⁰ Esandleni sakhe ukhona umphefumulo wakho konke okuphilayo, nomoya wenyama yabantu bonke.

¹¹ Indlebe ayivivinyi yini amazwi, njengolwanga lunambitha ukudla, na?

¹² Ezimpungeni kukhona ukuhlakanipha, nasebudeni bezinsuku ukuqonda.

¹³ “Kuyena kukhona ukuhlakanipha namandla; unesu nokuqonda.

¹⁴ Bheka, uyadiliza, kungabe kusakhiwa; uyavalela umuntu, kungabe kusavulwa.

¹⁵ Bheka, uyavimba amanzi, ashe; uyawathumela agumbuqeke umhlaba.

¹⁶ Kuye kukhona amandla nokusizwa; odukisiweyo nodukileyo bakuye.

¹⁷ Umukisa abaluleki bephangiwe; uyenza abahluleli babe yiziwula.

¹⁸ Uthukulula izibopho zamakhosi, awabophe ezinkalweni ngamaketanga.

¹⁹ Umukisa abapristi bephangiwe, aphenule abemiyo njalo.

²⁰ Uyasusa ulimi lwabathembekileyo, aphuce amalunga ukuqonda.

²¹ Uthela izikhulu ngehlozo, akhumule imbonya yonamandla.

- ²² Uyambula izinto ezijulileyo ebumnyameni, akhiphele ekukhanyeni ithunzi lokufa.
- ²³ Uyandisa izizwe, abesezibhubhisa; ukhulisa izizwe, abesezisusa.
- ²⁴ Uyamuka izinhloko zezizwe ezweni ingqondo yazo, azidukise ehlane elingenandlela.
- ²⁵ Ziyaphumphutha ebumnyameni zingenakukhanya, uyazintengantengisa njengesidakwa.

ISAHLUKO 13

“Bheka, iso lami libone konke; indlebe yami ikuzwile, yakuqonda.

- ² Enikwaziyo ngiyakwazi nami; angahlulwa yinina.
- ³ Kepha ngiyakukhuluma kuSomandla; ngifuna ukuphikisana noNkulunkulu.
- ⁴ Kepha ningabaqambimanga; niyizinyanga ezingelutho nonke.
- ⁵ Sengathi ningathula nokuthula, lokho kube ngukuhlakanipha kini.
- ⁶ Ake nizwe ukuthetha kwami, niqaphele ukuzivikela kwezindebe zami.
- ⁷ Niyakumkhulumela uNkulunkulu ngokubi, nimkhulumele ngenkohliso, na?
- ⁸ Niyakubuvuma ubuso bakhe, nimmele uNkulunkulu, na?
- ⁹ Kuhle yini, lapho eniphendla? Njengalokhu umuntu ekhohliswa niyakumkhohlisa na?
- ¹⁰ Uyakunisola nokunisola, uma nivuna ubuso ngasese.
- ¹¹ Ubukhulu bakhe abuyikunethusa, nengebhe ngaye inehlele, na?
- ¹² Izikhumbuzo zenu ziyizaga zomlotha; izivikelo zenu ziyizivikelo zebumba.
- ¹³ “Thulani, ningiyeke ukuba ngikhulume, kungehlele noma yini.
- ¹⁴ Bengiyakuyithathelani inyama yami ngamazinyo ami, ngibeke ukuphila kwami esandleni sami, na?
- ¹⁵ Bheka, uyakungibulala, anginathemba; nokho ngiyakuvikela izindlela zami ebusweni bakhe.
- ¹⁶ Lokhu kuyakuba yinsindiso yami ukuthi ongenaNkulunkulu akezi phambi kwakhe.
- ¹⁷ Zwisani amazwi ami, ukusho kwami kube sezindlebeni zenu.
- ¹⁸ Bhekani-ke, sengilungisile ukwahlulelwa kwami; ngiyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthethwa mina.
- ¹⁹ Ngubani oyakuphikisana nami na? Ngokuba lapho bengiyakuthula, ngigqabuke.
- ²⁰ Izinto ezimbili kuphela ungazenzi kimi, ngize ngingacasheli ubuso bakho:
- ²¹ masingasondeli kimi isandla sakho, ngingethuswa yingebhe ngawe.
- ²² Khona mawubize, mina ngiyakuphendula, noma kukhulume mina, wena ungiphendule.
- ²³ Iziphambeko zami nezono zami zingakanani na? Ngazise izeqo zami nezono zami.
- ²⁴ Usithelani ubuso bakho, ungishaye isitha, na?
- ²⁵ Uyakwethusa iqabunga eliphephethwayo, uxoshe amabibi awomileyo, na?
- ²⁶ Ngokuba uloba okumunyu ngami, ungidlisa ifa lobubi bobusha bami;
- ²⁷ ufaka izinyawo zami ezingongolweni, uqaphela zonke izindlela zami, uzidwebela umudwa ngasematheni ezinyawo zami,
- ²⁸ noma nginyamalala njengokubolayo, njengengubo edliwe yizinundu.

ISAHLUKO 14

“Umuntu ozelwe ngowesifazane imihla yakhe mifushane, igcwele ukuyaluza.

² Uyavela njengembali, abune; ubaleka njengethunzi, angemi.

³ Konje uvulela onjalo amehlo akho, ungingenise ekwahluleweni nawe, na?

⁴ Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kukho okungcolileyo na? Kakho noyedwa.

⁵ Uma imihla yakhe inqunyiwe, umumo wezinsuku zakhe ukuwe, ubekile umkhawulo wakhe, aze angadluli,

⁶ ungambheki, aphumule, ukuze athokoze ngosuku lwakhe njengomqashwa.

⁷ “Ngokuba kukhona ithemba emthini: uma unqunywa, ungabuye uhlume, nehlumela lawo aliyikuphela.

⁸ Noma impande yawo iguga emhlabathini, nesiphunzi sawo sifela othulini,

⁹ ngephunga lamanzi uyakuhluma, uveze izingatsha njengesithombo.

¹⁰ Kepha umuntu ofileyo uphelile; umuntu ogqabukileyo uphi na?

¹¹ Njengamanzi anyamalele elwandle, nomfula oshileyo ome,

¹² kanjalo umuntu ulala phansi, angabe esavuka; lize lingabikho izulu abayikuvuka, bangaphaphanyiswa ebuthongweni babo.

¹³ Sengathi ungangifihla endaweni yabafileyo, ungisithe kuze kudlule intukuthelo yakho, ungingumele isikhathi, ungikhumbule.

¹⁴ Uma umuntu efa, uyakubuye aphile na? Bengiyakulinda zonke izinsuku zomshikashika wami, kuze kufike ukumuka kwami.

¹⁵ Ubuyakubiza, mina ngiphendule; ubuyakulangazelela umsebenzi wezandla zakho,

¹⁶ yebo, khona ubuyakubala izinyathelo zami, ungaqapheli isono sami.

¹⁷ Isiphambeko besiyakuvallelwa esikhwameni, besewusibekela ukona kwami.

¹⁸ “Impela intaba iyawa, idilike; idwala liyasuswa endaweni yalo;

¹⁹ amanzi ayagubha amatshe; ukuphuphuma kwawo kuyakhukhula uthuli lomhlaba; kanjalo uyachitha nethemba lomuntu.

²⁰ Uyamsukela kuze kube phakade, amuke; uyaguqula ubuso bakhe, ummukise.

²¹ Amadodana akhe ayadunyiswa, engazi yena; ayeyiswa, engakuqondi.

²² Inyama yakhe iyezwa ubuhlungu bayo kuphela; umphefumulo wakhe uzidabukela wona kuphela.”

ISAHLUKO 15

Wayesethatha u-Elifazi umThemani, wathi:

² “Ohlakaniphileyo uyakuphendula ngokwazi okungumoya nje, agcwalise isisu ngomoya wasempumalanga, na?

³ Aphikisane ngamazwi angasizi lutho nangezinkulumo ezingenalusizo na?

⁴ Yebo, uyachitha ukwesaba, unciphisa ukuzindla phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

⁵ Ngokuba ububi bakho buyafundisa umlomo wakho; ukhetha ulimi lwabanobuqili.

⁶ Ngumlomo wakho okulahlayo, akusimi; izindebe zakho ziyafakaza ngawe.

⁷ Ungumuntu wokuqala owazalwayo na? Wavela ngaphambi kwezintaba na?

⁸ Uzwile imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu, wazigodlela wedwa ukuhlakanipha na?

⁹ Wazini esingayazi thina na? Uqonda ntoni engekho kithina na?

¹⁰ Kithina kukhona izimpunga namakhehla amadala kunoyihlo.

¹¹ Zincane yini kuwe izinduduzo zikaNkulunkulu, nezwi elikhulunywa kahle kuwe na?

- ¹² Umukiselwani yinhliziyi yakho na? Kungani ukuba amehlo akho aphayizele,
- ¹³ uphendulele kuNkulunkulu ukufutheka kwakho, ukhiphe amazwi emlonyeni wakho na?
- ¹⁴ Uyini umuntu ukuba abe ngohlambulukileyo, nozelwe ngowesifazane ukuba alungisiswe, na?
- ¹⁵ Bheka, nabangcwele bakhe akabethembi, nezulu alihlambulukile emehlweni akhe;
- ¹⁶ kakhulu kangakanani onengekayo nowonakeleyo, umuntu ophuza ukona njengamanzi, na?
- ¹⁷ “Ngiyakukwazisa, ungilalele; ngiyakukulandisa engikubonileyo
- ¹⁸ lokho izihlakaniphi ezikubonakalisile, zikuthathe koyise, zingakufihlanga,
- ¹⁹ zona ezaphiwa zodwa izwe, kungadabulanga kuzo umfokazi ngokuthi:
- ²⁰ Umuntu omubi uyazibinya imihla yonke, umumo weminyaka othukuselwe isidlwangudlwangu.
- ²¹ Izwi lengebhe lisezindlebeni zakhe; lapho ehlezi kahle, uyakufikelwa ngumphangi.
- ²² Akethembi ukuthi uyakubuya ebumnyameni; uyalindelwa yinkemba.
- ²³ Uyazulazulela ukudla: kuphi na? Uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama selungasesandleni sakhe.
- ²⁴ Ukuhlupheka nosizi kuyamethusa; kuyamahlula njengenkosi ezilungiselele impi,
- ²⁵ ngokuba waselulela isandla sakhe kuNkulunkulu, wazigabisa kuSomandla.
- ²⁶ Wamdumela ngentamo elukhuni, nangamaqhubu adumbileyo amahawu akhe,
- ²⁷ ngokuba wasibekela ubuso bakhe ngamafutha akhe, wenza umvingqi okhalweni lwakhe.
- ²⁸ Wahlala emizini ebiyakuchithwa, nasezindlini ebezingahlalwa, ezaziyakuba ngamanxiwa nje.
- ²⁹ Akayikuceba, nemfuyo yakhe ayiyikuma, nokudla kwakhe akuyikukhothamela phansi.
- ³⁰ Akayikusuka ebumnyameni; ilangabi liyakushisa amagatsha akhe, amuke ngokuphefumula komlomo kaNkulunkulu.
- ³¹ Makangethembi ezeni, ezikhohlisa, ngokuba ize liyakuba ngumvuzo wakhe.
- ³² Kuyakufezwa kungakabi yisikhathi, negatsha lakhe alisayikuba luhlaza.
- ³³ Uyakuvuthulula igwanya lakhe njengomvini, alahle imbali yakhe njengomnqumo.
- ³⁴ Ngokuba ibandla labangenaNkulunkulu liyakuba yinyumba, umlilo uqede amatende abathengwa ngemivuzo.
- ³⁵ Bakhulelwe ingozi, bazala ukona; isisu sabo silungisela inkohliso.”

ISAHLUKO 16

Wayesepphendula uJobe, wathi:

- ² “Ngizwile izinto eziningi ezinjalo; nina nonke ningabaduduzi ababi.
- ³ Amazwi angumoya nje awayikuphela yini? Ucunulwa yintoni ukuba uphendule na?
- ⁴ Nami ngingakhuluma njengani; uma imiphefumulo yenu ibisesikhundleni somphefumulo wami, bengiyakuhlanganisa amazwi ngani, ngininikinele ikhanda lami.
- ⁵ Benginganiqinisa ngomlomo, induduzo yezindebe zami inidambise.
- ⁶ “Noma ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu bami abudanjiswanga; noma ngiyeka, kuyini okumuka kimi na?
- ⁷ Kepha manje ungikhathazile, uyichithile yonke indlu yami.

- ⁸ Ungicindezele, kungubufakazi; ukonda kwami kuyangivukela, kufakaze ebusweni bami.
- ⁹ Ulaka lwakhe luyangidwengula, lungizingele; uyangigedlela amazinyo; isitha sami singicijisela amehlo aso.
- ¹⁰ Bangikhamisela imilomo yabo, bangimukula esihlathini ngenhlamba, bangihlanganyela.
- ¹¹ UNkulunkulu uyanginikela kubantu abonakeleyo, angiphonse esandleni sababi.
- ¹² Ngangihlezi kahle, wangichoboza; wangibamba ngentamo, wangiphahlaza; wangimisa ngibe yisigcibisholo.
- ¹³ Abacibishelayo bakhe bangihaqa; uyaqhekeza izinso zami engenasihawu; uchithela inyongo yami emhlabathini.
- ¹⁴ Uyangidiliza nokudiliza futhifuthi, angidumele njengeqhawe.
- ¹⁵ “Ngithungile indwangu yamasaka phezu kwesikhumba sami. ngingcolisile uphondo lwami othulini.
- ¹⁶ Ubuso bami bubomvu ngokukhala; ezinkosheni zami kukhona ithunzi lokufa,
- ¹⁷ noma kungekho ubudlova ezandleni zami nokukhuleka kwami kulungile.
- ¹⁸ Mhlaba, ungathukusi igazi lami; ukukhala kwami makungabi nandawo.
- ¹⁹ Namanje bheka, ufakazi wami usezulwini; ummeli wami usezindaweni eziphakemeyo.
- ²⁰ Abangane bami bayangiklolodela; iso lami liphophoza izinyembezi kuNkulunkulu
- ²¹ ukuba amphikele umuntu kuNkulunkulu nendodana yomuntu kumakhelwane wayo.
- ²² Ngokuba iyingcosana iminyaka eyakubalwa, ngingakahambi indlela engingayikubuya kuyo.

ISAHLUKO 17

- “U**moya wami usuchithekile, imihla yami iyacimeka; okwami sekuyithuna nje.
- ² Impela kukhona abangiklolodelayo, iso lami lisekucunuleni kwabo.
- ³ Ake unginike isibambiso, ungimele; ngubani oyakuxhawulana nami na?
- ⁴ Ngokuba uvalile izinhliziyi zabo zingaqondi; ngalokho awuyikubaphakamisa.
- ⁵ Ochaka abangane bakhe ngenxa yesabelo, amehlo abantwana bakhe ayakufiphala.
- ⁶ Ungibeke isaga sabantu, ngibe ngokhafulelwa ebusweni.
- ⁷ Iso lami lifiphele ngosizi; onke amalungu ami anjengethunzi.
- ⁸ Abaqotho bayethuswa yilokho; ongenacala uyavukela ongenaNkulunkulu.
- ⁹ Kepha olungileyo ubambelela endleleni yakhe; onezandla ezihlanzekileyo ude eqina njalo.
- ¹⁰ Nokho buyani nonke phela, nize; kodwa angiyikuthola phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphileyo.
- ¹¹ Imihla yami isidlulile, amasu ami anqunyiwe kanye nemicabango yami yenhliziyi.
- ¹² Ubusuku babenza imini, bathi: ‘Ukukhanya kuseduze nobumnyama.’
- ¹³ Uma ngithemba ukuthi indawo yabafileyo iyindlu yami, ngendlalele ukhukho lwami ebumnyameni,
- ¹⁴ ngibize ukubola ngokuthi ubaba nezimpethu ngokuthi umame nodadewethu,
- ¹⁵ liphi, pho, ithuba lami na? Yebo, ithuba lami, ngubani oyakulibona na?
- ¹⁶ Liyakwehlela emigoqweni yendawo yabafileyo, lapho kuyakuba khona ukuphumula othulini kanyekanye.”

ISAHLUKO 18

Wayesethatha uBilidadi umShuhi, wathi:

- ² “Koze kube nini nibekela amazwi ami izingibe na? Qondani, andukuba sikhulume.
- ³ Kungani ukuba sithiwe siyizilwane, singcolile emehlweni enu, na?
- ⁴ Wena ozidwengula olakeni lwakho, umhlaba uyakushiywa ngenxa yakho, nedwala lisuswe endaweni yalo, na?
- ⁵ Yebo, nokukhanya komubi kuyakucimeka, nelangabi lomlilo wakhe aliyikukhanya.
- ⁶ Ukukhanya kuyakufiphala etendeni lakhe, nesibani sakhe phezu kwakhe siyakucimeka.
- ⁷ Izinyathelo zakhe ezinamandla ziyakufinyezwa; amasu akhe ayamlahla phansi.
- ⁸ Ngokuba uyaphonswa yizinyawo zakhe enetheni, uhamba phezu kweveku.
- ⁹ Isicupho siyakumbamba ngesithende; ifolo liyakumbamba.
- ¹⁰ Uthukuselwe inkintshela emhlabathini, nesihibe emgwaqweni.
- ¹¹ Ingebhe iyakumethusa nxazonke; iyamzingela ezinyathelweni zakhe.
- ¹² Ububi buyakumlambela, ulungiselwe ingozi eceleni kwakhe.
- ¹³ Amalungu omzimba wakhe ayakudliwa, yebo, ukufa okwesabekayo kuyakudla amalungu akhe.
- ¹⁴ Uyakuhlwithwa etendeni lakhe alethembayo, ayiswe enkosini yengebhe.
- ¹⁵ Etendeni lakhe bayakuhlala abangesibo abakhe, kuvumvuzelwe isibabule ekhaya lakhe.
- ¹⁶ Izimpande zakhe ziyakoma ngaphansi; phezulu kuyabuna amagatsha akhe.
- ¹⁷ Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuyakuphela emhlabeni, angabi negama ezweni.
- ¹⁸ Uyakukhishwa ekukhanyeni, aqhutshelwe ebumnyameni, axoshwe ezweni.
- ¹⁹ Akayikuba nandodana namzukulwana phakathi kwabantu bakhe; akuyikuba khona laphe egogobala khona.
- ²⁰ Abasentshonalanga bayethuswa lusuku lwakhe, nabasempumalanga babanjwa ngukwesaba.
- ²¹ Impela zinjalo izindlu zaboni; injalo indawo engamazi uNkulunkulu.”

ISAHLUKO 19

Wayesephendula uJobe, wathi:

- ² “Koze kube nini nihlupha umphefumulo wami, ningiphohloze ngamazwi, na?
- ³ Seningihlasisile kayishumi; aninamahloni okuthi ningiphathe kabi na?
- ⁴ Uma impela ngidukile, ukuduka kwami kukimi ngedwa.
- ⁵ Uma impela niyazikhukhumezela kimi, niphikisane nami ngehlazo lami,
- ⁶ yazini-ke okuthi uNkulunkulu ungihlanekezele, ungihaq ngenetha.
- ⁷ Bheka, ngikhala ngithi: ‘Ngubudlova!’ Kepha angiphendulwa; ngicela ukusizwa, kodwa akukho ukwahlulelwa.
- ⁸ Uvalile indlela yami ukuze ngingabi nakudlula; ubeka ubumnyama emikhondweni yami.
- ⁹ Ungikhumulile udumo lwami; ususile umqhele ekhanda lami.
- ¹⁰ Ungidilizile nxazonke, sengimukile; usiphulile ithemba lami njengomuthi.
- ¹¹ Ungivuthisele intukuthelo yakhe, wangishaya njengezitha kuye.
- ¹² Amabutho akhe afika kanyekanye, alungise indlela ukuba angisukele; amisa nxazonke zetende lami.
- ¹³ “Udedisile kimi abafowethu, nabazana nami sebahlukene impela nami.

- ¹⁴ Izihlobo zami zingishiyile, nengazana nabo bangikhohliwe.
- ¹⁵ Abagogobele endlini yami nezincekukazi zami bangishaya umfokazi; ngingowezizwe emehlweni abo.
- ¹⁶ Ngibiza inceku yami, kayingiphenduli; ngiyayinxusa ngomlomo wami.
- ¹⁷ Umoya wami mubi kumkami, ngiyanuka kubantwana besisu sikamame.
- ¹⁸ Yebo, nezingane ziyangidelela; uma ngivuka, zikhuluma ngami.
- ¹⁹ Ababeyizifuba zami bayanengwa yimi; labo ababengithanda sebengifulathele.
- ²⁰ Amathambo ami anamathela esikhumbeni sami nasenyameni yami; ngisinde ngokulambisa kuphela.
- ²¹ Ngihawukeleni, ngihawukeleni, nina bangane bami, ngokuba isandla sikaNkulunkulu singithintile.
- ²² Ningizingelelani njengoNkulunkulu, ningasuthi ngenyama yami na?
- ²³ “Sengathi amazwi ami angalotshwa! Sengathi angabhalwa encwadini,
- ²⁴ aqoshwe edwaleni ngepeni lensimbi nangomthofu, kuze kube phakade!
- ²⁵ Kepha mina ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami ukhona; ekupheleni uyakuma othulini.
- ²⁶ Nalapho sesishabalele isikhumba sami, ngiyakumbuka uNkulunkulu ngikhululekile enyameni yami,
- ²⁷ engiyakumbona uqobo lwami; amehlo ami ayakumbona, kungabi njengomfokazi; okuphakathi kwami kuyaphela esifubeni sami.
- ²⁸ Uma nithi: ‘Siyakumxosha yini pho! njengokuba impande yendaba ifumaniseka kimi,’
- ²⁹ yesabani inkemba, ngokuba ulaka lungolwezono ezifanele inkemba, ukuze nazi ukuthi ukwahlulelwa kukhona.”

ISAHLUKO 20

Wayesethatha uSofari umNahama, wathi:

- ² “Ngalokho imicabango yami iyangiphendula ngenxa yokushesha okuphakathi kwami.
- ³ Ngiyezwa insolo engihlazisayo, kepha umoya wasengqondweni yami uyangiphendula.
- ⁴ “Awukwazi yini ukuba lokhu kungokwasendulo, selokhu abantu babekwa emhlabeni,
- ⁵ ukuthi ukujabula kwababi kufushane, nokuthokoza kwabangenaNkulunkulu kungokokuphazima kweso nje, na?
- ⁶ Noma ubukhulu bakhe bukhuphukela ezulwini, nekhanda lakhe lifinyelela emafwini,
- ⁷ uyakubhubha kuze kube phakade njengamasimba akhe; abambonayo bayakuthi: ‘Uphi na?’
- ⁸ Uyakundiza njengephupho, angabe esafunyanwa; uyakuxoshwa njengombono wasebusuku.
- ⁹ Iso elalimgqolozela alisamboni, nendawo yakhe ayisamboni.
- ¹⁰ Abantwana bakhe bayakuzincengela kwabampofu, izandla zakhe zibuyise impahla yakhe.
- ¹¹ Amathambo akhe agcwele ubusha, kepha buyakulala phansi kanye naye othulini.
- ¹² “Noma ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe, noma ebufihla phansi kolimi lwakhe,
- ¹³ noma ebugodla engabushiya, kepha ebugcina emlonyeni wakhe,
- ¹⁴ kuyaguquka nokho ukudla kwakhe phakathi kwakhe, kube yinyongo yamabululu ezibilinini zakhe.

- ¹⁵ Ugwinyile ingcebo; uyakubuye ayihlanze; uNkulunkulu uyakuyikhipha esiswini sakhe.
- ¹⁶ Uyakumunca isihlungu samabululu; ulimi lwenyoka luyakumbulala.
- ¹⁷ Akayikubuka imifula, iminonjana nemifudlana yezinyosi namangqanga.
- ¹⁸ Lokho owakukhandlekelayo uyakukubuyisa, angakugwinyi; ngempahla ayitholileyo akayikujabula.
- ¹⁹ Ngokuba ucindezele, washiya abampofu; uhlwithile indlu, angabuye ayakhe.
- ²⁰ “Ngokuba wayengazi ukuthula esiswini sakhe; kayikuphepha nalutho kulokho akufisayo.
- ²¹ Akusalanga lutho angaludlanga; ngalokho inhlanhla yakhe ayiyikuma.
- ²² Ekusutheni kokuvama kwakhe uyaminywa; izandla zakho konke ukuhlupheka ziyakumfikela.
- ²³ Kuyakuthi lapho eyakugcwalisa isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu aphonse kuye ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, akunise phezu kwakhe esekudleni.
- ²⁴ Uyabalekela isikhali sensimbi, kepha ubhotshozwa ngumnsalo wethusi.
- ²⁵ Uyawukhipha uphume emzimbeni wakhe; nxa uphuma unyampuza enyongweni, abesehlelewa yingebhe.
- ²⁶ Ubumnyama bonke bubekelelwe ingcebo yakhe; umlilo ongavuthelwanga uyakuyidla, uchithe okusele etendeni lakhe.
- ²⁷ Izulu liyakwambula ububi bakhe, umhlaba umvukele.
- ²⁸ Imfuyo yendlu yakhe iyakumuka, inyamalale ngomuhla wentukuthelo.
- ²⁹ Lesi siyisabelo somuntu omubi esivela kuNkulunkulu, nefa alinqunyelweyo nguNkulunkulu.”

ISAPHELA 21

Wayeseqhendula uJobe, wathi:

- ² “Yizwani nokuzwa amazwi ami; lokhu makube yinduduzo evela kini.
- ³ Ngivumeleni ukuba nami ngikhulume; nalapho sengikhulumile, kholodani.
- ⁴ “Mina-ke, ukukhala kwami kungomuntu na? Ngingekhathazeke na?
- ⁵ Ngibukeni, nimangale, nibeke izandla emilonyeni yenu.
- ⁶ Lapho ngikhumbula nje, ngishaywa luvalo; ukwesaba kubamba inyama yami.
- ⁷ Ababi baphilelani, baze babe badala, yebo, bakhule emandleni, na?
- ⁸ Inzalo yabo iyema phambi kwabo kanye nabo, nabantwana babo phambi kwamehlo abo.
- ⁹ Izindlu zabo zinokuthula, azinangebhe; uswazi lukaNkulunkulu aluphezu kwabo.
- ¹⁰ Inkunzi yabo iyakhwela, kayiphuthi; inkomo yabo iyazala, kayiphunzi.
- ¹¹ Bakhupha izingane zabo njengomhlambi; abantwana babo bayagida.
- ¹² Bahlabelela ngesigubhu nangehabhu, bathokoza ngezwi lomtshingo.
- ¹³ Baqeda imihla yabo ngokuhle, behlela endaweni yabafuleyo ngokuthula.
- ¹⁴ Nokho bathi kuNkulunkulu: ‘Suka kithi, asifuni ukwazi izindlela zakho.
- ¹⁵ USomandla uyini ukuba simkhonze na? Siyakuzuzani, uma sikhuleka kuye, na?’
- ¹⁶ Bhekani, inhlanhla yabo ayisesandleni sabo; icebo lababi malibe kude nami.
- ¹⁷ “Kukangaki isibani sababi sicimeka, nengozi ibehlela, babelwe izabelo ngentukuthelo, na?

- ¹⁸ Babeyakuba njengezibi phambi komoya, nanjengamakhoba aphephethwa yisiphepho.
- ¹⁹ UNkulunkulu ubekela abantwana babo ububi babo; yebo, kodwa makabuphindisele kubo uqobo ukuba babazi.
- ²⁰ Awabo amehlo mawabone ukuchithwa kwabo, bona baphuze ukufutheka kukaSomandla.
- ²¹ Banokujabula kuni endlini yabo emva kwabo, lapho umumo wezinyanga zabo usunqunyiwe, na?
- ²² UNkulunkulu uyakufundiswa ukwazi, yena owahlulela abaphakemeyo, na?
- ²³ “Omunye ufa esemi kahle kukho konke, ezinzile, enokuthula.
- ²⁴ Izinhlangothi zakhe zigcwele amafutha; umnkantsha wamathambo akhe umanzi.
- ²⁵ Omunye ufa enomphefumulo onomunyu, engazange adle okuhle.
- ²⁶ Balala phansi othulini kanyekanye; izimpethu ziyabasibekela.
- ²⁷ Bhekani, ngiyazi imicabango yenu, namacebo enu eniyakungona ngawo.
- ²⁸ Nithi: ‘Iphi indlu yezikhulu, liphi itende lokuhlala kwababi, na?’
- ²⁹ Anibuzanga abadlula endleleni, nibazi ubufakazi babo
- ³⁰ bokuthi omubi ugodlelwa usuku lokubhujiswa nokuthi bayamukiswa ngosuku lwentukuthelo, na?
- ³¹ Ngubani oyakumtshela indlela yakhe ebusweni bakhe? Ngubani oyakumphindisela ngalokho akwenzileyo na?
- ³² Uyayiswa ethuneni, kulindwe elibeni.
- ³³ Amagabade asesigodini ayakuba mnandi kuye; bonke abantu bayakudonswa emva kwakhe, njengokuba bengenakubalwa nababe phambi kwakhe.
- ³⁴ “Pho, ningiduduzelani ngeze, lokhu ezimpendulweni zenu kusele inkohliso nje, na?”

IS AHLUKO 22

Wayesethatha u-Elifazi umThemani, wathi:

- ² “Umuntu angaba yinsizakalo kuNkulunkulu ukuba ohlakaniphileyo abe nosizo kuye na?
- ³ Kuyintokozo yini kuSomandla, uma ulungile, kuyinzuzo kuye, uma wenza izindlela zakho ziphelele, na?
- ⁴ “Kungokumesaba kwakho akusolayo, angene nawe ekwahlulelweni, na?
- ⁵ Ububi bakho abubukhulu yini? Izono zakho azinakuphela.
- ⁶ Ngokuba uthathe ngeze izibambiso kumfowenu, wahlubula abampofu izingubo zabo.
- ⁷ Awumphuzisanga owomileyo amanzi, wamgodlela olambileyo ukudla.
- ⁸ Umuntu onamandla, izwe lingelakhe; onodumo uyahlala kulo.
- ⁹ Umukisile abafelokazi bengenalutho; izingalo zezintandane zaphuliwe.
- ¹⁰ Ngalokho izingibe ziyakuhaqa; uvalo oluzumayo luyakwethusa.
- ¹¹ Ukukhanya kwakho kuphenduke ubumnyama, ukuze ungaboni, nesikhukhula samanzi siyakusibekela.
- ¹² “UNkulunkulu akakho ekuphakameni kwezulu na? Bheka inhloko yezinkanyezi ukuthi iphakeme kangaka.
- ¹³ Uthi wena: ‘UNkulunkulu wazini na? Angahlulela engale kwesigayegaye na?’
- ¹⁴ Amafu ayamsibekela ukuze angaboni; uyahamba esiyingelezini sezulu.’
- ¹⁵ Uyakugcina indlela yamandulo eyahanjwa yizoni na?

- ¹⁶ Yizo ezahlwitha kungakabi yisikhathi, ezisisekelo sazo sathululwa njengomfula,
¹⁷ nezathi kuNkulunkulu: 'Suka kithina, ngokuba uSomandla ubeyakwenzani kubo na?'
¹⁸ Kepha nguye owayegcwalisa izindlu zabo ngokuhle. Amasu ababi akude nami.
¹⁹ "Abalungileyo bayakukubona, bathokoze; abangenasici bayabaklododela ngokuthi:
²⁰ 'Impela ababesivukela sebecithiwe, nabakushiyeleyo umlilo ukuqedile.'
²¹ "Mawujwayelane naye, ube nokuthula; ngalokho okuhle kuyakufika kuwe.
²² Mawamukele umthetho emlonyeni wakhe, ubeke amazwi akhe enhliziyweni yakho.
²³ Uma ubuyela kuSomandla, uyakwakhiwa, uma udedisa okubi kude etendeni lakho,
²⁴ ubeke igolide lakho othulini, nelase-Ofiri phakathi kwamatshe eminsonjana.
²⁵ USomandla uyakuba yigugu lakho, nesiliva elikhazimulayo kuwe,
²⁶ ngokuba lapho uyakuthokoza ngoSomandla, uphakamisele kuNkulunkulu ubuso bakho.
²⁷ Uyakukhuleka kuye, akuzwe, wena ugcwalise izithembiso zakho.
²⁸ Uma unquma indaba, uyakuyenzelwa, ukukhanya kukhanye ezindleleni zakho.
²⁹ Uma zehla, uyakuthi: 'Phezulu!' abeseiphakanyiswa ozithobileyo.
³⁰ Abantu abangemsulwa uyakubakhulula nabo, bakhululwe ngobumhlophe bezandla zakho."

ISAPHLUKO 23

Wayeseqhendula uJobe, wathi:

- ² "Nanamuhla ukukhala kwami kumunyu; isandla sami siyasinda ngokububula kwami.
³ Sengathi ngingazi ukuthi ngiyakumtholaphi, ngize ngifike endlini yakhe,
⁴ ngilungise ukwahlulelwa kwami phambi kwakhe, ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngezimpendulo.
⁵ Bengiyakuwazi amazwi abeyakungiphendula ngawo, ngiqonde ukuthi ubeyakuthini kimi.
⁶ Ubeyakuphikisana nami ngamandla akhe amakhulu na? Cha, ubeyakubhekisa kimi.
⁷ Lapho olungileyo ubeyakuphikisana naye, mina ngikhululwe kumahluleli wami kuze kube phakade.
⁸ Kodwa bheka, ngiya empumalanga, kepha akakho, nasentshonalanga, kepha angimboni,
⁹ ngasenyakatho ekusebenzeni kwakhe, kepha akabonwa; ujikela ngaseningizimu, kepha akabonakali.
¹⁰ Ngokuba uyayazi indlela yami; esengivivinyile, ngiyakuphuma njengegolide.
¹¹ Unyawo lwami lunamathele ezinyathelweni zakhe; ngigcinile indlela yakhe, angiphambukanga.
¹² Angichezuka emyalweni wezindebe zakhe; ngizibekele amazwi akhe kunezimiso zami.
¹³ "Kodwa uyinto inye, ngubani ongambuyisa na? Okufisayo umphefumulo wakhe, lokho uyakwenza.
¹⁴ Uyakufeza engikumiselweyo; izinto eziningi ezinjalo zikuye.
¹⁵ Ngalokho ngishaywa luvalo ebusweni bakhe; lapho ngikuqaphela, ngiyamesaba.
¹⁶ NguNkulunkulu odangalisileyo inhliyo yami, uSomandla ungethusile,
¹⁷ ngokuba anginqunywanga, bungakafiki ubumnyama; wangifihlela ukuhlwa."

ISAHLUKO 24

Kungani ukuba uSomandla angazibekelile izikhathi zokwahlulela, abamaziyo babone imihla yakhe, na?

² Imincele iyasuswa; bahlwitha imihlambi, bayiklabise.

³ Bamukisa imbongolo yezintandane, nenkomo yomfelokazi bayayithatha ibe yisibambiso.

⁴ Bafuzula abaswelayo endleleni; abampofu bomhlaba bacasha ndawonye.

⁵ Bheka, njengezimbongolo ehlane bayaphumela emisebenzini yabo befunisisa ukudla; ihlane lingukudla kwabo abakunika abantwana babo.

⁶ Emasimini bavuna ifoliji; bakhothoza esivinini somubi.

⁷ Ebusuku balala nqunu bengenangubo, bengenanto yokuzisibekela emakhazeni.

⁸ Bamanzi ngezihlambi zasezintabeni; basingatha idwala bengenasiphephelo.

⁹ Intandane ihlwithwa ebeleni, nengane yompofu ithathwa ibe yisibambiso,

¹⁰ bahambe nqunu bengenangubo, bethwele izithungu, belambile.

¹¹ Benza amafutha phakathi kwezingange zabahluphi; banyathela izikhamo zewayini, kepha bayoma.

¹² Bexoshwe emzini abafayo bayabubula; imiphefumulo yabalimeleyo iyakhala, kepha uNkulunkulu akanaki lokho okubi.

¹³ “Bakhona abakuhlubukile ukukhanya; abazi indlela yakho, abanamatheli emikhondweni yakho.

¹⁴ Umbulali uvuka ekuseni, abulale ompofu noswelayo; ebusuku unjengesela.

¹⁵ Iso lesiphingi libheka ukuhlwa ngokuthi: ‘Malingangiboni iso,’ sisithe ubuso baso.

¹⁶ Bafohla izindlu sekumnyama; emini bayazivalela; ukukhanya abakwazi.

¹⁷ Ngokuba ithunzi lokufa kubo bonke labo linjengokusa, lokhu beyazi ingebhe yethunzi lokufa.

¹⁸ “Banejubane ebusweni bamanzi; izabelo zabo ziqalekisiwe emhlabeni; abasayikuphendukela endleleni yezivini.

¹⁹ Ukoma nokushisa kuyaqeda amanzi eqhwa; kanjalo indawo yabafileyo labo abonileyo.

²⁰ Isizalo siyamkhohlwa; izimpethu ziyamsobozela; akasayikukhunjulwa; ukungalungi kuyaphulwa njengomuthi.

²¹ Uyayidla inyumba engazaliyo; akenzeli umfelokazi okuhle.

²² Uyadonsa namaqhawe ngamandla akhe; uyavuka; akakho osenethemba lokuphila.

²³ UNkulunkulu uyamnika ukuba alondeke, asekelwe; kepha amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela zabo.

²⁴ Bayaphakanyiswa; emva kwesikhashana abasekho; bayaphela njengabanye, bafe; babuna njengezihloko zezikhwebu.

²⁵ “Uma kungenjalo, ngubani onganga onamanga, awenze ize amazwi ami, na?”

ISAHLUKO 25

Wayesethatha uBilidadi umShuhi, wathi:

² “Ukubusa nokwesabeka kukuye owenza ukuthula ezindaweni zakhe eziphakemeyo.

³ Ukhona yini ongabala izimpi zakhe, nokukhanya kwakhe akuphumeli bani na?

⁴ Pho, umuntu angalunga kanjani kuNkulunkulu, nozelwe ngowesifazane angahlambuluka

kanjani, na?

⁵ Bheka, nenyanga ayinankazimulo, nezinkanyezi azihlambulukile emehlweni akhe.

⁶ Pho, kakhulu kangakanani umuntu oyimpethu, nendodana yomuntu eyisibungu, na?"

ISAHLUKO 26

Wayeseophendula uJobe, wathi:

² "Usizile kanjani ongenamandla! Usindisile kanjani ingalo engenamandla?

³ Umlulekile kanjani ongenakuhlakanipha! Umemezile kangakanani ukuqonda!

⁴ Utshelwe ngubani lawo mazwi, nomoya kabani waphuma kuwe, na?

⁵ "Izithunzi ziyathuthumela phansi kwamanzi kanye nabakhelwane bawo.

⁶ Indawo yabafileyo ize phambi kwakhe, nendawo yokubhubha ayinasisibekelo.

⁷ Welula inyakatho phezu kwendawo engenalutho; uphanyeka umhlaba phezu kweze.

⁸ Ubopha amanzi emafwini akhe; ifu alidabuki phansi kwawo.

⁹ Uyasibekela ubuso besihlalo sakhe sobukhosi; uyeneka ifu lakhe phezu kwaso.

¹⁰ Uyingiliza ngomudwa phezu kobuso bamanzi, kuze kuphele ukukhanya ebumnyameni.

¹¹ Izinsika zezulu ziyathuthumela; ziyethuswa ngokukhuza kwakhe.

¹² Ngamandla akhe uyanyakazisa amanzi; ngokuqonda kwakhe uyachitha uRahabi.

¹³ Ngokuphefumula kwakhe izulu liyakhazimula; isandla sakhe sigwazile inyoka esheshayo.

¹⁴ Bheka, lokhu kungamaphethelo nje ezindlela zakhe, izwi lokunyenyeza nje elizwakalayo ngaye; indumo yamandla akhe, ngubani obeyakuyiqonda na?"

ISAHLUKO 27

UJobe wabuye waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wathi:

² "Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu osusile ukwahlulelwa kwami, noSomandla owenze munyu umphefumulo wami,

³ kusekhona ukuphefumula kimi, nomoya kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami,

⁴ izindebe zami aziyikukhuluma okubi, nolimi lwami aluyikukhipha inkohliso.

⁵ Makube kude nami ukuba nginivumele; angiyikuzaphuca ukuphelela kwami ngize ngife.

⁶ Ngibambeleva ekulungeni kwami, angikuyeki; inhliziyi yami ayisoli nowodwa wemihla yami.

⁷ "Isitha sami masibe njengomubi, nongisukelayo njengowonileyo.

⁸ Liyini ithemba longenaNkulunkulu, nxa enqunywa, lapho uNkulunkulu esusa umphefumulo wakhe, na?

⁹ UNkulunkulu uyakuzwa ukukhala kwakhe, lapho ehlelwa lusizi, na?

¹⁰ Uyakuthokoza ngoSomandla, ambize uNkulunkulu ngezikhathi zonke, na?

¹¹ "Ngiyakunifundisa ngesandla sikaNkulunkulu; okukuSomandla angiyikukufihla.

¹² Bhekani, nina nonke nikubonile; kungani ukuba nizenze ize na?

¹³ "Lokhu kuyisabelo somuntu omubi kuNkulunkulu, nefa lezidlwangudlwangu ezilamukela kuSomandla.

¹⁴ Uma abantwana bakhe banda, bandela inkemba; inzalo yakhe ayiyikusutha ngokudla.

¹⁵ Abasele kuye bayakumbelwa ekufeni, abafelokazi babo bangalili.

- ¹⁶ Noma enqwabela isiliva njengothuli, alungise izambatho njengodaka,
¹⁷ makakulungise, kepha kuyakwembathwa ngolungileyo, ongenacala abele isiliva.
¹⁸ Uyakha indlu yakhe njengenundu, ibe njengedlangala elakhiwa ngumlindi.
¹⁹ Uyalala enothile, angakuphindi kodwa; uyavula amehlo akhe, abe engasekho.
²⁰ Ingebhe iyamehlela njengamanzi; isivunguvungu siyamphephula ebusuku.
²¹ Umoya wasempumalanga uyamthatha, amuke; uyambhengula endaweni yakhe.
²² Uyacibishelwa engahawukelwa; uyabaleka nokubaleka esandleni sakhe.
²³ Abantu bayakumshayela ihlombe, bamncimfele ukuba asuke endaweni yakhe.

ISAHLUKO 28

- “I**mpela ukhona umthapho wesiliva, nendawo yegolide abalicwengayo.
² Insimbi iyakhishwa emhlabathini; amatshe ayancibilikiswa abe yithusi.
³ Ubumnyama bubekelwa umkhawulo; kuyacingwa kuze kube sekupheleni konke amatshe esigayegaye nethunzi lokufa.
⁴ Baqhekeza umgodi kude nalapho behlala khona abantu, lapho bekhohlakele khona lunyawo; bayalenga, bajikajika kude nabantu.
⁵ Umhlaba-ke, kuwona kuvela ukudla, kepha ngaphansi kwawo uyaphendukezelwa njengangomlilo.
⁶ Amatshe awo ayindawo yamasafire; inothuli lwegolide.
⁷ Lowo mgudu awaziwa yinqe, neso loheshe aliwubonanga.
⁸ Izilwane ezinkulu azihambanga ngawo, nengonyama ayidlulanga ngawo.
⁹ Uyelulela isandla sakhe etsheni lensengetsha, agumbuqekele izintaba kwasezimpendeni zazo.
¹⁰ Uqhekeza imihohoba emadwaleni; iso lakhe liyabona konke okuyigugu.
¹¹ Uyavimba imifula ukuba ingaconsi; imfihlakalo uyayikhiphela ekukhanyeni.
¹² “Kepha ukuhlakanipha kufumanisekaphi? Iphi indawo yokuqonda na?
¹³ Umuntu kalazi inani lakho; akutholakali ezweni labaphilayo.
¹⁴ Utwa luthi: ‘Akukho kimi;’ ulwandle luthi: ‘Akukho kimi.’
¹⁵ Akunakuzuzwa negolide; intengo yakho ayinakulinganiswa nesiliva.
¹⁶ Kungelingane negolide lase-Ofiri, neshohamu eliyigugu, nesafire.
¹⁷ Igolide nengilazi kungelingane nakho; akunakwenaniswa ngezinto zegolide elicwengekileyo.
¹⁸ Akunakukhulunywa ngekorali nangekristalu; intengo yakho iphezu kwamarubi.
¹⁹ Itopazi laseKushe alinakulinganiswa nakho, kungelingane negolide elicwengekileyo.
²⁰ “Ukuhlakanipha kuvelaphi na? Indawo yokuqonda iphi na?
²¹ Kusithekile emehlweni abo bonke abaphilayo, kufihliwe ezinyonini zezulu.
²² Ukubhujiswa nokufa kuthi: ‘Ngezindlebe zethu sizwile amahemuhemu akho.’
²³ UNkulunkulu uyaqonda indlela yakho; yena uyazi indawo yakho.
²⁴ Ngokuba uyabeka imikhawulo yomhlaba, abone konke okuphansi kwezulu.
²⁵ Lapho emisela umoya ukusinda kwawo, elinganisa amanzi ngezilinganiso,
²⁶ lapho enzela imvula isimiso, nonyazi lokuduma indlela,

²⁷ khona wakubona, walanda ngakho, wakuhlela, wakuphenya.

²⁸ Wathi kubantu: 'Bhekani, ukwesaba iNkosi lokhu kungukuhlakanipha; ukusuka ebubini kungukuqonda.' ”

ISAHLUKO 29

U Jobe wabuye waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wathi:

² “Sengathi nga nginjengasezinyangeni zakuqala, njengasemihleni uNkulunkulu angigcina ngayo,

³ lapho isibani sakhe sasikhanya phezu kwekhanda lami, ngihamba ebumnyameni ngokukhanya kwakhe,

⁴ yebo, njengasezinsukwini zokuvuthwa kwami, lapho ubuhlobo bukaNkulunkulu babuphezu kwetende lami;

⁵ lapho uSomandla wabe esenami, nabantwana bami babe besangizungeza;

⁶ lapho izinyathelo zami zagezwa ngamangqanga, nedwala elalingakimi langithelela imifula yamafutha.

⁷ “Lapho ngaphuma ngaya esangweni ngasemzini, ngalungisa isihlalo sami esigcawini,

⁸ izinsizwa zangibona, zacasha, nezimpunga zasuka zema,

⁹ izikhulu zayeka ukukhuluma, zabeka izandla emilonyeni yazo;

¹⁰ izwi labakhulu lathuliswa; izilimi zabo zanamathela olwangeni lwabo.

¹¹ Lapho indlebe yangizwa, yangibusisa, nalapho iso langibona, langifakazela.

¹² Ngokuba ngakhulula abampofu abakhalayo kanye nentandane engenamsizi.

¹³ Isibusiso sobezakubhubha safika phezu kwami; ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi ukuba ihube ngokujabula.

¹⁴ Ngembatha ukulunga, kwaba yisambatho kimi; ukwahlulelwa kwami kwakunjengengubo nomqhele kimi.

¹⁵ Ngaba ngamehlo ezimpumputhe nezinyawo zezinyonga.

¹⁶ Nganginguyise wabampofu; indaba yengingamaziyo ngayiphenya.

¹⁷ Ngaphula imihlathi yowonayo, ngahlwitha impango emazinyweni akhe.

¹⁸ “Ngase ngithi: ‘Ngiyakufa esidlekeni sami, ngandise izinsuku zami zibe ngangesihlabathi.

¹⁹ Impande yami iyazivulela amanzi; amazolo alala ubusuku bonke egatsheni lami;

²⁰ udumo lwami lusha njalo kimi, umnsalo wami wenziwa musha esandleni sami.’

²¹ “Abantu bangilalela belinda; bathula ngesiluleko sami.

²² Emva kwamazwi ami ababe besakhuluma; amazwi ami aconsela phezu kwabo.

²³ Bangilindela njengemvula; bangikhamisela imilomo yabo njengokukhamisela imvula yamuva.

²⁴ Ngabahleka bengenakukholwa; ukukhanya kobuso bami kabakufiphazanga.

²⁵ Uma ngangikhethile izindlela zabo, ngangiyakuhlala emqoka, ngahlalisa okwenkosi empini, njengoduduza abalilayo.

ISAHLUKO 30

- “K**epha manje abancane ngeminyaka kunami bayangihleka, oyise babo engangibadelela ukuba ngingababeki naphakathi kwezinja zezimvu zami.
- ² Yebo, namandla ezandla zabo angangisiza kanjani, abantu abaphelile iziphika, na?
- ³ Bondile ngokuswela nangendlala; baququda ugwadule oluyize, olwaluyilohle nakuqala.
- ⁴ Bayakha imifino kasawoti ezihlaheni; izimpande zezinwele zingukudla kwabo.
- ⁵ Bayaxoshwa phakathi kwabantu; bamemeza emva kwabo njengasemva kwamasela.
- ⁶ Bahlala ezigodini ezesabekayo, nesemihumeni yomhlaba, naseziweni.
- ⁷ Bayakhonya phakathi kwezihlahla; phansi kwezimbabazane bayabuthana,
- ⁸ bengabantwana beziwula, abantwana babangenamagama, beshaywa, bexoshwa ezweni.
- ⁹ “Manje sengihaywa yibo, yebo, sengiyisaga sabo.
- ¹⁰ Bayanengwa yimi, bemi kude nami; abayeki ukungikhafulela ngamathe.
- ¹¹ Bakhululile imichilo yabo, bangithobisa; balahlile itomu phambi kwami.
- ¹² Ngakwesokunene kuvuka amachwensa; agudlumeza izinyawo zami, anginqwabelela izindlela zokubhubhisa.
- ¹³ Achitha umkhondo wami; asebenzela ukubhujiswa kwami engazibambi.
- ¹⁴ Angena kungathi ngesikhala esibanzi; phakathi kwencithakalo atheleka phezu kwami.
- ¹⁵ Ingebhe ithululwa phezu kwami; njengomoya luyaxoshwa udumo lwami; inhlalakahle yami iyadlula njengefu.
- ¹⁶ “Manje umphefumulo wami uthululiwe phakathi kwami; izinsuku zosizi zingibambile.
- ¹⁷ Ebusuku amathambo ami ayabhotshozwa, asuke kimi; ubuhlungu obungigedlayo abuphumuli.
- ¹⁸ Ngamandla amakhulu umzimba wami wonakele; unamathela kimi njengentamo yesambatho sami.
- ¹⁹ Ungiphonsile odakeni; sengifana nothuli nomlotha.
- ²⁰ “Ngikhala kuwe, kepha awungiphenduli; ngimi lapha, uyangibuka nje.
- ²¹ Uyaguquka ukuze ungiphathe ngonya; ngamandla esandla sakho uyangizingela.
- ²² Uyangiphakamisela emoyeni, ungikhwelisa kuwo, wenze ukuba ngincibilike ngokuhlokoma kwesivunguvungu.
- ²³ Ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi ungiyisa ekufeni nasendlini yokubuthana kwabaphilayo bonke.
- ²⁴ “Kepha umuntu angelule isandla sakhe encithakalweni, akhale uma esengozini, na?
- ²⁵ Angimkhalelanga yini ozinsuku zakhe zazilukhuni na? Umphefumulo wami awuhawukelanga abampofu na?
- ²⁶ Lapho ngabheka okuhle, kwafika okubi; ngalindela ukukhanya, kwafika ubumnyama.
- ²⁷ Izibilini zami ziyaxhuxhuzela, aziphumuli; izinsuku zosizi zingehlele.
- ²⁸ Ngihamba ngimnyama, kungenziwanga yilanga; ngisukuma ebandleni ngikhala.
- ²⁹ Ngingumfowabo wamakhanka, nomngane wezintshe.
- ³⁰ Isikhumba sami simnyama, siyebuza kimi; amathambo ami ashile ngokushisa.
- ³¹ Ihabhu lami seliphenduke isililo, nomtshingo wami uyizwi labakhalayo.

ISAPHLUKO 31

“Ngenza isivumelwano namehlo ami: ngingabuka kanjani intombi na?

² Ngokuba siyini isabelo ebesiyakuvela kuNkulunkulu phezulu, nefa likaSomandla ebeliyakuvela ekuphakameni, na?

³ Akusikho ukubhubha kwabangalungile nengozi kwabenza okubi na?

⁴ Yena akaboni izindlela zami, abale izinyathelo zami zonke, na?

⁵ “Uma ngihambile ngamanga, nonyawo lwami luphuthume enkohlisweni,

⁶ mangilinganiswe ngesilinganiso esilungileyo, ukuze uNkulunkulu azi ukuphelela kwami.

⁷ Uma izinyathelo zami zichezukile endleleni, inhliziyo yami yalandela amehlo ami, uma kunamathela isisihla ezandleni zami,

⁸ mangihlwanyele, kudle omunye, yebo, zisishulwe izithelo zami.

⁹ “Uma inhliziyo yami iyengwe ngowesifazane, ngaqamekela ngasemnyango womakhelwane wami,

¹⁰ umkami makasilele omunye, kuguqe abanye phezu kwakhe.

¹¹ Ngokuba lokho ngabe kuyicala, ngabe kungububi bokujeziswa.

¹² Ngokuba kungumlilo odlayo kuze kube sekubhujisweni, kusishulwe yonke inzuzo yami.

¹³ “Uma ngidelele ukwahlulelwa kwenceku yami noma okwencekukazi yami, lapho bephikisana nami,

¹⁴ ngiyakwenze njani, lapho uNkulunkulu evuka, nalapho engiphenya, ngingaphendula ngokuthini na?

¹⁵ Owangenza mina esiswini, wabenza nabo; owasibumba esizalweni munye.

¹⁶ “Uma ngingqabele abampofu abakufisayo, ngenza amehlo omfelokazi ukuba afiphale,

¹⁷ ngadla ucezu lwami lwesinkwa ngingedwa, ingaludlanga nentandane

¹⁸ hhayi, ikhulele kimi kwasebusheni bami njengakuyise; kwasesizalweni sikamame ngangingumholi wabafelokazi

¹⁹ uma ngibone obhubhile ngokuswela isambatho, kungekho okokuzimboza kompofu;

²⁰ uma ukhalo lwakhe lungangibusisanga, uma engafudunyezwa nguboya bezimvu zami;

²¹ uma ngiphakamisele intandane isandla sami, ngokuba ngabona usizo lwami esangweni,

²² maliwe ihlombe lami esiphangeni, nengalo yami yaphulwe enkothweni yayo.

²³ Ngokuba ngesaba ukubhujiswa nguNkulunkulu; ngenxa yokuphakama kwakhe bengingenakwenza lutho.

²⁴ “Uma ngibeke igolide libe yithemba lami, ngathi egolideni elihle: ‘Ngithemba wena;’

²⁵ uma ngithokozile, ngokuba imfuyo yami inkulu nangokuba isandla sami sithole okuningi;

²⁶ uma ngibone ukukhanya ukuthi kuyakhazimula, nenyanga ukuthi ihamba ngencwazimulo,

²⁷ kwayengwa inhliziyo yami esitha, nomlomo wanga isandla sami,

²⁸ nalokho kwakungububi bokujeziswa, ngokuba ngangimphelele uNkulunkulu phezulu.

²⁹ “Uma ngithokozile ngengozi yongizondayo, ngaxhuma lapho eficwa ngokubi

³⁰ kepha angivumelanga ulimi lwami ukuba lone ngokucela ukuphila kwakhe ngesifungo

³¹ uma abantu betende lami bengashongo ukuthi: ‘Ngubani ongathola umuntu ongasuthanga ngenyama yakhe na?’ —

³² abafokazi kabalalanga phandle, ngavulela izihambi iminyango yami —

- ³³ uma ngisibekele iziphambeko zami njengo-Adamu ngokufihla ububi bami esifubeni sami,
- ³⁴ ngokuba ngesaba isixuku esikhulu, ngaba novalo lokudelelwa ngabomndeni, ngaze ngathula, angaphuma emnyango —
- ³⁵ sengathi angaba khona ongizwayo nantu uphawu lwami, makangiphendule uSomandla — ngibe nencwadi ayilobileyo omelana nami!
- ³⁶ Ngangiyakuyithwala emahlombe ami, ngiyibophe ibe ngumqhele kimi,
- ³⁷ ngimlandise ngomumo wezinyathelo zami, ngisondele kuye njengesikhulu.
- ³⁸ “Uma umhlaba wami ukhalile ngami, nemisele yawo ililile kanyekanye;
- ³⁹ uma ngidlile izithelo zawo ngingenamali, ngenza ukuba bafe abaniniwo,
- ⁴⁰ makuhlume ikhakhasi esikhundleni sikakolweni, kuvele ukhula endaweni yebhali.”
- Amazwi kaJobe asephelile.

ISAHLUKO 32

Lawo madoda amathathu ayeseyeka ukumphendula uJobe, ngokuba wayelungile emehlweni akhe.

² Lwase luvutha ulaka luka-Elihu, indodana kaBarakeli, umBuzi womndeni kaRamu; ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela uJobe, ngokuba wazithetha yena kunoNkulunkulu.

³ Ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela nabangane bakhe abathathu, ngokuba noma bengafumananga impendulo, bamlahla nokho uJobe.

⁴ U-Elihu wayelindele ukukhuluma kuJobe, ngokuba bona babebadala kunaye.

⁵ Lapho u-Elihu esebona ukuthi ayikho impendulo emilonyeni yalawo madoda amathathu, lwavutha ulaka lwakhe.

⁶ U-Elihu, indodana kaBarakeli, umBuzi, wayesethatha-ke, wathi: “Mina ngisemusha ngeminyaka, nina nibadala; ngalokho nganginamahloni, ngesaba ukunitshela umqondo wami.

⁷ Ngathi: ‘Makukhulume izinsuku, ubuningi beminyaka bazise ukuhlakanipha.’

⁸ Nokho kukhona umoya kumuntu; ukuphefumula kukaSomandla kuyabaqondisa.

⁹ Abakhulu abahlakaniphile, nabadala abaqondi ukwahlulela.

¹⁰ “Ngalokho ngithi: Ngizweni; nami ngiyakusho umqondo wami.

¹¹ Bhekani, ngilindele amazwi enu, ngabeka indlebe emiqondweni yenu, nisaphenya eniyakukusho.

¹² Nganilalela nina; bhekani, kwakungekho noyedwa owamahlula uJobe nowaphendula amazwi akhe phakathi kwenu.

¹³ Maningasho ukuthi: ‘Sifumene ukuhlakanipha; uNkulunkulu angamphengulula, hhayi umuntu.’

¹⁴ Akahlelenga mina amazwi akhe; angiyikumphendula ngezinkulumo zenu.

¹⁵ “Bayakhungatheka, abasaphenduli; baphelelwa ngamazwi.

¹⁶ Ngibalindele yini, uma bengakhulumi, na? Ngokuba bemi bengasaphenduli.

¹⁷ Nami ngiyakuphendula okwami, ngitshengise nami umqondo wami.

¹⁸ Ngokuba ngigcwele amazwi; umoya phakathi kwami uyangiqhubezela.

¹⁹ Bhekani, okuphakathi kwami kunjengewayini elingenambobo; kucishe ukuqhuma njengezimvaba ezintsha.

- ²⁰ Ngiyakukhuluma ukuba ngikhululeke; ngiyakuvula izindebe zami ukuba ngiphendule.
- ²¹ Mangingakhethi ubuso bamuntu, ngingathophi nobani.
- ²² Ngokuba angikwazi ukuthopha; uma kunjalo, uMenzi wami angangisusa masinyane.

ISAHLUKO 33

- “K**epha manje, Jobe mawuzwe amazwi ami,
- ² Bheka-ke, sengivula umlomo wami; ulimi lwami lukhuluma emlonyeni wami.
- ³ Amazwi ami avela enhliziyweni yami eqotho; okwaziwa yizindebe zami ziyakukhuluma ngesiminya.
- ⁴ Umoya kaNkulunkulu ungenzile, nokuphefumula kukaSomandla kunginika ukuphila.
- ⁵ Uma ukwazi, ngiphendule; zihlele phambi kwami, ume.
- ⁶ Bheka, nginjengawe maqondana noNkulunkulu: ngibunjiwe nami ngebumba.
- ⁷ Bheka, ingebhe ngami ayiyikukugebhezisa, nesandla sami esiphezu kwakho asiyyikukusinda.
- ⁸ “Impela wakhuluma ezindlebeni zami, ngezwa izwi lokukhuluma kwakho ukuthi:
- ⁹ Ngimsulwa, anginasiphambeko; ngimhlophe, akukho okubi kimi.
- ¹⁰ Bheka, uthola amathuba ngami, ungishaya isitha sakhe.
- ¹¹ Ufaka izinyawo zami ezingongolweni, aqaphele zonke izindlela zami.
- ¹² “Bheka, ngiyakuphendula ukuthi awuthethanga kahle lokho, ngokuba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kunomuntu.
- ¹³ Umphikiselani ngokuthi: Akaphenduli nelilodwa lamazwi ami.
- ¹⁴ Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ukhuluma kanye, yebo, nakabili, umuntu engakunaki.
- ¹⁵ Ephusheni nasembonweni wasebusuku, lapho abantu behlelwe ngubuthongo obunzima, bozela emacansini,
- ¹⁶ khona uyavula izindlebe zabantu, abeke uphawu ekufundisweni kwabo,
- ¹⁷ ukuze aphambukise umuntu ekwenzeni kwakhe, anqume ukuzidla kumuntu;
- ¹⁸ unganda umphefumulo wakhe ekubhujisweni, nokuphila kwakhe ukuba kungachithwa ngomkhonto.
- ¹⁹ Uyajeziswa ngobuhlungu nasecansini lakhe, nangokulwa okungapheliyo emathanjeni akhe.
- ²⁰ Inhliziyo iyanengwa ngukudla, nomphefumulo wakhe uzonda ukudla okade ukufisa.
- ²¹ Inyama yakhe iyadliwa, ingabe isabonwa; amathambo akhe akade engabonakali aseqhamukile.
- ²² Umphefumulo wakhe uyasondela egodini, nokuphila kwakhe kubabulali.
- ²³ “Uma kukhona ingelosi kuye, nehumusha noma yiliphi enkulungwaneni lokuba litshele umuntu okumlungeleyo,
- ²⁴ uNkulunkulu abeseba nomusa kuye, athi: ‘Mkhulule ukuba angehleli egodini, sengitholile ihlawulo,’
- ²⁵ inyama yakhe ibe ntsha kuneyomntwana, abuyele emihleni yobusha bakhe,
- ²⁶ khona uyakunxusa uNkulunkulu ukuba abe nomusa kuye, abone ubuso bakhe ngokujabula, abesebuyisela kumuntu ukulunga kwakhe.
- ²⁷ Usehlabelela phambi kwabantu, uthi: ‘Ngonile, ngahlanekezela ukulunga, kepha akwenziwanga kimi njengokufaneleyo:

²⁸ uhlengile umphefumulo wami ukuba ungadluleli egodini; ngiyakubona ukukhanya ngiphila.'

²⁹ "Bhekani, konke lokhu uNkulunkulu uyakwenza kabili, yebo, kathathu kumuntu

³⁰ ukuba abuyise umphefumulo wakhe egodini, akhanyiselwe ngokukhanya kwabaphilayo.

³¹ Yizwa, Jobe, ungilalele; thula, mina ngizakukhuluma.

³² Uma unamazwi, ngiphendule; khuluma, ngokuba ngifisa ukukuthethelela.

³³ Uma ungenawo, ngilalele wena; thula, ngiyakukufundisa ukuhlakanipha."

ISAHLUKO 34

U-Elihu wathatha wathi:

² "Yizwani amazwi ami, nina zihlakaniphi, nibeke indlebe kimi nina zazi.

³ Ngokuba indlebe iyavivinya amazwi, njengokuba ulwanga luzwa ukudla.

⁴ Masizikhethele okulungileyo, sazi phakathi kwethu okuhle.

⁵ Ngokuba uJobe uthe: 'Ngilungile; uNkulunkulu ususile ukwahlulelwa kwami.

⁶ Phezu kokwahlulelwa kwami ngishaywa onamanga; inxeba lami alinakupholiswa, noma ngingenasiphambeko.'

⁷ Ngumuphi umuntu onjengoJobe ophuza usulu njengamanzi,

⁸ ohamba ngokwazana nabenza okubi, ahambisane nabantu ababi, na?

⁹ Ngokuba uthi: 'Akunalusizo kumuntu ukuba azane noNkulunkulu.'

¹⁰ "Ngalokho ngizweni nina bantu abanokuqonda; makube kude noNkulunkulu ukuba enze okubi, nakuSomandla ukuba enze ukona.

¹¹ Ngokuba uyabuyisela kumuntu njengokwenza kwakhe, atholise kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe.

¹² Impela uNkulunkulu akenzi okubi; uSomandla kahlanekezeli ukwahlulela.

¹³ Ngubani owambeka phezu komhlaba na? Ngubani owamisa izwe lonke na?

¹⁴ Uma ebeyakuzibheka yena, azibuyisele umoya wakhe nomphefumulo wakhe,

¹⁵ inyama yonke ibiyakufa kanyekanye, umuntu abuyeke othulini.

¹⁶ "Uma unengqondo, yizwa lokhu, ulalele izwi lokukhuluma kwami.

¹⁷ Imbala ozonda ukwahlulela uyakubusa na? Uyakumlahla olungileyo nonamandla

¹⁸ oshoyo enkosini ukuthi: 'Muntu omubi,' nasezikhulwini: 'Mashinga,'

¹⁹ ongakhethi ubuso bezikhulu, onganaki ocebileyo kunompofu, na? Ngokuba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe.

²⁰ Bayafa ngokuphazima kweso; phakathi kwamabili abantu bayathuthumela, banyamalale; amaqhawe ayasuswa, kepha kungengasandla.

²¹ "Ngokuba amehlo akhe akuzo izindlela zomuntu; ubona zonke izinyathelo zakhe.

²² Abukho ubumnyama, nethunzi lokufa alikho, lapho abenza okubi bengacasha khona.

²³ Ngokuba akadingi ukuba abelokhu ebheka umuntu ukuba aye kuNkulunkulu ukwahlulelwa.

²⁴ Uyaphahlaza abanamandla, kungahlolwanga, amise abanye ezikhundleni zabo.

²⁵ Ngalokho uyazi imisebenzi yabo; uyabagumbuqela ebusuku, bachotshozwe.

²⁶ Uyabashaya njengababi endaweni lapho bebonwa khona,

²⁷ ngokuba bachezuka ekumlandeleni, abanakanga neyodwa yezindlela zakhe,

- ²⁸ baze benza ukuba ukukhala kwabampofu kufike kuye, wezwa ukukhala kwabahluphekayo.
- ²⁹ Lapho yena ethula, ngubani ongalahla, nalapho ethukusa ubuso bakhe, ngubani ongambona na? Ubusa ngokufananayo, noma kuyisizwe noma kungumuntu,
- ³⁰ ukuba kungabusi muntu ongenaNkulunkulu, abantu bacushwe.
- ³¹ “Ngokuba ukhona oke wathi kuNkulunkulu: ‘Ngithweswe icala noma ngingonanga, na?’
- ³² Lokhu engingakuboni, ngifundise khona; uma ngenzile okubi, angisayikukuphinda.’
- ³³ Uyakuphindisela njengokuthanda kwakho, lokhu ukwenqaba, na? Ngokuba nguwe ozakukhetha, akusimina; khuluma okwaziyo.
- ³⁴ “Abantu abanokuqonda bayakusho kimi, yebo, nezihlakaniphi, lapho zingizwa, ziyakuthi:
- ³⁵ ‘UJobe ukhuluma engenalwazi; amazwi akhe awanangqondo.’
- ³⁶ Sengathi uJobe angavivinywa kuze kube sekupheleni, ngokuba uphendula njengabantu ababi.
- ³⁷ Ngokuba uyenezela ukuhlubuka esonweni sakhe; ushaya ihlombe phakathi kwethu, andise amazwi akhe kuNkulunkulu.”

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U-Elihu wathatha wathi:

- ² “Usho uthi lokhu kulungile na? Uthi: ‘Yilungelo lami kuNkulunkulu yini,’
- ³ njengokuba uthi: ‘Kungisiza ngani?’ nokuthi: ‘Ngizuzeni kunalokho ebengiyakukuzuzwa, uma ngonile, na?’
- ⁴ “Ngizakukuphendula mina ngamazwi, wena nabangane bakho.
- ⁵ Bheka ngasezulwini, ubone, uqaphele amafu aphakeme kunawe.
- ⁶ Uma wona, wenzani kuye na? Uma iziphambeko zakho ziziningi, wenzani kuyena na?
- ⁷ Uma ulungile, umnikani yena, noma umukelani esandleni sakho na?
- ⁸ Ububi bakho buqondene nomuntu onjengawe, nokulunga kwakho kuthintana nendodana yomuntu.
- ⁹ “Abantu bakhala ngobuningi bezinkahlo; bakhala ngokusizwa ngenxa yengalo yabanamandla.
- ¹⁰ Kepha akakho othi: ‘Uphi uNkulunkulu, uMenzi wami, ozwakalisa amahubo ebusuku,
- ¹¹ osifundisa phezu kwezilwane zomhlaba, asenze sihlakaniphe phezu kwezinyoni zezulu.’
- ¹² Lapho bayakhala ngokuzidla kwababi, kepha akaphenduli.
- ¹³ Impela uNkulunkulu akezwa okuyize, uSomandla akayikukunakekela;
- ¹⁴ kakhulu kangakanani, lapho uthi awumboni nokuthi, noma icala liphambi kwakhe, usamhlalela, na?
- ¹⁵ Kepha manje, ngokuba intukuthelo yakhe ingajezisi, anganaki kakhulu iziphambeko,
- ¹⁶ uJobe uvulela ize umlomo wakhe; uyandisa amazwi engenalwazi.”

ISAHLUKO 36

U-Elihu waqhubeka wathi:

- ² “Ngihlalele kancane, ngiyakukubonisa, ngokuba ngisenamazwi okummela uNkulunkulu.
- ³ Ngiyakulanda kude ulwazi lwami, nginike uMenzi wami ukulunga.
- ⁴ Impela amazwi ami awasiwo amanga; unawe ophелеle ekwazini.
- ⁵ “Bheka, uNkulunkulu unamandla, kepha kadeleli muntu; mkhulu emandleni okuqonda.
- ⁶ Akenzi ukuba omubi aphilile, kepha abampofu uyabanika ukwahlulelwa.
- ⁷ Akabuyisi amehlo akhe kwabalungileyo, kepha ubahlalisa namakhosi ezihlalweni zobukhosi, baphakame kuze kube phakade.
- ⁸ Uma beboshwa ngamaketanga, babanjwe ngezintambo zokuhlupheka,
- ⁹ uyababonisa izenzo zabo neziphambeko zabo zokuthi baziphakamisile.
- ¹⁰ Uyavulela izindlebe zabo ukulaywa, asho ukuba babuye ebubini.
- ¹¹ Uma belalela, bamkhonze, bayakuqeda imihla yabo ebuhleni neminyaka yabo kukho okumnandi.
- ¹² Kepha uma bengalaleli, bayakuphela ngenkemba, bafe bengenalwazi.
- ¹³ “Abangesabi ngenhliziyo baqongelela ulaka; abakhali lapho ebabopha.
- ¹⁴ Bafa besebasha, ukuphila kwabo kube njengokwezifebe zethempeli.
- ¹⁵ Ukhulula ompofu ngobumpofu bakhe, avule indlebe yabo ngokuhlupheka.
- ¹⁶ “Yebo, nga ekuvusa ukuba uphume emlonyeni wosizi, uye endaweni ebanzi, lapho kungekho kunyinyeka khona, kunone okubekwa etafuleni lakho.
- ¹⁷ Kepha ugcwele ukwahlulelwa kwababi; ukwahlulela nokulunga kuyakubamba.
- ¹⁸ Xwaya ukuba ulaka lungakuvusi usashaywa, ungachezukiswa ngobuningi bamahlawulo.
- ¹⁹ Ukukhala kwakho kungakusiza ukuba ungahlali osizini, nazo zonke izikhwepha zamandla akho, na?
- ²⁰ Ungafisi ubusuku, lapho abantu beyakususwa ezindaweni zabo.
- ²¹ Xwaya ukuba ungabhekisi ubuso bakho ebubini, ngokuba ukhethile lokho kunokuhlupheka.
- ²² “Bheka, uNkulunkulu uphakeme ngamandla akhe; ngubani ofundisa njengaye na?
- ²³ Ngubani ommisele indlela yakhe na? Ngubani ongasho ukuthi: ‘Wenzile okubi,’ na?
- ²⁴ Khumbula ukukhulisa izenzo zakhe abahlabelela ngazo abantu.
- ²⁵ Bonke abantu bayazibona; abokufa bayazibuka besekude.
- ²⁶ Bheka, uNkulunkulu uphakeme, asimqondi; umumo weminyaka yakhe ayinakuphenywa.
- ²⁷ “Wenyusa amathonsi amanzi, abuye awathulule njengemvula enkungwini yakhe;
- ²⁸ amafu awenza ukuba aconse, awathele phezu kwabantu abaningi.
- ²⁹ Ukhona ongaqonda ukwenekeka kwamafu nokuduma kwedokodo lakhe na?
- ³⁰ Bheka, uyasakaza ukukhanya kwakhe ngakuye; uyasibekela ubuphansi bolwandle.
- ³¹ Ngokuba ngalokho uyabahlulela abantu, apane kakhulu ngokudla.
- ³² Uyasibekela izandla zakhe ngokukhanya, akuyale ukuba kushaye isigcibisholo.
- ³³ Umsindo wakhe ulanda ngaye oshisekela ububi ngentukuthelo.

“Yebo, ngenxa yalokho iyathuthumela inhliziyo yami, isuke endaweni yayo.

² Yizwani, nizwe indumo yezwi lakhe, nemvunge ephuma emlonyeni wakhe.

³ Uyakukhipha phansi kwalo lonke izulu, nonyazi lwakhe luya emagumbini omhlaba.

⁴ Emva kwalo kuduma izwi; uduma ngezwi lobukhosi bakhe; kalumisi unyazi, lapho lizwakala izwi lakhe.

⁵ UNkulunkulu uyaduma ngezwi lakhe ngokumangalisayo; wenza izinto ezinkulu esingaziqondi.

⁶ Ngokuba uthi eqhweni: ‘Khithika emhlabeni;’ kanjalo nasesihlambini semvula, yebo, ezihlambini zemvula zakhe ezinamandla.

⁷ Uyanamathelisa izandla zabantu bonke ukuba bonke abantu bazi imisebenzi yakhe.

⁸ Seziya izilwane ezikhundleni zazo, zihlale emihumeni yazo.

⁹ Isikhwishikhwishi siphuma ekamelweni laso, namakhaza emimoyeni ehla kazayo.

¹⁰ Ngokuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu kuvela ungqoqwane, ububanzi bamanzi buqine.

¹¹ Yebo, uyathwesa amafu ngokuswakama; uyeneka amafu onyazi lwakhe.

¹² Ayajika, aphenduke njengokunquma kwakhe ukuba enze konke awayalayo ebusweni bomhlaba owakhiweyo,

¹³ awafikise abe luswazi, afike ngenxa yomhlaba noma ngenxa yomusa.

¹⁴ “Beka indlebe kulokhu, Jobe; yima, uqonde izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu.

¹⁵ Uyazi yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwayala kanjani, enze ukuba unyazi lwamafu akhe lukhanye na?

¹⁶ Uyaqonda yini ukulinganiswa kwamafu, izimangaliso zoPhelele olwazini,

¹⁷ wena ozingubo zakho zifudumala, lapho ethulisa umhlaba ngeshisandlu, na?

¹⁸ Ungeneka isibhakabhaka njengaye, esiqinile njengesibuko esibunjiweyo, na?

¹⁹ Sifundise ukuthi siyakuthini kuye; asinakuhlela indaba yethu ngenxa yobumnyama.

²⁰ Uyakutshelwa ukuthi ngiyakhuluma na? Ukhona yini oshoyo ukuthi makabhubhe na?

²¹ Manje, abantu abanakukubona ukukhanya okukhazimula esibhakabhakeni,

²² Ngasenyakatho kuvela inkazimulo yegolide; uNkulunkulu wembethe ubukhosi obesabekayo.

²³ USomandla singemqonde; mkhulu ngamandla nangokwahlulela; ngokulunga kwakhe okukhulu akoni lutho.

²⁴ Ngalokho abantu bayamesaba; kepha akanaki abazishaya izihlakaniphi ngenhliziyo.”

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UJehova wayesemphendula uJobe esesikhwishikhwishini, ethi:

² “Ngubani lo owenza mnyama isiluleko ngamazwi angenalwazi na?

³ Bopha izinkalo zakho njengendoda; ngizakukubuza, wena ungazise.

⁴ Wawukuphi, lapho ngasekela umhlaba, na? Ngitshele, uma ukwazi ukuqonda.

⁵ Ngubani owanquma izilinganiso zawo, ngokuba uyakwazi phela! Ngubani owelula umucu wokulinganisa phezu kwawo na?

⁶ Izisekelo zawo zabekwa phezu kwani na? Ngubani owabeka itshe lawo legumbi,

⁷ lapho izinkanyezi zokusa zahlabelela kanyekanye, nawo onke amadodana kaNkulunkulu ajabula, na?

⁸ “Ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngezicabha, lapha lwabhoboka kungathi lwaphuma

esiswini,

- ⁹ lapho ngabeka amafu aba yisambatho salo, nesigayegaye saba yimbeleko yalo,
- ¹⁰ nalapho ngalumisela umncele wami, ngamisa imigoqo nezicabha,
- ¹¹ ngathi: 'Uyakufika lapha, kepha ungadluli; lapha amaza akho aziqhenyayo ayakumiswa,' na?
- ¹² "Emihleni yakho uyalile ukusa, wazisa umthende wokusa indawo yawo
- ¹³ ukuba ubambe amagumbi omhlaba, ababi bathintithwe kuwo, na?
- ¹⁴ Uguquka njengebumba lophawu lokunamathelisa; konke kuqhamuka kungathi kwembesiwe.
- ¹⁵ Ababi sebenqatshelwe ukukhanya kwabo, nengalo ephakemeyo yaphuliwe.
- ¹⁶ "Wake wangena emithonjeni yolwandle, wahamba phansi otweni, na?
- ¹⁷ Amasango okufa uwavulelwe, wabona amasango ethunzi lokufa, na?
- ¹⁸ Uqondile ububanzi bomhlaba na? Yisho, uma ukwazi konke.
- ¹⁹ "Iphi indlela eya lapho kuhlala khona ukukhanya, nobumnyama-ke, iphi indawo yabo,
- ²⁰ ukuze ukuyise emkhawulweni wakho, uqonde imikhondo yendlu yakho, na?
- ²¹ Angithi uyakwazi, ngokuba wawusuzelwe, nomumo wemihla yakho mkhulu, na?
- ²² "Wake wangena ezinqolobaneni zeqhwa, wabona izinqwaba zesichotho,
- ²³ engiziqongelele isikhathi sokuhlupheka nosuku lokulwa nolwempi, na?
- ²⁴ Iphi indlela eya lapho ukukhanya kwahlukaniselwa khona, nalapho umoya wasempumalanga uhlakazekela khona emhlabeni, na?
- ²⁵ Ngubani ovulele ukuchichima kwamanzi umsele nonyazi lokuduma indlela,
- ²⁶ ukunisa imvula emhlabeni lapho kungekho muntu khona, nasehlane elingenamuntu,
- ²⁷ ukusuthisa ihlane kwahlongasibi, nokuhlumisa uhlaza, na?
- ²⁸ Kukhona uyise wemvula na? Ngubani owazala amathonsi amazolo na?
- ²⁹ Iqhwa lavela esiswini sikabani, nesithwathwa sazalwa ngubani, na?
- ³⁰ Amanzi ayacasha kungathi ayitshe; ubuso botwa buhlangene.
- ³¹ "Ungabopha amaketanga esiLimela, uthukulule izintambo zeMpambano, na?
- ³² Ungakhipha izinkanyezi ngesikhathi sazo, uhole iBhere nabantwana balo, na?
- ³³ Uyazazi izimiso zasezulwini, umise ukumisa kwazo emhlabeni, na?
- ³⁴ "Ungaphakamisela izwi lakho emafwini, ukuze amanzi amaningi akusibekela, na?
- ³⁵ Ungathuma imibani ukuba ihambe, isho kuwe, ithi: 'Bheka, silapha'?
- ³⁶ Ngubani obeke ukuhlakanipha phakathi komuntu, ngubani onika ukuqonda enhliziyweni na?
- ³⁷ Ngubani ongabala amafu ngokuhlakanipha, ngubani ongathulula izimvaba zasezulwini,
- ³⁸ lapho uthuli luphenduka isigaxa, namagabade anamathelane, na?
- ³⁹ "Uyazingelela ibhubesikazi impango, usuthise iphango lamabhongo,
- ⁴⁰ lapho elala emihumeni yawo, ehlezi esikhundleni eqamekele, na?
- ⁴¹ Ngubani olungisela igwababa ukudla kwalo, lapho amaphuphu alo ekhala kuNkulunkulu, ezulazula ngokuswela ukudla, na?

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“Uyazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwamagogo, uqaphela ukuzala kwezindluzelekazi, na?

² Ungazibala izinyanga eziziqedayo, uyasazi isikhathi ezizala ngaso, na?

³ Ziyakhonkobala, zizala amazinyane azo, zikhiphe okwemihlelo yazo.

⁴ Amazinyane azo aqina, akhulela endle; ayahamba, angabe esabuyela kuzo futhi.

⁵ “Ngubani ovumele imbongolo yasendle ukuba ihambe; ngubani owathukulula izintambo zayo,

⁶ engenza ihlane libe yindlu yayo, nezwe likasawoti libe yindawo yayo yokuhlala, na?

⁷ Ihleka umsindo wedolobha, ingezwa ukumemeza komshayeli.

⁸ Okufunyanwa ezintabeni kuyidlelo layo: ifuna zonke izinto eziluhlaza.

⁹ “Inyathi iyakuthanda ukukhonza, ihlale ebusuku emkhombeni wakho, na?

¹⁰ Ungayibophela inyathi ngentambo emseleni, ibhuqe izigodi emva kwakho, na?

¹¹ Ungayethemba, ngokuba amandla ayo makhulu, ushiye umshikashika wakho kuyo, na?

¹² Ungakholwa yiyo ukuba ibuyise imbewu yakho, iyibuthele esibuyeni sakho, na?

¹³ “Amaphiko entshe ayaphaphaza, kepha angamakhombe nezimpaphe zothando na?

¹⁴ Ngokuba iyashiya amaqanda ayo emhlabathini, iwafudumeze othulini.

¹⁵ Iyakho hlwa ukuthi unyawo lungawachoboza nokuthi isilwane sasendle singawanyathela.

¹⁶ Iphatha kalukhuni amazinyane ayo, kungathi awasiwo awayo; ayinangebhe yokuthi umshikashika wayo ungaba yize.

¹⁷ Ngokuba uNkulunkulu wayenza ukuba ikhohlwe ukuhlakanipha, akayabelanga ukuqonda.

¹⁸ Lapho indizela phezulu, ihleka amahhashi nabagibeli bawo.

¹⁹ “Nguwe onika ihhashi amandla alo, wembathisile intamo yalo umhlwenga oyephuzelayo, na?

²⁰ Ulenze ukuba lixhume njengenkumbi na? Indumo yokuthimula kwalo iyesabeka.

²¹ Liyaphanda ezigodini, liyesasa ngamandla alo, liyaphuma ukuhlangana nezimpi.

²² Liyahleka ingebhe, alesabi, alibuyi phambi kwenkemba.

²³ Isambo siyalikhehlezelela nomkhonto okhazimulayo, nengcula.

²⁴ Ngolaka lwalo nangokufutheka kwalo liyagwinya umhlabathi; alimi ngokukhala kwecilongo.

²⁵ Ekuzwakaleni kwecilongo lithi: ‘Nakho-ke;’ lihogela ukulwa kusekude, nendumo yezinduna nokumemeza kwazo.

²⁶ “Uklebe uyandiza ngokuqonda kwakho, awelulele ngaseningizimu amaphiko akhe, na?

²⁷ Ukhozi lwenyukela phezulu ngezwi lakho, lwakhe isidleke salo phezulu, na?

²⁸ Luhlala esiweni, lwakha khona, eweni ledwala eliyinqaba yalo.

²⁹ Lulapho luhlola ukudla kwalo; amehlo alo akubona kusekude.

³⁰ Amazinyane alo amunca igazi; lapho kukhona abagwaziweyo, lukhona nalo.”

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UJehova wayesemphendula uJobe, wathi:

² “Osolayo uyakuphikisana noSomandla na? Omkhuza uNkulunkulu makaphendule.”

³ UJobe wamphendula uJehova, wathi:

⁴ “Bheka, angiyinto yalutho; ngingakuphendula ngokuthini na? Ngibeka isandla sami

emlonyeni wami.

⁵ Ngikhulumile kanye, angisayikuphendula, yebo, kabili, kepha angiqhubeki.”

⁶ UJehova wayesemphendula uJobe esesikhwishikhwishini, wathi:

⁷ “Bopha izinkalo zakho njengendoda; ngizakukubuza, wena ungazise.

⁸ Imbala uyachitha ukwahlulela kwami, ungilahle ukuba ube ngolungileyo, na?

⁹ Unengalo njengoNkulunkulu, ungaduma ngezwi elinjengelakhe, na?

¹⁰ Zihlobise ngobukhosi nangokuphakama, wembathe udumo nenkazimulo.

¹¹ Thulula ukuphuphuma kwentukuthelo yakho, ubheke bonke abazidlayo, ubathobise.

¹² Bheka bonke abaziphakamisayo, ubehlise phansi, unyathele ababi ezindaweni zabo.

¹³ Bafihle othulini kanyekanye, ubophe ubuso babo endaweni ethukusiweyo.

¹⁴ Khona ngiyakukudumisa nami ngokuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa.

¹⁵ “Ake ubheke uBehemoti engamenza kanye nawe; uyadla utshani njengenkabi.

¹⁶ Bheka-ke, amandla akhe asezinkalweni zakhe, nezikhwepha zakhe zisemisipheni yesisu sakhe.

¹⁷ Uqinisa umsila wakhe njengomsedari; imisipha yamathanga akhe yalukene.

¹⁸ Amathambo akhe anjengemibhobo yethusi; izimbambo zakhe zinjengemigoqo yensimbi.

¹⁹ Ungowokuqala wezidalwa zikaNkulunkulu; ekwenziweni waphiwa inkemba yakhe.

²⁰ Izintaba ziyamvezela ukudla, lapho kudlala khona izilwane zonke zasendle.

²¹ Ulala phansi kwezihlahla ezinomthunzi ekusitheni kwemihlanga nasemaxhaphozini.

²² Izihlahla ezinomthunzi ziyamsibekela ngomthunzi wazo; iminyezane yasemfuleni iyamphahla.

²³ Bheka, noma kuphuphuma umfula, akethuki; uyaqalaba, noma iJordani ligijigijimela emlonyeni wakhe.

²⁴ Angabanjwa ebhekile, liqhunjuzelwe ikhala lakhe umkhala, na?

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“Ungakhipha uLeviyathani ngodobo, ucindezele phansi ulimi lwakhe ngentambo, na?

² Ungafaka igoda lomhlanga ekhaleni lakhe, ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngodobo, na?

³ Uyakwenza imikhuleko eminingi kuwe, akhulume kuwe amazwi athambileyo, na?

⁴ Uyakwenza isivumelwano nawe ukuba umthathe abe yinceku kuze kube phakade na?

⁵ Ungadlala naye njengenyoni, umbophele amantombazana akho, na?

⁶ Abathengi bangathengiselana ngaye, bamahlukanise phakathi kwabahwebi, na?

⁷ Ungagcwalisa isikhumba sakhe ngezinhlelndla, nekhandla lakhe ngamathatha ezinhlanzi, na?

⁸ Beka isandla sakho kuye; khumbula ukulwa; awusayikukuphinda.

⁹ Bheka, ithemba lakho liyakhohlisa; nangokumbona nje uyawiswa phansi.

¹⁰ Akakho onesibindi sokumvusa. Ngubani, pho, ongema phambi kwami na?

¹¹ Ngubani ongandulele ukuba ngimbuyisele na? Konke okuphansi kwezulu kungokwami.

¹² “Angiyikuthula ngezitho zakhe, nangendaba yamandla akhe, nangesimo sakhe esihle.

¹³ Ngubani ongakhumula isambatho sakhe esingaphandle; ngubani ongangena phakathi kwemihlathi yakhe emibili na?

¹⁴ Izicabha zobuso bakhe ngubani ongazivula na? Amazinyo akhe ayesabeka nxazonke.

- 15 Umhlane wakhe uyizinhla zezihlangu; zinamathelisiwe njengangophawu.
- 16 Zisondelene esinye kwesinye, kungangeni moya phakathi kwazo.
- 17 Zinamathelene; zibambelene, azinakwahlukaniswa.
- 18 Ukuthimula kwakhe kubengezela ngokukhanya; amehlo akhe anjengezinkophe zokusa.
- 19 Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma izihlanti, nezinhansi zomlilo ziyaqhasha.
- 20 Emakheleni akhe kuphuma umusi njengasesocweni esibilayo nasemihlangeni eshayo.
- 21 Ukuphefumula kwakhe kokhela amalahle, nelangabi liphuma emlonyeni wakhe.
- 22 Entanyeni yakhe kuhlala amandla, nengebhe iyaxhuma phambi kwakhe.
- 23 Amanyanya enyama yakhe anamathelene; abunjiwe kuye, awanakususwa.
- 24 Inhliziyo yakhe iqinile njengetshe, yebo, iqinile njengetshe lokusila elingaphansi.
- 25 Ekuvukeni kwakhe abanamandla bayesaba; ngenxa yevuso baphela amandla.
- 26 Noma inkemba ifinyelela kuye, ayinakusiza, noma umkhonto nomcibisholo nengcula.
- 27 Insimbi uyishaya utshani, nethusi ibunga.
- 28 Umcibisholo awunakumxosha; amatshe endwayimana aphenyuka amabibi kuye.
- 29 Izagila uzishaya amabibi; uyahleka ukugunquza kwengcula.
- 30 Ingaphansi lakhe linjengezindengezi ezibukhali; uyenaba njengesibhuqo odakeni.
- 31 Wenza inzulu ibile njengekhanzi; wenza ulwandle lufane nomfuma wamafutha.
- 32 Wenza umgudu ukhazimule emva kwakhe; kungathi utwa lungwevu.
- 33 Emhlabeni akukho okufana naye owenziwa abe ngongesabiyo.
- 34 Ubona konke okuphakemeyo; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bokuzikhukhumeza.”

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UJobe wayesemphendula uJehova, wathi:

- 2 “Ngiyazi ukuthi ungenza konke; alinakuvinjwa icebo lakho.
- 3 Ngubani ositheza iziluleko engenakwazi na? Ngikhulumile lokho ngingakuqondanga, izimangaliso ezinkulu kunami ebengingazazi.
- 4 “Ake ungizwe, kukhulume mina; ngiyakukubuzwa, wena ungazise.
- 5 Ngangizwile ngawe ngokuzwa kwezindlebe, kepha manje iso lami liyakubona.
- 6 Ngalokho ngiyazinenga, ngizisole othulini nasemlotheni.”
- 7 Kwathi lapho uJehova esekhulumile lawo mazwi kuJobe, uJehova wathi ku-Elifazi umThemani: “Intukuthelo yami iyavuthela wena nabangane bakho ababili, ngokuba anikhulumanga okulungileyo ngami njengenceku yami uJobe.
- 8 Ngalokho zithatheleni izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nezingqama eziyisikhombisa, niye encekwini yami uJobe, nizinikelele ngazo zibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa; uJobe inceku yami uyakunikhulekela, ngokuba uma ngivuma ubuso bakhe, angiyikwenza kini njengobuwula benu, lokhu ningakhulumanga okulungileyo ngami njengenceku yami uJobe.”
- 9 Base behamba u-Elifazi umThemani, noBilidadi umShuhi, noSofari umNahama, benza njengokukhuluma kukaJehova kubo; uJehova wavuma-ke ubuso bukaJobe.
- 10 UJehova wambuyisa uJobe ekuhluphekeni, lapho ekhulekela abangane bakhe; wenezela kukho konke uJobe ayenakho ngokukuphinda kabili.
- 11 Kwase kufika kuye bonke abafowabo, nabo bonke odadewabo, nabo bonke ababazana

naye ngaphambili, badla endlini yakhe; bamkhalela, bamduduza ngakho konke okubi uJehova amehlisele khona, yilowo nalowo wamnika uhlamvu lwemali necici legolide.

¹² Kanjalo uJehova wabusisa ukugcina kukaJobe kunokuqala kwakhe; waba nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nane, namakamela ayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha, namabhangqa ayinkulungwane ezinkabi, nezimbongolo zezinsikazi eziyinkulungwane.

¹³ Wayenamadodana ayisikhombisa namadodakazi amathathu.

¹⁴ Wabiza igama leyokuqala ngokuthi uJemima, negama leyesibili ngokuthi uKesiya, negama leyesithathu ngokuthi uKereni Haphuki.

¹⁵ Ezweni lonke akufunyanwanga abesifazane abahle njengamadodakazi kaJobe; uyise wabanika ifa phakathi kwabanewabo.

¹⁶ Emva kwalokho uJobe wayesekhona iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane, wabona amadodana akhe namadodana amadodana akhe kwaze kwaba yizizukulwane ezine.

¹⁷ Wafa-ke uJobe esemdala, esanelisiwe yizinsuku.

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