

## **Incwadi KaPhawuli Yakuqala KwabaseKhorinte**

<sup>1</sup> UPhawuli, obizelwe ukuba ngumpostoli ka-Jesu Khristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, kanye lomzalwane wethu uSosithene.

<sup>2</sup> Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kulabo abangcweliswe kuJesu Khristu babizelwa ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe kanye labo bonke abasezindaweni zonke abakhuleka ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, iNkosi yabo leyethu:

<sup>3</sup> Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini.

### *Ukubonga*

<sup>4</sup> Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami ngani, ngenxa yomusa wakhe eliwuphiweyo kuJesu Khristu. <sup>5</sup> Ngoba kuye linothiswe ngezindlela zonke, ekukhulumeni kwenu konke lasekwazini konke, <sup>6</sup> ngoba ubufakazi bethu ngoKhristu baqiniswa kini. <sup>7</sup> Ngakho kalisileli lakusiphi isipho somoya lapho lilindele ngokutshiseka ukuba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ibonakaliswe. <sup>8</sup> Izaligcina liqinile kuze kube sekupheleni ukuze lingabi lasici ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. <sup>9</sup> UNkulunkulu olibizele ekuhlanganyeleni leNdodana yakhe uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu, uthembekile.

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<sup>10</sup> Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuba lonke livumelane ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana phakathi kwenu kanye lokuthi libe ngabamanyeneyo engqondweni lasemcabangweni. <sup>11</sup> Bazalwane bami, abanye abendlu yakoKlowe bangitshele ukuthi kulezingxabano phakathi kwenu. <sup>12</sup> Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Omunye wenu uthi, “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela u-Apholo”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela uKhefasi”; omunye laye uthi, “Mina ngilandela uKhristu.”

<sup>13</sup> Kambe uKhristu wehlukene na? UPhawuli wake wabethelwa ngenxa yenu na? Labhaphathizwa ngebizo likaPhawuli na? <sup>14</sup> Ngibonga uNkulunkulu ngokuthi kangibhaphathizanga lamunye wenu ngaphandle kukaKhrispasi loGayiyasi, <sup>15</sup> ngakho kakho ongathi labhaphathizwa ngebizo lami. <sup>16</sup> (Yebo ngabhaphathiza abendlu KaStefane, ngaphandle kwalokho angikhumbuli ngibhaphathiza omunye.) <sup>17</sup> Ngoba uKhristu kangithumanga ukuba ngibhaphathize kodwa ukuba ngitshumayele ivangeli, hatshi ngamazwi enhlakanipho yabantu, funa isiphambano silahlekelwe ngamandla aso.

*UKhristu Owabethelwayo UyiNhlakanipho  
LaMandla KaNkulunkulu*

<sup>18</sup> Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhuhayo, kodwa kithi abasindisiweyo

lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. <sup>19</sup> Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo; ukwazi kwezazi ngizakunqunda.”\*

<sup>20</sup> Ungaphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo na? Singaphi isifundiswa somthetho na? Singaphi isazi salesisikhathi na? UNkulunkulu kenzanga ukuhlakanipha kwasemhlabeni kwaba yibuthutha na? <sup>21</sup> Ngoba ekuhlakanipheni kukaNkulunkulu, umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha kwawo kawumazanga, uNkulunkulu wathokoza ngobuthutha balokho okwatshunyayelwayo ukuze kusindise abakholwayo <sup>22</sup> AmaJuda afuna izibonakaliso lezimangaliso lamaGrikhi adinga ukuhlakanipha, <sup>23</sup> kodwa thina sitshumayela uKhristu owabethelwayo: isikhubekiso kumaJuda lobuthutha kwabeZizwe, <sup>24</sup> kodwa kulabo ababizwe nguNkulunkulu, amaJuda lamaGrikhi, uKhristu ungamandla lokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu. <sup>25</sup> Ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulokuhlakanipha komuntu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulamandla omuntu.

<sup>26</sup> Bazalwane, khumbulani ngalokho elaliyikho ekubizweni kwenu. Kababanengi phakathi kwenu ababehlakaniphile ngesilinganiso sabantu; kababanengi ababelamandla; kababanengi ababezalwa yizikhulu. <sup>27</sup> Kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni eziyizithutha ukuba ayangise izihlakaniphi; uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni ezibuthakathaka ukuba ayangise abalamandla.

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\* **1:19** 1.19 U-Isaya 29.14

28 Wakhetha izinto zalo umhlaba eziphansi lezinto ezeyisekayo kanye lezinto ezingekho ukuba achithe okukhona, <sup>29</sup> ukuze kungabi lamuntu ozazincoma phambi kwakhe. <sup>30</sup> Ngenxa yakhe lina likuKhristu uJesu, yena osebe yikulakanipha okuvela kuNkulunkulu esenzela thina, okuyikulunga kwethu, ubungcwele lokusindiswa. <sup>31</sup> Ngakho-ke, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini.”†

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Ekufikeni kwami kini bazalwane, kangifikanga lobugabazi bokukhuluma kumbe ukuhlakanipha okukhulu lapho ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi ngoNkulunkulu. <sup>2</sup> Ngoba ngazimisela ukungazi lutho ngiseselani ngaphandle kukaJesu Khristu yena owabethelwayo. <sup>3</sup> Ngafika kini ngibuthakathaka, ngisesaba njalo ngithuthumela kakhulu. <sup>4</sup> Ilizwi lami lentshumayelo yami akubanga ngamazwi okuhlakanipha lahugayo, kodwa kubonakalisa amandla kaMoya, <sup>5</sup> ukuze ukukholwa kwenu kungeyami ekuhlakanipheni kwabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu.

### *Ukuhlakanipha Okuvela KuMoya*

<sup>6</sup> Kodwa siyalikhuluma ilizwi lokuhlakanipha kulabo asebekhulile, belo kungasikho kuhlakanipha kwalesisikhathi loba okwababusi balesisikhathi, asebezakuba yize. <sup>7</sup> Hatshi, sikhuluma ngokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlakanipha obekukade uNku-

† **1:31** 1.31 UJeremiya 9.24

lunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu isikhathi singakaqalisi. <sup>8</sup> Kakho kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisayo ngoba aluba kwakube njalo, babengasoze bayibethele iNkosi yenkazimulo.

<sup>9</sup> Kodwa kunjengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“Akulalihlo eselibonile,  
akulandlebe esizwile;  
njalo akulangqondo yomuntu esicabangile  
ngalokho uNkulunkulu akulungisele labo  
abamthandayo,”\*

<sup>10</sup> kodwa uNkulunkulu ukuvezile kithi ngoMoya.

UMoya uyazihlolisisa izinto zonke, kanye lezinto ezizikileyo zikaNkulunkulu. <sup>11</sup> Kambe ngubani phakathi kwabantu oyaziyo imicabango yomuntu ngaphandle komoya walowomuntu ongaphakathi kwakhe na? Ngokufanayo, kakho oyaziyo imicabango kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaMoya kaNkulunkulu. <sup>12</sup> Kasamukelanga umoya wasemhlabeni, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu ukuze siqedisise ngalokho uNkulunkulu asiphe khona ngesihle. <sup>13</sup> Lokhu yikho esikukhulumayo, hatshi ngamazwi esawafundiswa yikuhlakanipha kwabantu kodwa ngamazwi esawafundiswa nguMoya. <sup>14</sup> Umuntu ongelaMoya kazamukeli izinto ezivela kuMoya kaNkulunkulu ngoba kuye ziyibuthutha njalo angeke aziqedisise ngoba zibonakaliswa ngomoya. <sup>15</sup> Umuntu womoya uyazahlulela izinto zonke kodwa yena ngokwakhe akukho muntu ongamahlulela, <sup>16</sup> ngoba,  
“Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi

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\* **2:9** 2.9 U-Isaya 64.4

ukuba ayeluleke na?"†  
Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKhristu.

### 3

#### *Ibandla Labathungameli Balo*

<sup>1</sup> Bazalwane, ngangingeke ngikhulume lani njengabaphila ngomoya, kodwa njengabomhlaba, insane nje kuKhristu. <sup>2</sup> Ngalinika uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo, ngoba lalingakakulungeli. Impela lilokhu lingakakulungeli.

<sup>3</sup> Lilokhu lingabomhlaba. Kalokho njengoba kulomona lokuxabana phakathi kwenu, kambe kalisibo bomhlaba na? Kalenzi njengabantu nje na? <sup>4</sup> Ngoba nxa omunye esithi, "Mina ngilandela uPhawuli," omunye laye athi, "Mina ngilandela u-Apholo," kambe kalisibantu nje na?

<sup>5</sup> Kanti u-Apholo uvele uyini na? LoPhawuli uyini na? Bazinceku nje kuphela lina elakholwa ngazo, njengoba iNkosi imisele omunye lomunye umsebenzi wakhe.

<sup>6</sup> Mina ngahlanyela inhlanyelo, u-Apholo wayithelela, kodwa nguNkulunkulu owayikhulisayo. <sup>7</sup> Ngakho lowo ohlanyelayo, loba othelelayo, akasilutho, kodwa nguNkulunkulu kuphela owenza izinto zikhule.

<sup>8</sup> Umuntu ohlanyelayo lomuntu othelelayo banhlosonye, njalo lowo lalowo uzanikwa umvuzo wakhe njengokusebenza kwakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Ngoba thina siyizisebenzi emsebenzini kaNkulunkulu; lina liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, isakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu.

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† **2:16** 2.16 U-Isaya 40.13

10 Ngomusa uNkulunkulu angipha wona, ngabeka isisekelo njengengcitshi yomakhi, njalo abanye bakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa omunye lomunye kumele ananzelele ukuthi wakha njani. 11 Ngoba kakho ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esivele sesibekiwe, esinguJesu Khristu. 12 Nxa umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo ngegolide, ngesiliva, ngamatshe adulayo, ngezigodo, ngotshani loba ngamahlanga, 13 umsebenzi wakhe uzabonakaliswa unjalo, ngoba usuku luzawubeka ekukhanyeni. Uzavezwa obala ngomlilo, njalo umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi womuntu ngamunye ukuthi unjani. 14 Nxa lokho okwakhiweyo kuzasala kukhona, umakhi uzakwamukela umvuzo wakhe. 15 Kodwa nxa kusitsha kuphele du, umakhi uzalahlekelwa kodwa yena ngokwakhe uzaphepha, loba nje kunjengomuntu ophunyuka edabula phakathi kwamalangabi.

16 Kanti kalazi yini ukuthi lina ngokwenu lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwenu? 17 Nxa umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele njalo lina lonke liyilelothempeli.

18 Lingazikhohlisi. Nxa omunye wenu eca-banga ukuthi uhlakaniphile ngokwesilinganiso salesisikhathi kabe yisithutha ukuze ahlakaniphe. 19 Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kwalo umhlaba kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ubamba abahlaka-

niphileyo ebuqilini babo,”\* <sup>20</sup> lokuthi, “UTHixo uyakwazi ukuthi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo iyize nje.”† <sup>21</sup> Ngakho, Akungabikhona ukuzincoma ngabathungameli abangabantu. Izinto zonke ngezenu, <sup>22</sup> loba nguPhawuli kumbe u-Apholo loba uKhefasi kumbe umhlaba loba ukuphila kumbe ukufa loba kukhathesi kumbe kwelizayo, konke ngokwenu, <sup>23</sup> njalo lina lingabakaKhristu, loKhristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

## 4

### *AbaPostoli Beqiniso*

<sup>1</sup> Ngakho abantu kumele basibone njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu lanjengalabo abagciniswe izinto ezifihlakeleyo zikaNkulunkulu. <sup>2</sup> Kuyadingeka ukuthi labo abagcinisiweyo babonakalise ukuthi bathembekile. <sup>3</sup> Kanginaki kakhulu nxa ngahlulelwe yini loba omunye umthethwandaba wabantu; impela, kangizahluleli lami. <sup>4</sup> Isazela sami simsulwa, kodwa lokho kakungenzi ngingabi lacala. INkosi yiyo engahlulelayo. <sup>5</sup> Ngakho-ke, lingahluleli lutho isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki; manini iNkosi ize ifike. Yona izakubeka ekukhanyeni okufihlwe emnyameni, njalo izaziveza obala injongo zezinhliziyi zabantu. Ngalesosikhathi omunye lomunye uzakwamukela ukubongwa kwakhe kuNkulunkulu.

<sup>6</sup> Bazalwane, izinto lezi ngizisebenzisile kimi laku-Apholo ngenxa yenu ukuze lifunde kithi

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\* **3:19** 3.19 UJobe 5.13 † **3:20** 3.20 AmaHubo 94.11



okutshiwo yisitsho esithi, “Lingenzi okudlula okulotshiweyo.” Lapho-ke, kaliyikuzigqaja ngomunye umuntu komunye. <sup>7</sup> Kambe ngubani olenza lehluke omunye komunye na? Kuyini elilakho elingakwamukelanga na? Njalo nxa lakwamukela, pho kungani lizincoma kungathi alikwamukelanga?

<sup>8</sup> Livele selilakho konke elikufunayo! Selinothile! Selibe ngamakhosi, njalo ngaphandle kwethu! Yeka ukufisa kwami ukuthi ngabe laba ngamakhosi ukuze lathi sibe ngamakhosi kanye lani! <sup>9</sup> Ngoba kini kukhanya angathi thina abapostoli uNkulunkulu usibeke embukisweni ekucineni kodwendwe, njengalabo abagwetshelwe ukufa enkundleni. Senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni wonke, ezingilosini kanye lasebantwini. <sup>10</sup> Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKhristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphe kangaka kuKhristu! Thina sibuthakathaka lina lilamandla! Liyahlonitshwa, thina siyadelelwa. <sup>11</sup> Kuze kube yilesisikhathi, siyalamba njalo some, simanikiniki, siyahlukuluzwa ngolunya, kasilamakhaya. <sup>12</sup> Sisebenza nzima ngezandla zethu. Nxa siqalekiswa, thina siyabusisa; lapho sihlukuluzwa, thina siyaqinisela; <sup>13</sup> lapho sinyeywa, siphendula kuhle. Kuze kube yilesisikhathi sesibe ngamanyala omhlaba, izibi zomhlaba.

### *Ukuncenga Lokuxwayisa KukaPhawuli*

<sup>14</sup> Kangilobi lokhu ukuba ngiliyangise kodwa ukulixwayisa njengabantwabami abathandekayo. <sup>15</sup> Lanxa lilabondli

abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKhristu, kalilabo oyihlo abanengi, ngoba kuJesu Khristu ngaba nguyihlo ngevangeli. <sup>16</sup> Ngakho ngiyalicela ukuba lenze njengami. <sup>17</sup> Ngenxa yalesisizatho, ngilithumela uThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo, ethembekileyo eNkosini. Uzalikhumbuza indlela yokuphila kwami kuJesu Khristu, evumelana lalokho engikufundisayo ezindaweni zonke, emabandleni wonke.

<sup>18</sup> Abanye benu sebezikhukhumeza, kungazathi kangizi kini. <sup>19</sup> Kodwa ngizakuza kini masinyane, nxa iNkosi ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kuphela ukwazi ukuthi lababantu abazikhukhumezayo bakhulumani, kodwa ukuba balamandla anjani. <sup>20</sup> Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokukhuluma kodwa eyamandla. <sup>21</sup> Likhetha kuphi? Ngize kini lomqwayi wokuliqondisa, kumbe ngothando kanye lomoya othobekileyo na?

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### *Ukuphatha Umzalwane Oxhwalileyo!*

<sup>1</sup> Kuyabikwa impela ukuthi kulokuhlobonga phakathi kwenu njalo obohlobo olungenza-kaliyo laphakathi kwabangakholwayo: Umuntu uthatha umkayise. <sup>2</sup> Njalo lina liyazigqaja! Kwakungamelanga libe buhlungu kakhulu yini limsuse enhlanganweni yenu umuntu owenze lokhu na? <sup>3</sup> Lanxa mina ngingekho mathupha, ngilani emoyeni. Njengomunye olani endaweni enje, sengimahlulele lowo owenze lokhu

ebizweni lenkosi yethu uJesu. <sup>4</sup> Lapho libuthene ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu ngilani ngomoya, lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu akhona, <sup>5</sup> umuntu lo mnikeleni kuSathane ukuze umzimba wakhe wesono uchithwe lomoya wakhe usindiswe ngosuku lweNkosi.

<sup>6</sup> Ukuzincoma kwenu akulunganga. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encane ibilisa inhlama yonke? <sup>7</sup> Susani imvubelo endala ukuze libe yinhlama entsha engelamvubelo, njengoba linjalo impela. Ngoba uKhristu, iwundlu lethu lePhasika, lihlatsiwe. <sup>8</sup> Ngakho, kasigcineni uMkhosi, hatshi kulemvubelo endala, imvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sobuqotho leqiniso.

<sup>9</sup> Ngalilobela encwadini yami ukuba lingahlanganyeli labantu abayizixhwali ngobufebe, <sup>10</sup> ngingatsho abantu bakulo umhlaba abangangileyo, loba abayizihwaba lamaqili, loba abakhonza izithombe. Nxa kunjalo kuzamele liwutshiye umhlaba lo. <sup>11</sup> Kodwa khathesi ngililobela ukuba lingahlanganyeli lomuntu ozibiza ngokuthi ngumzalwane, kodwa exhwalile, eyisifebe, isihwaba, umkhonzi wezithombe loba onyeyayo, isidakwa loba iqili. Umuntu onjalo lingalokothi lidle laye.

<sup>12</sup> Kungumlandu wami na ukuba ngahlulele abangaphandle kwebandla? Akumelanga lahlulele labo abaphakathi na? <sup>13</sup> UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela labo abangaphandle. "Mxotsheni umuntu omubi phakathi kwenu."\*

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\* **5:13** 5.13 UDutheronomi 17.7; 19.19; 21.21; 22.21, 24; 24.7

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### *Ukumangalelana Phakathi Kwabakholwayo*

<sup>1</sup> Nxa owakini elombango lomunye uya-hamba ayemangalela kwabangakholwayo endaweni yokuya kwabakholwayo na? <sup>2</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi abantu bakaNkulunkulu bazakwahlulela umhlaba na? Nxa lizakwahlulela umhlaba, kalenelisi ukwahlulela amacala amancane na? <sup>3</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi sizakwahlulela izingilosi? Pho sizakwehlulwa yini ukwahlulela izindaba zalimpilo! <sup>4</sup> Ngakho-ke, nxa lilemibango yezindaba ezinje, lidinga ukwahlulelwa ngabantu abalempilo ezisolekayo ebandleni na? <sup>5</sup> Ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. Kungenzaka yini ukuthi akulamuntu phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphe okwaneleyo ukuba ahlulele umbango phakathi kwabazalwane na? <sup>6</sup> Kodwa esikhundleni salokho, omunye umzalwane uya emthethweni ukuyamangalela omunye, njalo lokhu ekwenza phambi kwabangakholwayo!

<sup>7</sup> Khona lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana phakathi kwenu kutsho ukuba sehlulwe ngokupheleleyo. Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukoniwa? Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukuqilibezelwa? <sup>8</sup> Esikhundleni salokho, lina ngokwenu liyaqilibezela njalo lone, futhi lokhu likwenza kubazalwane benu. <sup>9</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi abonayo kabayikuba zindlalifa zombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa. Akulazifebe ezixhwalileyo loba abakhonza izithombe kumbe iziphingi loba izitabane <sup>10</sup> kumbe amasela loba izihwaba kumbe izidakwa loba abanyeyayo kumbe amaqili azakudla ilifa

lombuso kaNkulunkulu. <sup>11</sup> Njalo lokho yikho abanye benu ababeyikho. Kodwa selageziswa, selangcweliswa, selalungiswa ngebizo leNkosi uJesu Khristu langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu.

### *Ukuhlobonga*

<sup>12</sup> Lithi “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusikho konke okusizayo. “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini” kodwa angiyikubuswa lutho. <sup>13</sup> Lithi “Ukudla kwesisu lesisu sokudla, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili.”

Umzimba kawusiwokuhlobonga, kodwa ngoweNkosi, leNkosi ngeyomzimba.

<sup>14</sup> Ngamandla akhe uNkulunkulu wayivusa kwabafuleyo iNkosi, lathi futhi uzasivusa.

<sup>15</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKhristu uqobo na? Kambe ngingathatha izitho zikaKhristu ngizihlanganise lesiphingi na? Hatshi! <sup>16</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo ozihlanganise lesiphingi uba munye laso emzimbeni? Ngoba kuthiwa, “Labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye.”\*

<sup>17</sup> Kodwa lowo ozihlanganisa leNkosi munye layo emoyeni.

<sup>18</sup> Balekelani ukuhlobonga. Zonke ezinye izono umuntu azenzayo zingaphandle komzimba wakhe, kodwa lowo owenza isono sobufebe wenza isono emzimbeni wakhe. <sup>19</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele, ophakathi kwenu, elamamukela kuNkulunkulu na? Kalisibo benu, <sup>20</sup> lathengwa ngentengo. Ngakho-ke, dumisani uNkulunkulu ngemizimba yenu.

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\* **6:16** 6.16 UGenesisi 2.24

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## *Okuphathelane Lokuthathana*

<sup>1</sup> Mayelana lezindaba elaloba ngazo: “Kuhle ukuba indoda ingabi lobudlelwano bemacansini lowesifazane.” <sup>2</sup> Kodwa njengoba kulokuhlobonga okungaka, indoda yinye kumele ibe lobudlelwano bemacansini lomkayo, lomfazi munye abe lendoda yakhe. <sup>3</sup> Indoda kumele igcwalise umlandu wayo wokuthathana kumkayo, kube njalo lomfazi endodeni yakhe. <sup>4</sup> Umfazi kalamandla ngomzimba wakhe kodwa uwunikela kumkakhe. Ngokufanayo, lendoda kayilamandla ngomzimba wayo kodwa iwunikela kumkayo. <sup>5</sup> Lingancitshani ngaphandle kokuba kungokokuvumelana njalo okwesikhatshana, ukuze lizinikele ekukhulekeni. Libuye lihlangane futhi ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngenxa yokusilela kokuzithiba kwenu. <sup>6</sup> Lokhu ngikutsho njengokuvumela, hatshi njengomlayo. <sup>7</sup> Sengathi ngabe lonke linjengami. Kodwa umuntu ngamunye ulesipho sakhe esivela kuNkulunkulu, omunye ulalesi isipho, omunye laye ulalesiyana.

<sup>8</sup> Kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo ukuba bahlale bengendanga, njengami. <sup>9</sup> Kodwa nxa bengeke bazithiba, kabende, ngoba ukwenda kungcono kulokutshiseka ngokufisa.

<sup>10</sup> Abathatheneyo ngibapha umlayo lo (hatshi mina, kodwa iNkosi): Umfazi akumelanga

ehlukane lendoda yakhe. <sup>11</sup> Kodwa nxa ekwenzile, kahlale engendanga loba abuyisane lendoda yakhe. Lendoda akumelanga imlahle umkayo.

<sup>12</sup> Kwabanye ngithi (mina, hatshi iNkosi): Nxa umzalwane elomfazi ongasilokholwa kodwa evuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga amlahle. <sup>13</sup> Njalo nxa owesifazane elendoda engakholwayo ivuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga ayilahle. <sup>14</sup> Ngoba indoda engakholwayo isingcweliswe ngomkayo, lomfazi engakholwayo usengcweliswe ngendoda yakhe ekholwayo. Kungenjalo ngabe abantwana benu bangcolile, kodwa okwamanje bangcwele.

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa nxa engakholwayo etshiya, myekeleni enze njalo. Owesilisa kumbe owesifazane okholwayo phakathi kabotshelwanga phakathi komumo onje; uNkulunkulu usibizele ukuhlala gokuthula. <sup>16</sup> Wazi njani, mfazi, mhlawumbe uzasindisa indoda yakho? Loba, wazi njani ndoda, mhlawumbe uzasindisa umkakho?

### *Mayelana Lokuguquka Kwesimo*

<sup>17</sup> Lanxa kunjalo, lowo lalowo ekuphileni kumele agcine leyondawo iNkosi emuphe yona njalo abizelwe kuyo nguNkulunkulu. Lo ngumlayo engiwubeka emabandleni wonke. <sup>18</sup> Indoda yayivele isisokile ekubizweni kwayo na? Kayingabi ngengasokanga. Indoda yayingasokanga ekubizweni kwayo na? Akumelanga isokwe. <sup>19</sup> Ukusoka lokungasoki konke kuyize. Ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu yikho

okuqakathekileyo. <sup>20</sup> Lowo lalowo kahlale kulesosimo ayekuso ekubizweni kwakhe nguNkulunkulu.

<sup>21</sup> Wawuyisigqili na ekubizweni kwakho? Kakungakukhathazi, lanxa ungathola ukukhululeka kwakho, yenza njalo. <sup>22</sup> Ngoba lowo owayeyisigqili ekubizweni kwakhe yiNkosi, ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokufanayo, lowo owayekhululekile ekubizweni kwakhe uyisigqili sikaKhristu. <sup>23</sup> Lathengwa ngentengo; kalingabi yizigqili zabantu. <sup>24</sup> Bazalwane, umuntu munye ngamunye, njengolomlandu kuNkulunkulu, kumele ahlale ekulesosimo uNkulunkulu ambizela kuso.

*Mayelana Labangendanga Kumbe Abangathathanga*

<sup>25</sup> Mayelana lezintombi ezigcweleyo: Kangilamlayo ovela eNkosini, kodwa ngahlulela njengothembekileyo ngomusa weNkosi. <sup>26</sup> Ngenxa yokukhathazeka kwakhathesi, ngicabanga ukuthi kuhle kini ukuba lihlale linjengoba linjalo. <sup>27</sup> Uthethe na? Ungadingi ukwehlukana. Kawuthathanga na? Ungathathi. <sup>28</sup> Kodwa nxa uthatha, kawenzanga sono njalo nxa intombi egcweleyo isenda kayonanga. Kodwa labo abathathanayo bazabona inhlupho ezinengi kulokhukuphila, njalo ngifuna ukuliphephisa kulokhu.

<sup>29</sup> Engikutshoyo, bazalwane, yikuthi isikhathi sifitshane. Kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili labo abalabafazi kabaphile kungathi kabalabo: <sup>30</sup> labo abakhalayo, kube sengathi kabakhali;



labathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo; labo abathenga ulutho, kube sengathi kalusilo lwabo ukuba balugcine; <sup>31</sup> labo abasebenzisa izinto zasemhlabeni, kube sengathi kabathathekanga kuzo. Ngoba umhlaba lo kulesisimo sawo sakhathesi uyedlula.

<sup>32</sup> Ngifuna ukuba linganqineki. Umuntu ongathathanga unqinekela izindaba zeNkosi, ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani iNkosi. <sup>33</sup> Kodwa umuntu othetheyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe, <sup>34</sup> lezifiso zakhe zehlukene phakathi. Umfazi ongendanga loba intombi egcweleyo inqinekela izindaba zeNkosi: Isifiso sayo yikuzinikela eNkosini ngakho kokubili umzimba lomoya. Kodwa umfazi owendileyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe. <sup>35</sup> Ngitsho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo kini, hatshi ukulivimbela. Ngifuna ukuba liphile ngendlela eqondileyo ngokuzinikela okupheleleyo eNkosini.

<sup>36</sup> Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini egcweleyo athandana layo, esilokhu isiba ndala, njalo esizwa kusithi kufanele athathe, kenze njengokuthanda kwakhe. Kenzi sono. Kumele bathathane. <sup>37</sup> Kodwa umuntu osenze isinqumo engqondweni yakhe engancindezelwanga kodwa elamandla okuzibamba esifisweni sakhe, njalo osemise engqondweni yakhe ukungayithathi intombi leyo, umuntu lo laye wenza into eqondileyo. <sup>38</sup> Ngakho-ke, lowo othatha intombi egcweleyo wenza okuqondileyo,

kodwa lowo ongayithathiyo wenza okungcono kakhulu.

<sup>39</sup> Owesifazane ubotshelwe endodeni yakhe nxa isaphila. Kodwa indoda yakhe ingafa, ukhululekile ukwendela kwenye ayithandayo, kodwa kumele ibe seNkosini. <sup>40</sup> Ngokubona kwami, uyathokoza kakhulu nxa ehlala enjalo, njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

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*Okuphathelane Lokudla Okunikelwe Ezithombeni*

<sup>1</sup> Mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. <sup>2</sup> Umuntu ocabanga ukuthi wazi ulutho kakazi lutho njengoba efanele ukwazi. <sup>3</sup> Kodwa umuntu othanda uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uyamazi lowomuntu.

<sup>4</sup> Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi “Isithombe kasisilutho emhlabeni” kanye lokuthi “UNkulunkulu munye kuphela kakho omunye.”

<sup>5</sup> Ngoba lanxa kulabonkulunkulu abatshiwoyo, langabe ezulwini loba emhlabeni (njengoba impela kulabonkulunkulu abanengi lamakhosi amanengi), <sup>6</sup> kodwa kithi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa kuphela, uYise, okwavela kuye izinto zonke njalo okunguye esimphilelayo; njalo kuleNkosi eyodwa kuphela, uJesu Khristu, izinto zonke zeza ngaye njalo esiphila ngaye.

<sup>7</sup> Kodwa akusimuntu wonke okwaziyo lokhu. Abanye abantu balokhu bejayele izithombe kuze

kuthi lapho besidla ukudla okunjalo, bacabange ukuthi kunikelwe esithombeni njalo njen-goba isazela sabo sibuthakathaka, siyangcoliswa. <sup>8</sup> Kodwa ukudla akusisondezi eduzane loNku-lunkulu; kasilahlekelwa yilutho nxa singadli, njalo kasizuzi lutho nxa sisidla.

<sup>9</sup> Kodwa qaphelani ukuba ukusebenza kwamalungelo enu akubi yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. <sup>10</sup> Ngoba nxa umuntu olesazela esibuthakathaka ebona lina elilalolulwazi lisidla ethempelini lesithombe, kambe kazukuba lesibindi sokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni na? <sup>11</sup> Ngakho umzalwane lo, uKhristu amfelayo, uchithwa yikwazi kwenu. <sup>12</sup> Nxa lisenza isono kubazalwane benu kanje lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, lenza isono kuKhristu. <sup>13</sup> Ngakho-ke, nxa engikudlayo kusenza umzalwane wami awele esonweni, angiyikudla inyama futhi, ukuze ngingamwisi.

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### *Amalungelo KaPhawuli NjengomPostoli*

<sup>1</sup> Kangikhululekanga na? Kangisumpostoli na? Kanje kangimbonanga uJesu iNkosi yethu na? Kalisizithelo zomsebenzi wami eNkosini na? <sup>2</sup> Lanxa ngingasuye umpostoli kwabanye, impela nginguye kini! Ngoba lina liluphawu lobupostoli bami eNkosini.

<sup>3</sup> Lokhu kuyisivikelo sami kulabo abazangahlulela. <sup>4</sup> Kasilalungelo lokudla lokunatha na? <sup>5</sup> Kambe silelungelo bani lokuthatha owesifazane okholwayo owendileyo sihambe laye njengokwenziwa ngabanye

abapostoli labafowabo beNkosi kanye loKhefasi na? <sup>6</sup> Kumbe yimi loBhanabhasi kuphela esingelalo ilungelo lokusebenzela impilo?

<sup>7</sup> Ngubani osebenza njengebutho ngendleko zakhe na? Ngubani olima isivini angadli izithelo zaso na? Ngubani owelusa umhlambi anganathi uchago lwawo na? <sup>8</sup> Lokhu ngikutsho ngokwengqondo yabantu na? Umthetho kawutsho okufanayo na? <sup>9</sup> Ngoba kulotshiwe emthethweni kaMosi ukuthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele.”\* UNkulunkulu ukhathazeka ngenkabi na? <sup>10</sup> Impela uyasikhulumela lokhu; akunjalo na? Yebo, lokhu kwalotshelwa thina, ngoba nxa umlimi elima lobhulayo ebhula kumele benzenjalo belethemba lokwabelana isivuno. <sup>11</sup> Nxa sahlanyela inhlanyelo yakomoya kini, kambe kunengi kakhulu yini nxa sivuna isivuno sempahla kini na? <sup>12</sup> Nxa abanye belaleli ilungelo losizo oluvela kini, thina akumelanga sibe lalo kakhulu na?

Kodwa thina kasilisebenzisanga ilungelo leli. Esikhundleni salokho sibekezelele konke kulokuthi sivimbele ivangeli likaKhristu.

<sup>13</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi abasebenza ethempelini bathola ukudla kwabo ethempelini, lokuthi labo abakhonza e-alithareni babelana lokho okunikelwe e-alithareni na? <sup>14</sup> Ngokufanayo iNkosi ilaye ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli kumele bathole ukuphila kwabo evangelini.

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalinye lala amalungelo. Njalo kangilobi lokhu

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ngethemba lokuthi lizangenzela izinto ezinjalo. Ngingakhetha ukufa kulokuthi umuntu angemuke ukuzincoma lokhu. <sup>16</sup> Ikanti lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, angingeke ngizincome ngoba kumele ngitshumaye! Maye kimi nxa ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! <sup>17</sup> Nxa ngitshumayela ngokuzithandela, ngithola umvuzo; nxa ngingazithandeli, ngifeza umlandu obekwe kimi. <sup>18</sup> Pho umvuzo wami uyini na? Uyilokhu nje: ukuthi lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, ngilitshumayela kungekho mbadalo, kalokho ngingasebenzisi malungelo ami ekulitshumayeleni.

### *Ukusebenzisa KukaPhawuli Amalungelo Akhe*

<sup>19</sup> Lanxa ngikhululekile ngingasuye womunye umuntu, ngizenza isigqili ebantwini bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi nxa kusenzeka. <sup>20</sup> KumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuba ngizuze amaJuda. Kulabo abangaphansi komthetho ngaba njengongaphansi komthetho (lanxa nje mina ngingekho ngaphansi komthetho), ukuba ngizuze labo abangaphansi komthetho. <sup>21</sup> Kulabo abangelamthetho ngaba njengongelamthetho (lanxa ngingakhululekanga emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngingaphansi komthetho kaKhristu), ukuba ngizuze labo abangelamthetho. <sup>22</sup> Kwababuthakathaka ngababuthakathaka, ukuba ngizuze ababuthakathaka. Sengibe yizinto zonke ebantwini bonke ukuze kuthi ngazozonke izindlela ezingenzakala ngisilise abanye.

<sup>23</sup> Ngenza konke lokhu ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngihlanganyele ezibusisweni zalo.

### *Indingeko Yokuziphatha*

<sup>24</sup> Kalazi yini ukuthi emncintiswaneni wokugijima abagijimi bayagijima bonke, kodwa ngoyedwa kuphela othola umvuzo? Gijimani ngendlela ezakwenza ukuthi lithole umvuzo.

<sup>25</sup> Umuntu wonke oncintisayo emidlalweni uba sekufundisweni okulukhuni. Bakwenzela ukuzuza umqhele wamaluba ongasoze uhlale isikhathi eside, kodwa thina sikwenzela ukuba sithole umqhele ozahlala ukhona kuze kube laphakade. <sup>26</sup> Ngakho kangigijimi njengomuntu ogijima engahlose lutho; kangilwi njengomuntu obindana lomoya. <sup>27</sup> Hatshi, ngitshaya umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili sami ukuze kuthi lapho sengitshumayeke kwabanye, mina uqobo ngingemukwa ilungelo lokuthola umvuzo.

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### *Izixwayiso Ezivela Emlandweni Ka-Israyeli*

<sup>1</sup> Ngoba, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingalazi iqiniso lokuthi okhokho babengaphansi kweyezi kanye lokuthi bonke badabula phakathi kolwandle. <sup>2</sup> Bonke babhaphathizelwa kuMosi eyezini kanye lasolwandle. <sup>3</sup> Bonke badla kudla kunye komoya <sup>4</sup> banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya, ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elalihamba labo, njalo lelodwala lalinguKhristu. <sup>5</sup> Kodwa uNkulunkulu kathokozanga ngenengi labo, ngakho imizimba yabo yahlakazwa enkan-gala.

6 Lezizinto zenzakala njengezibonelo, ukuba zisinqabele ekubekeni inhliziyo zethu ezintweni ezimbi njengalokhu abakwenzayo. 7 Lingakhonzi izithombe, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Abantu bahlala phansi badla, banatha, basukuma bagida.”\* 8 Akumelanga sihlobonge njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, njalo ngosuku olulodwa kwafa abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. 9 Akumelanga silinge uKhristu njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa zinyoka. 10 Lingakhononi, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa yingilosi ebhubhisayo.

11 Izinto lezi zenzakala kubo njengezibonelo njalo zalotshwa njengezixwayiso kithi, osekufike kubo ukugcwaliseka kwezikhathi. 12 Ngakho nxa licabanga ukuthi limi liqinile, qaphelani ukuba lingawi. 13 Akulazilingo ezilehleleyo ngaphandle kokwejayelekileyo ebantwini. Njalo uNkulunkulu uthembekile; akayikuvumela ukuba lilingwe ngokwedlula lokho elingakumela. Kodwa lapho lilingwa, uzalinika indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho.

### *AmaDili Ezithombe Lesidlo SeNkosi*

14 Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe. 15 Ngikhuluma labantu abalengqondo; zenzeleni esenu isinqumo ngalokho engikutshoyo. 16 Konje inkezo yokubonga esiyibongelayo kayisikuhlanganyela

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egazini likaKhristu na? Lesinkwa esisih-lephunayo kasisisokuhlanganyela emzimbeni kaKhristu na? <sup>17</sup> Njengoba kulesinkwa sinye, thina abanengi, singumzimba munye, ngoba sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye.

<sup>18</sup> Khumbulani abantu bako-Israyeli: Kakusikho yini ukuthi labo abadla imihlatshelo balokuhlanganyela e-alithareni na? <sup>19</sup> Pho ngitsho ukuthi umhlatshelo onikelwe esithombeni uyilutho, loba ukuthi isithombe siyilutho na? <sup>20</sup> Hatshi, kodwa imihlatshelo yabangakholwayo inikelwa emadimonini hatshi kuNkulunkulu, njalo kangifuni ukuba libe ngabahlanganyela lamadimoni. <sup>21</sup> Kalingeke linathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni njalo, alingeke libe lokuhlanganyela etafuleni yeNkosi lasetafuleni yamadimoni. <sup>22</sup> Sizama ukuvusa umona weNkosi na? Kambe silamandla kulayo na?

### *Inkululeko Yekholwa*

<sup>23</sup> “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezilosizo. “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezakhayo. <sup>24</sup> Akulamuntu omele azidingele okuhle, kodwa okuhle kwabanye.

<sup>25</sup> Dlanini konke okuthengiswa lapho okuthengiswa khona inyama kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela, <sup>26</sup> ngoba, “Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo.”†

<sup>27</sup> Nxa omunye wabangakholwayo elibizela ukudla njalo lifuna ukuhamba, dlanini loba

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† **10:26** 10.26 AmaHubo 24.1



kuyini okubekwe phambi kwenu kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela. <sup>28</sup> Kodwa nxa omunye esithi kini, “Lokhu kunikelwe njengomhlatshelo,” lokho-ke lingakudli, ngenxa yomuntu lowo olitshelileyo langenxa yesazela, <sup>29</sup> ngitsho isazela salowomuntu, hatshi esenu. Kungani ukukhululeka kwami kumele kwahlulelwe ngesazela somunye na? <sup>30</sup> Nxa ngihlanganyela ekudleni ngokubonga, kungani ngisolwa ngolutho engilubongela iNkosi na?

<sup>31</sup> Ngakho ingabe liyadla kumbe liyanatha, loba kuyikuphi elikwenzayo, kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. <sup>32</sup> Lingakhubekisi muntu, loba kungamaJuda, amaGrikhi loba ibandla likaNkulunkulu, <sup>33</sup> lalapho ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu bonke ngezindlela zonke. Ngoba kangidingi okuhle kwami, kodwa okuhle kwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

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<sup>1</sup> Landelani isibonelo sami, njengalokhu lami ngilandela isibonelo sikaKhristu.

### *Imfanelo Ekukhonzeni*

<sup>2</sup> Ngiyalibonga ngokungikhumbula ezintweni zonke langokubambelela emfundisweni njengokuyethula kwami kini. <sup>3</sup> Kodwa ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi inhloko yamadoda wonke nguKhristu, lenhloko yowesifazane yindoda, lenhloko kaKhristu nguNkulunkulu. <sup>4</sup> Yonke indoda ekhuleka loba iphrofithe ikhanda layo limboziwe ihlayaza ikhanda layo. <sup>5</sup> Lowesifazane wonke okhuleka loba aphrofithe ikhanda lakhe

lingembozwanga uhlayaza ikhanda lakhe, kufana lokuthi ikhanda lakhe liphuciwe. <sup>6</sup> Nxa owesifazane engambozi ikhanda lakhe, angagela inwele zakhe; kodwa nxa kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane agele loba aphuce inwele zakhe, kumele alimboze ikhanda lakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Indoda akumelanga imboze ikhanda layo, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu kodwa owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. <sup>8</sup> Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazane kodwa owesifazane wavela endodeni <sup>9</sup> njalo indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazane kodwa owesifazane wadalelwa indoda. <sup>10</sup> Ngakho-ke, njalo ngenxa yezingilosi, owesifazane kumele abe lophawu lwamandla ekhanda lakhe. <sup>11</sup> Kodwa eNkosini, owesifazane weyeme endodeni, lendoda yeyeme kowesifazane. <sup>12</sup> Ngoba njengoba owesifazane wavela endodeni, ngokunjalo indoda layo izalwa ngowesifazane. Kodwa izinto zonke zivela kuNkulunkulu.

<sup>13</sup> Zahluleleni ngokwenu: Kulungile yini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke kuNkulunkulu ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga? <sup>14</sup> Imvelo yezinto uqobo kayilifundisi yini ukuba nxa owesilisa elenwele ezinde, kulihlazo kuye, <sup>15</sup> kodwa owesifazane nxa elenwele ezinde, kuludumo lwakhe? Ngoba waphiwa inwele ezinde njengesimbozo. <sup>16</sup> Nxa umuntu efuna ukuba lenkani ngalokho, kasilawo omunye umkhuba, lamabandla kaNkulunkulu kawalawo.

*Ukuqondisa Ukungaphathwa Kuhle Kwesidlo SeNkosi*

17 Kuziqondiso ezilandelayo angilincami, ngoba imihlangano yenu yenza ububi obunengi kulobuhle. 18 Okokuqala, ngizwa kuthiwa nxa libuthene njengebandla, kulokwahlukana phakathi kwenu, njalo ngiphosa ngikholwe. 19 Akuthandabuzeki ukuthi kufanele kube lokungavumelani phakathi kwenu ukuba kubonakale ukuthi yibaphi abenu abamukelwe nguNkulunkulu. 20 Lapho libuthene, akusiSidlo seNkosi elisidlayo, 21 ngoba ekudleni kwenu, lowo lalowo wenu uyaqhubeka engamelelanga omunye. Omunye usala elambile, omunye adakwe. 22 Kanti kalilamakhaya yini okudlela lokunathela kuwo? Kumbe liyaleyisa yini ibandla likaNkulunkulu lidumaza lalabo abangelalutho na? Ngizakuthini kini na? Ngingalincoma ngenxa yalokhu na? Impela hatshi!

23 Ngoba eNkosini ngamukela lokho lami engakudlulisela kini ukuthi: INkosi uJesu, ngalobobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo, yathatha isinkwa, 24 kwathi isibongile, yasihlephuna yathi, **“Lokhu kungumzimba wami, ongowenu; yenzani lokhu njengesikhumbuzo sami.”** 25 Ngokunjalo, emva kokudla yathatha inkezo, yathi, **“Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; yenzani lokhu izikhathi zonke lapho liyinatha, njengesikhumbuzo sami.”** 26 Ngoba lapho lisidla isinkwa lesi linatha lenkezo le, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ibuye.

27 Ngakho-ke, lowo odla isinkwa loba anathe inkezo yenkosi ngokungafanelanga uzakuba lecala lokwenza isono ngomzimba langegazi

leNkosi. <sup>28</sup> Umuntu kumele azihlole phambi kokuba adle isinkwa loba anathe inkezo. <sup>29</sup> Ngoba lowo odlayo anathe engawukholwa umzimba kaKhristu udla anathe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe. <sup>30</sup> Yikho-nje abanengi phakathi kwenu bebuthakathaka begula, njalo labanye benu sebelele. <sup>31</sup> Kodwa nxa sizahlulela kasiyikwahlulelwa. <sup>32</sup> Lapho sisahlulelwa yiNkosi, siyajeziswa ukuze singahlulwa lomhlaba.

<sup>33</sup> Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthene ukuba lidle, kumele lidle ndawonye. <sup>34</sup> Nxa omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya, ukuze kuthi lapho selibuthene kungabi lokwahlulelwa.

Ekufikeni kwami ngizalipha ezinye iziqondiso.

## 12

### *Izipho Zikamoya*

<sup>1</sup> Mayelana lezipho zikamoya, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi. <sup>2</sup> Liyakwazi ukuthi ngesikhathi lingakabi ngabakholwayo, ngezinye indlela laholelwa njalo ledukiselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu. <sup>3</sup> Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi kakho okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi, “UJesu kathukwe,” njalo kakho ongathi, “UJesu yiNkosi,” ngaphandle kokuba kungoMoya oNgcwele.

<sup>4</sup> Kulenhlobo ezehlukeneyo zezipho zikamoya kodwa uMoya munye. <sup>5</sup> Kulezindlela ezehlukeneyo zokukhonza, kodwa iNkosi yinye. <sup>6</sup> Kulezindlela ezehlukeneyo zokukhonza kodwa uNkulunkulu munye njalo uzisebenza zonke ebantwini bonke.

7 Emuntwini ngamunye ukubonakaliswa kukaMoya kwenzelwa ukusiza umuntu wonke. 8 Omunye ngoMoya uphiwa amandla okukhuluma ngokuhlakanipha, omunye amandla okukhuluma ngokwazi ngaye uMoya munye lowo, 9 omunye uphiwa ukukholwa ngoMoya munye lowo, omunye uphiwa izipho zokusilisa ngawona lowo Moya munye, 10 omunye uphiwa amandla okwenza izimangaliso, omunye uphiwa ukuphrofitha, omunye uphiwa amandla okuhlola omoya, omunye njalo aphiwe ukuchasisa izindimi. 11 Konke lokhu kungumsebenzi kaMoya munye, njalo ukupha umuntu ngamunye, njengokuthanda kwakhe.

### *Umzimba Munye, Izitho Ezinengi*

12 Umzimba munye lanxa ubunjwe ngezitho ezinengi; njalo lanxa izitho zawo zonke zingeni, zibumba umzimba owodwa. Kunjalo ngoKhristu. 13 Ngoba sonke sabhaphathizwa ngoMoya munye kulowomzimba munye, loba singamaJuda kumbe abeZizwe, izigqili loba abakhululekileyo, sonke saphiwa uMoya munye ukuba siwunathe. 14 Umzimba kawenziwanga ngesitho esisodwa kodwa ezinengi.

15 Nxa unyawo lungathi, “Njengoba ngingasisandla, kangisingxenywe yomzimba,” ngalesosizatho alungeke lwekele ukuba yingxenywe yomzimba. 16 Njalo nxa indlebe ingathi, “Njengoba ngingasilihlo, kangisingxenywe yomzimba,” ngalesosizatho ayingeke yekele ukuba yingxenywe yomzimba. 17 Aluba umzimba wonke

wawulihlo, pho ukuzwa kwakuzakuba ngaphi na? Aluba umzimba wonke wawuyindlebe, pho kwakuzanukwa ngani na? <sup>18</sup> Kodwa okuyikho yikuthi uNkulunkulu wabeka izitho zomzimba, zonke, njengayefune ukuba zibe yikho khona. <sup>19</sup> Aluba zonke zaziysisitho sinye, pho umzimba wawuzakuba ngaphi na? <sup>20</sup> Njengoba kunjalo, kulezitho ezinengi, kodwa umzimba munye.

<sup>21</sup> Ilihlo alingeke lithi esandleni, “Kangikudingi!” Lekhanda alingeke lithi enyaweni, “Kangikudingi!” <sup>22</sup> Kodwa, lezozitho zomzimba ezikhanya zibuthakathaka ziyadingeka, <sup>23</sup> lezitho thina esicabanga ukuthi kazihlonipheki kakhulu siziphatha ngokuhlonipha okuthize. <sup>24</sup> Izitho ezihloniphisayo siziphatha ngokuhlonipha kakhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlanganisa izitho zomzimba njalo usenike udumo olukhulu kulezozitho ezazingelalo, <sup>25</sup> ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa ukuba izitho zawo zibe lokuzwelana okufananayo. <sup>26</sup> Nxa esinye isitho sibongwa, izitho zonke zithokoza laso.

<sup>27</sup> Lina lingumzimba kaKhristu njalo omunye lomunye wenu uyingxenyeye yawo. <sup>28</sup> Ebandleni uNkulunkulu wabeka abapostoli kuqala kulabo bonke, okwesibili abaphrofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, kwaba labenza izimangaliso, lalabo abalezipho zokusilisa, abalezokusiza abanye, abalezipho zokuthungamela, kanye lalabo abakhuluma inhlobo zezindimi ezehlukeneyo. <sup>29</sup> Bonke bangabapostoli na? Bonke bangabaphrofethi na? Bonke bangaba-

fundisi na? Bonke bayazenza izimangaliso na? <sup>30</sup> Bonke balezipo zokusilisa na? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi na? Bonke bayachasisa na? <sup>31</sup> Kodwa zifuneni ngokutshiseka izipho ezinkulu.

### *Uthando Lubalulekile*

Khathesi-ke ngizalitshengisa indlela eyiyo enhle kakhulu.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Loba ngikhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, ngiyinsimbi nje ekhalayo loba izenge elincencethayo. <sup>2</sup> Loba ngilesipho sokuphrofitha, ngingaqedisisa imfihlakalo zonke kanye lokwazi konke, njalo nxa ngilokukholwa okungasusa izintaba, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangisilutho. <sup>3</sup> Loba nginganika abayanga konke engilakho nginikele lomzimba wami emalangabini, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangizuzi lutho.

<sup>4</sup> Uthando luyabekezela, uthando lulomusa. Kalulamona, kaluzincomi, kaluzigqaji.

<sup>5</sup> Kalusisosiqholo, kaluzifuneli okwalo, kaluphangisi ukuthukuthela, kalubambeli zikhwili. <sup>6</sup> Uthando kaluthokozeli okubi, kodwa luthokozela iqiniso. <sup>7</sup> Luhlezi luvikela, luhlezi lukholwa, luhlezi lusehemba, luhlezi lubekezela.

<sup>8</sup> Uthando kalupheli. Kodwa lapho okuleziphrofethi khona, zizaphela, lapho okulezindimi khona, zizathuliswa; lapho okulokwazi khona, kuzakwedlula. <sup>9</sup> Ngoba sazi

ingxenye, njalo siphrofitha ingxenye, <sup>10</sup> kodwa lapho ukuphelela kufika, ukungapheleli kuyanyamalala. <sup>11</sup> Ngisesengumntwana, ngakhuluma njengomntwana, ngacabanga njengomntwana, nganakana njengomntwana. Sengiyindoda, ngaziyekela izindlela zobuntwana. <sup>12</sup> Khathesi sibona kalufifi esibukweni; sizabuye sibone ubuso ngobuso. Khathesi ngazi ingxenye; ngizabuye ngazi okupheleleyo, njengoba lami ngisaziwa ngokupheleleyo.

<sup>13</sup> Okuthathu lokhu kuma kunjalo: ukukholwa, ithemba lothando. Kodwa okukhulu kwalokhu luthando.

## 14

### *Izipho Zokuphrofitha Lezezindimi*

<sup>1</sup> Landelani indlela yothando lizifune ngokutshiseka izipho zikamoya ikakhulu isipho sokuphrofitha. <sup>2</sup> Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo, bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya. <sup>3</sup> Kodwa umuntu wonke ophrofithayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukuba abaqinise, abakhuthaze njalo abaduduze. <sup>4</sup> Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile uyazakha kodwa lowo ophrofithayo wakha ibandla. <sup>5</sup> Ngifisa ukuba lonke likhulume ngendimi kodwa ikakhulu ukuba liphrofitha. Ophrofithayo mkhulu kulalowo okhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuba echasisa, ukuze ibandla lakheke.



<sup>6</sup> Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, nxa ngifika kini ngikhulume ngendimi, ngilosizo bani kini, ngaphandle kokuba ngililethele ukwambulwa okuthile loba ukwazi loba isiphrofethi kumbe imfundiso, na? <sup>7</sup> Lezizinto ezingaphiliyo ezenza umsindo njengomhubhe loba ichacho, umuntu angalazi njani iculo elikhaliswayo ngaphandle kokuba kulomahluko empawini zomculo? <sup>8</sup> Njalo nxa icilongo lisitsho umbiko ongacacanga, ngubani ozalungela impi na? <sup>9</sup> Kunjalo-ke lakini. Nxa lingakhulumi amazwi azwakalayo ngolimi lwenu, umuntu uzakwazi njani elikutshoyo? Lizakuba likhuluma lomoya nje. <sup>10</sup> Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi kulenhlobonhlobo zezindimi emhlabeni kodwa zonke zilomutsho. <sup>11</sup> Nxa ngingakuzwa okutshiwo ngomunye, ngingowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, laye ngowezizweni kimi. <sup>12</sup> Kunjalo-ke lakini. Njengoba litshisekela izipho zikamoya, zamani ukwenza okuhle kakhulu ngezipho ezakha ibandla.

<sup>13</sup> Ngakho-ke, umuntu okhuluma ngendimi kumele akhulekele ukuba achasise lokho akutshoyo. <sup>14</sup> Ngoba nxa ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka kodwa ingqondo yami kayilazithelo. <sup>15</sup> Pho ngenzeni na? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya wami njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo yami; ngizahlabela ngomoya wami njalo ngizahlabela langengqondo yami. <sup>16</sup> Nxa libonga uNkulunkulu ngomoya wenu, angatsho kanjani ozithola esephakathi kwalabo abangazwisisiyo ukuthi, “Ameni” ekubonjeni kwenu, yena engakwazi elikutshoyo na? <sup>17</sup> Lingabe libonga kuhle sibili kodwa omunye

umuntu kabusisekanga.

<sup>18</sup> Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ngoba mina ngikhuluma ngendimi ukudlula lina lonke.

<sup>19</sup> Kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu azwakalayo ngifundisa abanye kulamazwi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi.

<sup>20</sup> Bazalwane, yekelani ukucabanga njengabantwana. Mayelana lobubi, wobani zingane kodwa ekucabangeni kwenu wobani ngabadala.

<sup>21</sup> Emthethweni kulotshiwe ukuthi:

“Ngabantu bezindimi ezingaziwayo

langezindebe zabezizweni

ngizakhuluma lalababantu,

kodwa loba kunjalo kabayikungilalela,

kutsho iNkosi.”\*

<sup>22</sup> Ngakho-ke, izindimi ziyisibonakaliso, hatshi kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kodwa ukuphrofitha ngokwabakholwayo hatshi abangakholwayo. <sup>23</sup> Ngakho nxa ibandla lonke

libuthene umuntu wonke akhulume ngendimi,

kuthi abanye abangezwayo loba abangakhol-

wayo bangene, kambe kabazukuthi ingqondo

zenu ziphambene na? <sup>24</sup> Kodwa nxa ongakhol-

wayo loba omunye ongaqedisisiyo engena lapho

abantu bonke bephrofitha, uzavunyiswa yibo

bonke ukuthi uyisoni njalo ahlulelwe yibo bonke,

<sup>25</sup> lezimfihlo zenhliziyo yakhe zizavezwa obala.

Ngakho uzakhothamela phansi akhonze uNku-

lunkulu esithi, “UNkulunkulu impela uphakathi

kwenu!”

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### *Ukukhonza Okuhlelwe Kuhle*

<sup>26</sup> Pho sizakuthini, bazalwane? Lapho libuthana ndawonye, umuntu wonke ulehubo loba ilizwi lokufundisa, lokwambula, lezindimi, loba ukuchasisa. Konke lokhu kumele kwenziwe ukuze ibandla lakheke. <sup>27</sup> Nxa omunye ekhuluma ngendimi, ababili loba kungabangadluli abathathu, kumele kukhulume oyedwa ngasikhathi sinye, njalo omunye kumele achasisise. <sup>28</sup> Nxa kungelamchasisi, okhulumayo kumele athule ebandleni, azikhulumele yedwa, kuye lakuNkulunkulu.

<sup>29</sup> Kumele kukhulume abaphrofethi ababili loba abathathu, kuthi abanye bakuhlolisise ngokunanzelela okutshiwoyo. <sup>30</sup> Njalo nxa ukwambulelwa kufika komunye ohlezi phansi, okhulume kuqala kumele athule. <sup>31</sup> Ngoba lonke lingaphrofitha lintshintshana ukuze umuntu wonke afundiswe njalo akhuthazwe. <sup>32</sup> Imimoya yabaphrofethi iphathwa ngabaphrofethi. <sup>33</sup> Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasuye Nkulunkulu wengxabangxoza kodwa ungowokuthula. Njengasemabandleni wonke abantu beNkosi.

<sup>34</sup> Abesifazane kumele bathule emabandleni. Kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma kodwa kumele bazithobe njengokutsho komthetho. <sup>35</sup> Nxa befuna ukubuza ngolutho oluthile, kumele babuze omkabo emakhaya ngoba kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane akhulume ebandleni.

<sup>36</sup> Konje ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lavela kini na? Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? <sup>37</sup> Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumphrofethi loba ukuthi

ulesipho sikaMoya, kavume ukuthi lokhu engililobela khona kungumlayo weNkosi. <sup>38</sup> Nxa lokhu engakunaki, laye akayikunakwa.

<sup>39</sup> Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani ukuphrofitha njalo lingenqabeli ukukhuluma ngendimi. <sup>40</sup> Kodwa izinto zonke kumele zenziwe ngendlela efaneleyo lehlelwe kuhle.

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### *Ukuvuka KukaKhristu Ekufeni*

<sup>1</sup> Bazalwane, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ngevangeli engalitshumayela kini, elalamukelayo njalo eselimi ngalo. <sup>2</sup> Ngalelivangeli liyasindiswa, nxa libambelela elizwini engalitshumayela kini. Nxa kungenjalo, selikholwe ize.

<sup>3</sup> Ngoba engakwamukelayo lami ngakudlulisela kini njengokuqakatheke kakhulu: ukuthi uKhristu wafela izono zethu mayelana lemibhalo, <sup>4</sup> lokuthi wangcwatshwa, lokuthi wavuswa kwabafuleyo ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwemibhalo, <sup>5</sup> kanye lokuthi wabonakala kuKhefasi, wasebonakala kwabalitshumi lamibili. <sup>6</sup> Emva kwalokho wabonakala kubazalwane abadlula amakhulu amahlanu sikhathi sinye, inengi labo lilokhu lisaphila, lanxa abanye sebalala. <sup>7</sup> Wabuya wabonakala kuJakhobe, wasebonakala kubapostoli bonke, <sup>8</sup> kwathi ekucineni wabonakala kimi futhi, njengalowo ozelwe ngendlela engajayelekanga.

<sup>9</sup> Ngoba mina ngingomncane kubapostoli njalo kangifanelanga lokuthiwa ngingumpostoli

ngoba ngahlukuluza ibandla likaNkulunkulu. <sup>10</sup> Kodwa ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu ngiyilokhu engiyikho njalo umusa wakhe kawubanga yize kimi. Hatshi, mina ngasebenza kakhulu kulabo bonke, kungayisimi belo kodwa kungumusa kaNkulunkulu owawukimi. <sup>11</sup> Ngakho langabe kwakuyimi loba kuyibo, lokhu yikho esikutshumayelayo njalo lokhu yikho elakukholwayo.

### *Ukuvuka Kwabafileyo*

<sup>12</sup> Kodwa nxa kutshunyayelwa ukuthi uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, pho bangakutsho kanjani abanye benu ukuthi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo na? <sup>13</sup> Nxa kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loKhristu kavuswanga phela. <sup>14</sup> Njalo nxa uKhristu engavuswanga, ukutshumayela kwethu akusizi lutho njalo lunjalo lokholo lwenu. <sup>15</sup> Phezu kwalokho, singatholakala singofakazi bamanga ngoNkulunkulu ngoba sifakaze ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo. Kodwa kamvusanga nxa ngempela abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa. <sup>16</sup> Nxa abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa, ngakho loKhristu kavuswanga. <sup>17</sup> Nxa uKhristu engavuswanga kwabafileyo ukholo lwenu luyize; lilokhu lisezonzweni zenu. <sup>18</sup> Lalabo abafa bekuKhristu balahlekile phela. <sup>19</sup> Nxa sithembele kuKhristu kulokhukuphila kuphela, sizazwelwa usizi kakhulu kulabantu bonke.

<sup>20</sup> Kodwa ngempela uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, izithelo zakugala zalabo asebelele. <sup>21</sup> Ngoba njengoba ukufa kweza ngomuntu, ukuvuka kwabafileyo lakho kuza ngomuntu.

<sup>22</sup> Ngoba njengoba ku-Adamu bonke besifa, ngokunjalo kuKhristu bonke bazaphiliswa.

<sup>23</sup> Kodwa yilowo lalowo ngethuba lakhe: UKhristu, oyizithelo zakuqala; kuzakuthi ekubuyeni kwakhe, kuvuke labo abangabakhe.

<sup>24</sup> Lapho-ke isiphetho sizafika esenikela umbuso kaNkulunkulu uBaba emva kokuba esechithe imibuso yonke, ubukhosi kanye lamandla.

<sup>25</sup> Ngoba kumele abuse uNkulunkulu aze azibeke zonke izitha zakhe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. <sup>26</sup> Isitha sokucina esizachithwa, yikufa.

<sup>27</sup> Ngoba uNkulunkulu “usebeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.”\* Kodwa nxa kuthiwa “izinto zonke” sezibekwe ngaphansi kwakhe, kusobala ukuthi lokhu akugogeli uNkulunkulu yena ngokwakhe, owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kukaKhristu. <sup>28</sup> Lapho esekwenzile lokhu, iNdodana uqobo izakuba ngaphansi kwakhe yena owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke, kukho konke.

<sup>29</sup> Nxa kungelakuvuka ekufeni, pho baza-kwenzani labo ababhaphathizelwe abafileyo na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa, pho kungani abantu bebhaphathizwa ngenxa yabo na?

<sup>30</sup> Thina-ke, sizifakelani engozini isikhathi sonke na? <sup>31</sup> Mina ngifa nsuku zonke, ngitsho khonokho bazalwane, ngeqiniso engiziqhenya ngalo ngani kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. <sup>32</sup> Nxa ngalwa lezilo zeganga e-Efesu ngenxa yabantu, ngazuzani na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa,

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“Kasidleni sinathe,  
ngoba kusasa sizakufa.”†

<sup>33</sup> Lingedukiswa: “Abangane ababi bayasona isimilo esihle.” <sup>34</sup> Khumbulani ngengqondo zenu njengokumele likwenze, licine ukwenza izono; ngoba kulabanye abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni.

### *Umzimba Wokuvuswa Ekufeni*

<sup>35</sup> Kodwa omunye angabuza athi, “Abafileyo bavuswa njani na? Bazabuya belemizimba enjani na?” <sup>36</sup> Yeka ubuwula! Elikuhlanyelayo akuphili ngaphandle kokuba kufe. <sup>37</sup> Lapho lihlanyela, kalihlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kodwa inhlanyelo nje, mhlawumbe eyengqoloyi loba okunye lakho. <sup>38</sup> Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe njalo uhlobo ngalunye lwenhlanyelo ulunika umzimba walo. <sup>39</sup> Inyama yonke kayifanani: Abantu balohlobo lunye lwenyama, izinyamazana zilolunye, izinyoni olunye lenhlanzi olunye. <sup>40</sup> Njalo kulezidalwa zasezulwini lezidalwa zasemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezidalwa zasezulwini ingolunye uhlobo, lenkazimulo yezidalwa zasemhlabeni ingolunye. <sup>41</sup> Ilanga lilolunye uhlobo lwenkazimulo, inyanga olunye lezinkanyezi olunye; njalo inkanyezi iyehluka kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula.

<sup>42</sup> Kuzakuba njalo-ke ngokuvuka kwabafileyo. Umzimba ohlanyelwayo uyabola, uvuswa ungasaboli; <sup>43</sup> uhlanyelwa useyiswa, uvuswe

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ngenkazimulo; uhlanyelwa ubuthakathaka,  
<sup>44</sup> uvuswe usungumzimba olamandla.

Nxa kulomzimba wemvelo, ukhona njalo lomzimba womoya. <sup>45</sup> Ngakho kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Umuntu wakuqala u-Adamu waba yisidalwa esiphilayo”<sup>‡</sup>; kodwa u-Adamu wokucina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. <sup>46</sup> Owomoya kafikanga kuqala, kodwa owemvelo, emva kwalokho kwafika owomoya. <sup>47</sup> Umuntu wakuqala wayenziwe ngothuli lomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili wavela ezulwini. <sup>48</sup> Njengoba wayenjalo umuntu wasemhlabeni, banjalo lalabo abangabomhlaba; njalo njengoba enjalo umuntu ovela ezulwini, banjalo labo abangabasezulwini. <sup>49</sup> Njalo njengoba silesimo somuntu wasemhlabeni, ngokunjalo sizakuba lesimo somuntu ovela ezulwini.

<sup>50</sup> Bazalwane, ngithi kini inyama legazi akungeke kudle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu, lokubolayo akulidli ilifa lokungaboliyo. <sup>51</sup> Lalelani, ngilitshela imfihlakalo: Kasiyikufa sonke, kodwa sonke sizaguqulwa, <sup>52</sup> ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngecilongo lokucina. Ngoba icilongo lizakhala, abafileyo bazavuswa bengabolanga, njalo sizaguqulwa. <sup>53</sup> Ngoba okubolayo kumele kuzigqokise ngokungaboliyo, lokufayo ngokungafiyo. <sup>54</sup> Nxa okubolayo sekugqokiswe okungaboliyo, lokufayo okungafiyo, kuzagcwaliseka isitsho esilotshiweyo esithi: “Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni.”§

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‡ 15:45 15.45 UGenesisi 2.7 § 15:54 15.54 U-Isaya 25.8



55 “Kungaphi, we kufa, ukunqoba kwakho?

Lungaphi udonsi lwakho, we kufa?”\*

56 Udonsi lokufa yisono, lamandla esono ngumthetho. 57 Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu! Uyasinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu.

58 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini liqine. Akungabi lalutho olulinyikinyayo. Zinikeleni ngokupheleleyo emsebenzini weNkosi izikhathi zonke ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukusebenza kwenu eNkosini akusilo ize.

## 16

### *Umnikelo Onikelelwa Abantu BakaNkulunkulu*

1 Mayelana lomnikelo onikelelwa abantu bakaNkulunkulu: Yenzani lokhu engatshela amabandla aseGalathiya ukuba akwenze.

2 Ngosuku lwakuqala maviki wonke, yilowo lalowo wenu kabeke eceleni imali ethile kusiya mayelana leholo lakhe, ayigcine, ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami kungabi lokuqoqa okwenziwayo. 3 Ngakho-ke, ekufikeni kwami ngizabapha izincwadi zokubaveza labobantu elibakhethileyo ngibathume eJerusalema lesipho senu. 4 Kungabonakala kufanele ukuba ngihambe labo, bazangiphelekezela.

### *Izicelo ZikaPhawuli*

5 Sengidlule eMasedoniya ngizakuza kini, ngoba ngizadlula eMasedoniya. 6 Mhlawumbe ngizahlala lani okwesikhatshana, mhlawumbe ubusika bonke, ukuze lingisize ohanjweni

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\* 15:55 15.55 UHosiya 13.14

lwami, ezindaweni zonke engiya kuzo.  
<sup>7</sup> Kangifisi ukulibona khatesi ngilethekelela okwesikhatshana nje; ngithemba ngizahlala lani okwesikhathi esithile, nxa iNkosi ivuma.  
<sup>8</sup> Kodwa ngizahlala e-Efesu kuze kufike iPhentekhosti, <sup>9</sup> ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu womsebenzi ophumelelayo, njalo banengi abangiphikisayo.

<sup>10</sup> UThimothi angafika, libone ukuthi akulalutho alwesabayo eseselani ngoba uqhubeka ngomsebenzi weNkosi njengami. <sup>11</sup> Ngakho akungabi lomuntu owalayo ukumamukela. Medluliseni ngokuthula ukuze abuye kimi. Ngimlindele kanye labazalwane.

<sup>12</sup> Mayelana lomzalwane wethu u-Apholo: Ngamncenga kakhulu ukuba eze kini labazalwane. Ubengafisi ukuhamba khatesi kodwa uzahamba lapho eselethuba.

<sup>13</sup> Lindani; qinani ekukholweni kwenu; libe ngabantu abalesibindi, wobani lamandla.  
<sup>14</sup> Yenzani konke ngothando.

<sup>15</sup> Liyakwazi ukuthi abendlu KaStefane baba ngamakholwa akuqala e-Akhayiya njalo sebazinikela emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi. Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, <sup>16</sup> ukuba lizinikele kwabanjengalaba lakubo bonke abahlanganyela emsebenzini basebenze khona. <sup>17</sup> Ngathokoza ekufikeni kukaStefane loFothunathu kanye lo-Akhayikhu ngoba balethe obekusilela kuvela kini. <sup>18</sup> Ngoba bavuselela umoya wami kanye lowenu. Abantu abanjalo bafanele ukuqakathekiswa.

*Ukuvalelisa*

<sup>19</sup> Amabandla asesifundeni sase-Ezhiya ayalibingelela.

U-Akhwila loPhrisila ngokuthokoza eNkosini bayalibingelela kakhulu, lenza njalo lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo.

<sup>20</sup> Bonke abazalwane abalapha bayalibingelela.

Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele.

<sup>21</sup> Mina, Phawuli, ngiloba ukubingelela lokhu ngesami isandla.

<sup>22</sup> Nxa umuntu engayithandi iNkosi, kehllelwe yisithuko. Woza, awu Nkosi!

<sup>23</sup> Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube lani.

<sup>24</sup> Uthando lwami kini lonke kuKhristu uJesu. Ameni.

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