

Incwadi KaPhawuli Yesibili KuThimothi

¹ Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, mayelana lesithem-biso sokuphila okukuKhristu uJesu,

² KuThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo ngithi:

Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.

Ukubonga

³ Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo njengokwenziwa ngokhokho bami ngesazela esimsulwa lapho ngikukhumbula kokuphela emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini. ⁴ Lapho ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ngifisa ukukubona ukuze ngibe lokuthokoza okukhulu. ⁵ Ngikhunjuzwe ngokukholwa kwakho okuqotho okwaqala kugogo wakho uLoyisi lakunyoko uYunisi njalo ngiyathemba ukuba khathesi kukhona lakuwe futhi.

Inkuthazo Yokuthembeka KuPhawuli Levangelini

⁶ Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyakukhumbuza ukuba sihlale sivutha isipho sikaNkulunkulu owasamukela ngokubekwa kwezandla zami

phezu kwakho. ⁷ Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasiphanga umoya wobugwala kodwa umoya wamandla, lowothando kanye lowokuzithiba. ⁸ Ngakho-ke, ungabi lenhloni ukufakaza ngeNkosi yethu loba ube lenhloni ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa hlanganyela lami ekuhluphekeleni ivangeli ngamandla kaNkulunkulu ⁹ owasisindisayo, wasibizela ekuphileni okungcwele kungayisikho kuthi kukhona esakwenzayo kodwa ngenxa yenjongo yakhe langomusa wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa ngoKhristu uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala kwesikhathi ¹⁰ kodwa khathesi usubonakaliswe ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uKhristu Jesu, osechithe ukufa waletha ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi ngevangeli. ¹¹ Njalo ivangeli leli mina ngabekwa ukuba yisithunywa lompostoli kanye lomfundisi walo. ¹² Yikho-nje ngihlupheka njengoba nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni ngoba ngiyamazi engikholwa kuye njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye ngalolosuku.

¹³ Lokho owakuzwa ngami kugcine njenge-sibonelo semfundiso ephелеleyo, ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu uJesu. ¹⁴ Londoloza isibambiso osiphathisiweyo usilondoloze ngosizo lukaMoya oNgcwele ohlala phakathi kwethu.

Izibonelo Zokuthembeka Lokungathembeki

¹⁵ Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu bonke esabelweni sase-Ezhiya sebangidela, kubalwa loFigelusi kanye loHemogenesi.

¹⁶ Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa kwabendlu ka-Onesiforosi ngoba wayehlala engivuselela njalo wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami. ¹⁷ Kodwa kwathi eseRoma wangidinga kakhulu waze wangithola. ¹⁸ Sengathi iNkosi ingenza ukuba athole umusa eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela ezinengi kangakanani e-Efesu.

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Isikhalazo Siyavuselelwa

¹ Ngakho-ke, wena ndodana yami, qina emuseni okuKhristu uJesu. ² Izinto owangizwa ngizitsho phambi kwabafakazi abanengi ziphathise abantu abathembekileyo abazafanela ukuba labo bafundise abanye. ³ Hlanganyelana lathi ebunzimeni njengebutho likaKhristu uJesu elifaneleyo. ⁴ Kakho osebenza njengebutho ongenela ezindabeni zabangasibo bebutho kodwa ufuna ukuthokozisa umlawuli wakhe. ⁵ Ngokufanayo, nxa umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi umqhele wokunqoba ngaphandle kokuba encintisa ngokusemthethweni. ⁶ Umlimi osebenza kakhulu kumele kube nguye oqala ukuthola isabelo sezilimo. ⁷ Nakana ngalokho engikutshoyo ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono kukho konke lokhu.

⁸ Khumbula uJesu Khristu owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavida. Leli yilo ivangeli lami ⁹ engilhluphekelayo ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi. Kodwa ilizwi

likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. ¹⁰ Ngakho-ke, ngibekezelela konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa okukuKhristu uJesu lenkazimulo engapheliyo.

¹¹ Nansi isitsho esiqotho:

Nxa safa laye
sizaphila laye futhi;

¹² nxa sibekezela
sizabusa laye futhi.

Nxa simphika,
laye futhi uzasiphika;

¹³ nxa singelalo ithemba
yena uzaqhubeka ethembekile,
ngoba angeke azidele.

Isisebenzi Esivunywe NguNkulunkulu

¹⁴ Qhubeka ubakhumbuza abantu bakaNkulunkulu ngalezizinto. Baxwayise phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalaleleyo.

¹⁵ Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule kuNkulunkulu njengohloliweyo, isisebenzi esingadingi ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. ¹⁶ Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba abazikholisayo baqhubeka kokuphela besiba ngabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. ¹⁷ Imfundiso yabo izaqhela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo. Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi loFilethosi,

¹⁸ abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka kwabafuleyo sekwenzakala njalo bachitha ukukholwa kwabanye. ¹⁹ Noma kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo sigxilile, sibekwe

uphawu lombhalo othi: “UTHixo uyabazi labo abangabakhe,”* lokuthi, “Bonke abalivumayo ibizo likaThixo kumele badele ububi.”

²⁰ Endlini enkulukazi akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliva nje kuphela kodwa lezezigodo kanye lezebumba; ezinye ngezemisebenzi encomekayo njalo ezinye ngezokusebenzisa nje. ²¹ Nxa umuntu ezihlambulula kokulihlazo, uzasetshenziswa emisebenzini encomekayo, angcweliswe, abe luncedo eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi omuhle.

²² Xwaya izinkanuko ezimbi zobutsha ufune ukulunga, lokukholwa, lothando kanye lokuthula, ukanye lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyi ezimhlophe. ²³ Xwaya ukuphikisana kobuthutha lobuwula ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala ingxabano. ²⁴ Inceku yeNkosi kumele ixwaye ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe lomusa ebantwini bonke, yenelise ukufundisa, ingabi lenzondo. ²⁵ Abaphikisayo kumele belulekwe kuhle, ngethemba lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula inhliziyi baholelwe ekwazini iqiniso ²⁶ lokuthi baphaphame, baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane obathumbele ukuba benze intando yakhe.

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Ukweyisa UNkulunkulu Ensukwini Zokucina

¹ Kodwa nanzelela lokhu: Ensukwini zokucina kuzakuba lezikhathi ezinzima.
² Abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo,

* **2:19** 2.19 AmaNani 16.5

labathanda imali, labazikhukhumezayo, labazigqajayo, labathukayo, labangalaleli abazali babo, labangabongiyo, labangcolileyo, ³ labangelathando, labangathetheleliyo, labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo, labalesihluku, labangakuthandiyo okuhle, ⁴ labalamacebo amabi, labacaphuka ngeze, labaziphakamisayo, labathanda injabulo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu, ⁵ belesimo sokukholwa kuNkulunkulu kodwa belandula amandla okukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli labo.

⁶ Yibo laba abanyenyela emakhaya bazuze amandla phezu kwabesifazane ababuthakathaka, abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa zinhlobo zonke zezinkanuko ezimbi, ⁷ behlezi befunda kodwa besehluleka ukufinyelela elwazini lweqiniso. ⁸ NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi, ngokunjalo abantu laba baphikisa iqiniso. Abantu bengqondo ezonakeleyo, abalahliweyo ngokokholo. ⁹ Kodwa kabayikufika ndawo ngoba njengokwalawo madoda, ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala ebantwini bonke.

UPhawuli Ulaya UThimothi

¹⁰ Kodwa wena wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo yami, lenjongo yami, lokukholwa, lokubekezela, lothando, lokuqiniseka, ¹¹ lokuhlukuluzwa, inhlupheko zonke engahlangana lazo e-Antiyokhi, lase-Ikhoniyamu, laseListra kanye lokuhlukuluzeka engangena phakathi kwakho. Kodwa iNkosi yangihlenga kukho konke lokhu. ¹² Ngempela umuntu wonke othanda ukuphila impilo

yokulalela uNkulunkulu kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, ¹³ kukanti abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala ngokudlulisayo, bekhohlisa labo bekhohliswa. ¹⁴ Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho okufundileyo njalo wakukholwa ngoba uyabazi labo okufunde kubo, ¹⁵ lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele engakwenza uhlakaniphele ukusindiswa ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. ¹⁶ IMibhalo yonke yaphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu njalo ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa, lokufundisa ngokulunga, ¹⁷ ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo yonke imisebenzi emihle.

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¹ Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu ozathonisisa abaphilayo labafileyo njalo mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso wakhe ngikunika lumlayo: ² Tshumayela iLizwi; lungiselela isikhathi esifaneleyo lesikhathi esingafanelanga; lungisa, ukhuze njalo ukhuthaze ngokubekezelela okukhulu langokulaya ngokunanzelela. ³ Ngoba isikhathi sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma khona imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa ukuze basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela abafundisi abanengi ukuba batsho lokho indlebe zabo ezilumela ukukuzwa. ⁴ Indlebe zabo bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. ⁵ Kodwa wena lulamisa ikhanda kuzozonke izehlakalo, ubekezele

ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho.

⁶ Ngoba mina sengilungele ukuthululwa njen-gomnikelo onathwayo njalo lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. ⁷ Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, sengiliqedile ibanga lami lokukholwa ngikulon-dolozile. ⁸ Khathesi ngigcinelwe umqhele woku-lunga iNkosi uMahluleli olungileyo ezanginika wona ngalelolanga njalo kungayisimi kuphela kodwa kubo bonke abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo.

Amazwi Aqondene Laye

⁹ Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba uze kimi ngokuphangisa ¹⁰ ngoba uDemasi ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda umhlaba lo, usengibalekele waya eThesalonika. UKhrisensi useye eGalathiya, uThithu waya eDalmathiya. ¹¹ ULukha nguye kuphela olami. Thatha uMakho ubuye laye ngoba ulusizo kakhulu enkonzweni yami. ¹² UThikhikhasi ngamthuma e-Efesu. ¹³ Lapho usubuya ubuye lejazi engalitshiya kuKhaphusi eTrowasi lengwalo zami ikakhulu leziyana ezemibhalo elotshwe ezikhumbeni.

¹⁴ U-Alekizanda umkhandi wensimbi wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INkosi izaphindisela kuye lokhu akwenzileyo. ¹⁵ Lawe futhi kumele umqaphele ngoba ilizwi lethu waliphik-isa kakhulu.

¹⁶ Ekuzivikeleni kwami kwakuqala kakho owangisekelayo kodwa abantu bonke bangihlamukela. Kabangabi lamlandu ngalokho. ¹⁷ Kodwa iNkosi yema phansi

kwami yangipha amandla ukuze kuthi ngami ilizwi litshunyayelwe ngokupheleleyo njalo labeZizweni bonke balizwe. Ngempela ngasindiswa emlonyeni wesilwane. ¹⁸ INkosi izangihlenga kukho konke ukuhlaselwa okubi ingilethe kungekho bubi embusweni wayo wasezulwini. Udumo kalube kuyo kuze kube nini lanini. Amen.

Ukuvalelisa

¹⁹ Bingelela uPhrisila lo-Akhwila kanye labendlu ka-Onesiforosi.

²⁰ U-Erastusi wasala eKhorinte, kwathi uThrofimasi ngamtshiya egula eMilethusi.
²¹ Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba ufike lapha ubusika bungakafiki.

UYubhulasi, loPhudeni, loLino, loKlawudiya kanye labazalwane bonke bayakubingelela.

²² INkosi kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lawe.

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