

Izaga Injongo Lendikimba

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² ukuba abantu bazuze ukuhlakanipha lokuzithiba;

ukuba bazwisise amazwi okuqedisisa;

³ ukuba bazuze impilo yokuzithiba lobuqotho, besenza okulungileyo, okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo;

⁴ ukunika ulwazi kwabayizithutha, ulwazi lokukhetha okuqondileyo kwabatsha

⁵ ukuthi ohlakaniphileyo alalele engeze ukufunda kwakhe,

kuthi obonisisayo azuze izeluleko,

⁶ ukuba abantu bazwisise izaga lemizekeliso, izitsho lamalibho abahlakaniphileyo.

⁷ Ukwesaba uTHIXO kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho, kodwa iziwula ziyakweyisa ukuqedisisa lokuzithiba.

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Isixwayiso Ngokukhangwa Yizoni

⁸ Lalela, ndodana yami, izeluleko zikayihlo njalo ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko.

⁹ Kuzakuba ngumqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho lomgaxo wokucecisa intamo yakho.

- 10 Nnodana yami, aluba izoni zikuhuga,
ungaze wavuma.
- 11 Nxa zisithi, “Woza sihambe;
kasicathamele abantu sichithe igazi,
kasicwathele omunye umuntu ongelacala;
- 12 kasibaginye bephila njengengcwaba,
sibajwamule njengabawele emgodini;
- 13 sizazuza impahla ezinhle ezehlukeneyo
sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango;
- 14 phathisana lathi
ukuze sibelesikhwama sinye”
- 15 ndodana yami, unghambi lazo,
ungalugxobi olwakho ezindleleni zazo;
- 16 ngoba ezabo inyawo zigijima ekoneni,
bachitha igazi lula.
- 17 Kakusizi ukuthiya ngembule
lithe dandalazi emehlweni ezinyoni!
- 18 Abantu laba bacathamela ukuchitheka kwe-
labo igazi;
bajuma okwabo ukuphila.
- 19 Sinjalo isiphetho salabo abadinga inzuzo ngob-
ugebenga;
kuyayichitha impilo yalabo abayitholayo.
- Isixwayiso Ngokufulathela Inhlakanipho*
- 20 Ukuhlakanipha kuyamemeza emgwaqweni,
kuphakamisa ilizwi lakho ezinkundleni;
- 21 kuyanqongoloza lezindleleni okuxokozela
khona,
kuyatshumayela emasangweni omuzi kuthi:
- 22 “Koze kube nini lina zithutha lithanda
ubuthutha benu na?
Koze kube nini izideleli zikholisa ukudelela

- leziphukuphuku zizona ulwazi na?
23 Lalelani ukukhuza kwami liphenduke!
Ngizalivulela isifuba sami,
ngilivezele imicabango yami.
- 24 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi langifulathela ngilibiza,
kwangabi khona onginanzayo ngiselula isandla sami,
- 25 njengoba lala izeluleko zami
njalo kalavuma ukukhuza kwami,
- 26 ngakho lami ngizahleka selihlupheka;
ngizalikelolodela nxa lisehlelwa lusizi,
- 27 nxa usizi lulehlela njengesiphapho;
nxa incithakalo ilikhukhula njengesivunguzane,
nxa usizi lezinhlupheko ziligabhela.
- 28 Lapho-ke bazangibiza kodwa kangiyikusabela;
bazangidinga bangangitholi.
- 29 Ngoba babeluzonda ulwazi
kabaze bakhetha ukwesaba UTHIXO
- 30 ngoba kabavumanga iseluleko sami,
badelela ukukhuza kwami,
- 31 bazakudla izithelo zokuhamba kwabo
basuthiswe ngezithelo zamacebo abo.
- 32 Phela ubuhlongandlebe bezithutha buzazibulala,
lokungananzi kweziphukuphuku kuzazibhubhisa;
- 33 kodwa lowo ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile
ekhululekile,
engesabi lutho olungamlimaza.”

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Imivuzo Emihle Yokuhlakanipha

- 1 Ndodana yami, nxa usamukela amazwi ami
ugcine imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho,
- 2 uvule indlebe yakho izwe ukuhlakanipha
unikele inhliziyo yakho ukuthi izwisise,
- 3 njalo nxa ucela ukuqedisisa
ukhalela kakhulu ukuzwisisa,
- 4 futhi ukudingisisa njengokudinga isiliva
ukuphenye njengento eligugu efihliweyo,
- 5 lapho-ke uzakuzwisisa ukumesaba UTHIXO
njalo uluzuze ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu.
- 6 Ngoba UTHIXO uyapha ukuhlakanipha,
emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma ulwazi lokuqede-
disisa.
- 7 Abaqotho ubapha ukunqoba,
ulihawu lalabo abahamba bengasoleki,
- 8 ngoba uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo
avikele ukuhamba kwabathembekileyo
bakhe.
- 9 Yikho uzazwisisa lokho okulungileyo
lokuqondileyo lokufaneleyo
zonke izindlela ezinhle.
- 10 Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuzangena enhliziy-
weni yakho,
lolwazi lube mnandi emphefumulweni
wakho.
- 11 Ukwazi ukukhetha kuzakuvikela,
lokuzwisisa kuzakulinda.
- 12 Ukuhlakanipha kuzakusindisa ezindleleni za-
bantu ababi,

- abantu abamazwi abolileyo,
 13 abatshiya izindlela eziqondileyo,
 bahambe ngezindlela ezilamathunzi,
 14 abathokoza ngokwenza okubi
 bajabule ngokungcola kokubi,
 15 abandlela zabo zitshekile
 lokuhamba kwabo kakuqondakali.
- 16 Kuzakukhulula njalo koyisiphingikazi,
 lasemfazini olamazwi akhohlisayo,
 17 osetshiye indoda yakhe yobutsha bakhe
 wadela isifungo asenza phambi kukaNku-
 lunkulu.
- 18 Ngoba indlu yakhe iholela ekufeni
 lezindlela zakhe zidonsela kwabafileyo.
 19 Kakho ongena kuye obuyayo
 kumbe aphinde azuze izindlela zokuphila.
- 20 Ngakho uzahamba ezindleleni zabantu
 abalungileyo
 walele emikhondweni yabaqondileyo.
- 21 Ngoba abaqotho bazahlala elizweni,
 labangasolekiyo bazasala kulo;
 22 kodwa izigangi zizasuswa elizweni,
 labangathembekanga bazakhutshwa kulo.

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Eminye Njalo Imivuzo Emihle Yokuhlakanipha

- 1 Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa imfundiso yami,
 kodwa ugcine imilayo yami enhliziyweni
 yakho,

- ² ngoba izakwandisa impilo yakho okweminyaka
eminengi,
ikuphe ukuthula.
- ³ Akungasuki kuwe loba nini uthando lokuthem-
beka;
kubophele entanyeni yakho,
ukubhale egwalibeni lenhliziyo yakho.
- ⁴ Ngalokho uzathandeka uzuze ibizo elihle
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu laphambi kwa-
bantu.
- ⁵ Themba kuTHIXO ngenhliziyo yakho yonke,
ungathembi ekuzwisiseni kwakho;
- ⁶ mvume kuzozonke izindlela zakho,
yena uzaqondisa zonke izindlela zakho.
- ⁷ Ungazenzi ohlakaniphileyo ngokubona
kwakho;
yesaba uTHIXO uxwaye okubi.
- ⁸ Lokho kuzawuphilisa umzimba wakho
kuwaqinise lamathambo akho.
- ⁹ Dumisa uTHIXO ngenotho yakho;
ngezithelo zakho zokuqala zonke;
- ¹⁰ ngalokho iziphala zakho zizagcwala ziphu-
phume,
lezimbiza zakho zewayini zize zichitheke
ngewayini elitsha.
- ¹¹ Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kuKATHIXO
njalo ungacaphukeli ukukhuza kwakhe,
- ¹² ngoba uTHIXO ulaya labo abathandayo,

njengoyise elaya indodana yakhe ayithan-
dayo.

- 13 Ubusisiwe umuntu ozuza ukuhlakanipha,
umuntu ozuza ukuqedisisa,
14 ngoba khona kulenzuzo eyedlula isiliva
lenzuzo eyedlula igolide.
15 Kuligugu elidlula amarubhi;
kakukho okuloyisayo okungalinganiswa
lakho.
16 Impilo ende isesandleni sakho sokunene;
kwesokhohlo kulenotho lodumo.
17 Izindlela zakhe zilokuthokoza,
lemikhondo yakhe ilokuthula.
18 Kuyisihlahla sokuphila kulabo abakwamuke-
layo;
labo abakuphathayo bazabusiswa.
- 19 Ngokuhlakanipha UTHIXO wabeka izisekelo
zomhlaba,
ngokuqedisisa wamisa izulu endaweni yalo;
20 ngolwazi lwakhe inlwandle zehlukaniswa,
lamayezi athontisa amazolo.
- 21 Ndodana yami, gogosa ingqondo ehlela ngol-
wazi,
ungayekeli kukucatshela;
22 kuzakuba yikuphila kuwe,
kuba ngumceciso omuhle entanyeni yakho.
23 Lapho-ke uzahamba ngendlela evikelweyo
unyawo lwakho lungakhubeki;
24 nxa ulala kawuyikwesaba;
uzalala ubuthongo obumnandi.

- 25 Ungabi lovalo nxa ujunywa ngumonakalo
kumbe yikubhidlika lokho okwehlela ababi,
- 26 ngoba uTHIXO uzakuba lithemba lakho
avikele unyawo lwakho emjibileni.
- 27 Ungaze wala ukusiza labo abadinga uncedo,
wena ulakho ongabasiza ngakho.
- 28 Ungabokuthi kumakhelwane wakho:
“Ubobuya kwesinye isikhathi; ngizakunika
kusasa”
wena ulalo lololutho.
- 29 Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho,
ohlezi lawe ekwethemba.
- 30 Ungaxabani lomuntu kungelasizatho
yena engakonelanga ngalutho.
- 31 Ungamhawukeli umuntu othanda ukulwa
loba nje ufise lakuphi ukwenza kwakhe,
- 32 ngoba uTHIXO uyamenyanya umuntu oxh-
walileyo
kodwa oqotho umbeka ekhwapheni lakhe.
- 33 Isiqalekiso SIKATHIXO sehlela endlini yababi,
kodwa uyayibusisa indlu yabalungileyo.
- 34 Uyabahleka usulu abayizideleli ezizithembayo,
kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo.
- 35 Abahlakaniphileyo baphiwa udumo
kodwa abayiziwula ubathela ihlazo.

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Ukuhlakanipha Kuyinqaba

- 1 Zwanini, madodana ami, izeluleko zikayihlo;
lalelani lizuze ukuqedisisa.
- 2 Ngilipha izifundo ezipheleleyo;

- ngakho lingalahli imfundiso yami.
- ³ Ngathi ngisengumfana emzini kababa,
ngisebuthakathaka, ngiyimi ngedwa ingane
kamama,
- ⁴ wangifundisa ubaba wathi,
“Abambe amazwi ami ngenhliziyo yakho
yonke;
gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile.
- ⁵ Zuza ukuhlakanipha, zuza ukuqedisisa;
ungawakhohlwa amazwi ami, kumbe ugud-
luke kuwo.
- ⁶ Ungafulatheli ukuhlakanipha, kuzakuvikela;
kuthande, kuzakulinda.
- ⁷ Ukuhlakanipha kuyinqaba; ngakho zuza ukuh-
lakanipha.
Zuza ukuqedisisa loba kungathatha konke
olakho.
- ⁸ Kugogose, kuzakuphakamisa;
kugone, kuzakunika udumo.
- ⁹ Kuzakwethesa umqhele wamaluba omusa
ekhanda lakho
kukwethese umqhele wenkazimulo.”
- ¹⁰ Zwana mntanami, yamukela lokho engikut-
shoyo,
ukuze insuku zokuphila kwakho zibe zi-
nengi.
- ¹¹ Ngiyakukhokhela endleleni yokuhlakanipha,
ngikuqondise ezindleleni eziqondileyo.
- ¹² Nxa uhamba kawuyikuthikaza;
nxa ugijima kawuyikukhubeka.
- ¹³ Bambelela iziqondiso, ungayekethisi;
zigcine kuhle ngoba ziyikuphila kwakho.

- 14 Ungayingeni indlela yababi
njalo unгахambі endleleni yezigangi.
- 15 Ixwaye, unгахambі ngayo;
itshiye uqhubeke ngeyakho indlela.
- 16 Phela kabalali bengenzanga ukuganga;
badela ubuthongo ukuze baqale balimaze
omunye umuntu.
- 17 Badla isinkwa sobubi
banathe iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu.
- 18 Indlela yabalungileyo injengovivi lokusa,
kukhule ukukhanya kwalo kuze kuphelele
emini.
- 19 Kodwa indlela yababi ifana lomnyama
omkhulu;
kabazi ukuthi kuyini okubakhubayo.
- 20 Nnodana yami, zwana lokhu engikutshoyo;
lalelisisa amazwi ami.
- 21 Ungawasusi emehlweni akho,
agcine enhliziyweni yakho;
- 22 ngoba ayikuphila kulabo abawafumanayo;
lokuqina komzimba wonke womuntu.
- 23 Phezu kwakho konke, gcina inhliziyو yakho,
ngoba ingumthombo wokuphila kwakho.
- 24 Lahla izibozi zamazwi emlonyeni wakho;
ungakhuphi inkulumo yokuxhwala ezin-
debeni zakho.
- 25 Khangelisa amehlo akho nta phambili,
uwathi nhlo amehlo akho kulokho
okuphambі kwakho.
- 26 Lungisa izindlela ukuze inyawo zakho ziny-
athele kuhle,
uhambe ngezindlela eziqinileyo kuphela.

- 27 Ungaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo;
ugcine unyawo lwakho lunganyatheli okubi.

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Isixwayiso Kwabafebayo

- 1 Ndadana yami, nanzelela ukuhlakanipha kwami,
ulalele kuhle amazwi ami alombono,
2 ukuze uhlale ukwazi ukukhetha okuqondileyo lokuze izindebe zakho zigcine ulwazi.
3 Phela izindebe zesifebekazi zithonta uluju, lenkulumo yaso iyatshela kulamafutha;
4 kodwa ekucineni iyababa ingathi yinyongo, ibukhali njengenkemba esika nxa zombili.
5 Inyawo zaso zehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zaso ziqonda nta elibeni.
6 Kasikhathali ukuthi kuphilwa njani; izindlela zaso ziyazombeleza, kodwa kasikuboni lokho.
7 Ngalokho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani; lingaphambuki kulokho engikukhulumayo.
8 Hambani ngendlela ekhatshana kwaso, lingasondeli emnyango wendlu yaso,
9 funa unikele kwabanye amandla akho wonke lobudala bakho kulowo olesihluku,
10 funa abemzini bazitike ngenotho yakho lokusebenza kwakho kunothise umuzi wenye indoda.
11 Ekupheleni kokuphila kwakho uzabubula, lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekugugile.

- 12 Uzakuthi, “Uthi ngangikuzonda yini ukulaywa!
Inhliziyo yami yayikuzonda njani
ukuqondiswa!
- 13 Ngangingafuni ukulalela abafundisi bami
kumbe ukulalela abeluleki bami.
- 14 Ngacina sengisenkingeni enkulu
ngiphakathi kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu.”
- 15 Natha amanzi kowakho umgqomo,
amanzi agelezayo kowakho umthombo.
- 16 Kambe imifudlana yakho ingayekelwa
igelezela emigwaqweni,
lezifula zakho zamanzi
zigelezele ezinkundleni zabantu na?
- 17 Kazibe ngezakho wena wedwa,
ungazabelani labafokazana nje.
- 18 Sengathi ungabusiwa umthombo wakho
njalo sengathi ungathokoza ngomfazi
wobutsha bakho.
- 19 Oyimpalakazi ethandekayo, imbabala ebut-
shelezi
amabele akhe sengathi angakusuthisa
lanini, nini lanini
ukhangwe luthando lwakhe.
- 20 Kungani ndodana yami,
uthunjwa yisifebekazi?
Kungani ugona iqolo lomfazi wenye indoda?
- 21 Phela izindlela zomuntu zisobala kuTHIXO,
uyazihlola zonke izindlela zakhe.
- 22 Izenzo ezimbi zomuntu omubi ziyamthiya;
izibopho zesono sakhe zimuthe nko.
- 23 Uzabhubha ngoba engalayeki,

elahlekiswa yibuphukuphuku bakhe.

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Izixwayiso Ngobuwula

- 1 Ndodana yami, nxa wenzele umakhelwane wakho isibambiso,
nxa libambene izandla ukuba uzamhlawulela imilandu yakhe,
- 2 aluba usuzihilele ngalokho okutshiloyo,
wazibambisa ngamazwi omlomo wakho,
- 3 lapho-ke yenza lokhu, ndodana yami,
ukuzikhulula,
njengoba usuwele ezandleni zakhe
umakhelwane wakho:
Hamba ufike uzehlise;
mncengcenge umakhelwane wakho!
- 4 Ungabuvumeli ubuthongo emehlweni akho,
ungavumeli ukuwozela enkopheni zakho.
- 5 Zikhulule njengempala ezandleni zomzingeli,
njengenyonni esifini somthiyi.
- 6 Khangela ubunyonyo, wena vila;
hlolisisa ukwenza kwabo uhlakaniphe!
- 7 Kabulamphathi,
kabula mkhangeli loba umbusi,
- 8 kodwa buyaqoqa umphako wabo ehlobo
bubuthe ukudla kwabo nxa kuvunwa.
- 9 Uzalala khonapho kuze kube nini, vila ndini?
Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho?
- 10 Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane,
ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula,
- 11 ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela

lokuswela njengesigebenga.

- 12 Isigangi lesixhwali
 esihamba sikhuluma amanyala,
 13 esiqhweba ngelihlo
 sitshengise ngezinyawo zaso
 njalo sitshengise ngeminwe yaso,
 14 esiceba ububi ngenkohliso enhliziyweni
 yaso
 sithanda ukuvusa inkani kokuphela.
- 15 Ngakho lowo uzawelwa yingozi ngokuphaz-
 ima;
 uzabhidlizwa ngokuphangisa
 kungasekho okungenziwa.
- 16 Ziyisithupha izinto uTHIXO azizondayo,
 eziyisikhombisa eziyisinengiso kuye:
 17 amehlo atshengisa ukudelela,
 ulimi oluqamba amanga,
 izandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala,
 18 inhliziyu egaya izibozi,
 inyawo eziphangisa ukuya ebubini,
 19 umfakazi wamanga, okhuluma
 inkohliso
 lomuntu oletha ukuxabana kubazalwane.
- Isixwayiso Ngokuphinga*
- 20 Nnodana yami, gcina imilayo kayihlo
 ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko.
- 21 Kubophele enhliziyweni yakho nini lanini;
 kugqize entanyeni yakho.
- 22 Nxa uhamba, lezizinto zizakukhokhela;
 lanxa ulele zizakulinda;
 uthi uvuka zikukhulumise.

- 23 Ngoba imilayo le iyisibane,
imfundiso le iyikukhanya,
leziqondiso zokuzithiba ziyindlela
yokuphila,
- 24 zikuvikela kowesifazane ongaziphathanga,
laselimini olumnandi lomfazi ongelambeko.
- 25 Ungasuki umfise ngenhliziyo yakho ngenxa
yobuhle bakhe
kumbe akuhuge ngamehlo akhe.
- 26 Ngoba isifebe siyakululazisa ufane lesinkwa,
kodwa umfazi womuntu uyayibhidliza
impilo yakho uqobo.
- 27 Kambe umuntu angokhela umlilo emath-
angazini akhe na
zingaze zatsha izigqoko zakhe?
- 28 Kambe umuntu angahamba phezu kwa-
malahle
inyawo zakhe zingaze zatsha na?
- 29 Kunjalo kulowo olala lomfazi wenye indoda;
kakho omthintayo ongayikujeziswa.
- 30 Abantu kabalithuki isela
nxa lintshontsha ngoba lifuqwa liphango.
- 31 Kodwa lingabanjwa lihlawuliswa kasikhom-
bisa,
lanxa inhlawulo ilithathela yonke impahla
yendlu yalo.
- 32 Kodwa indoda efebayo kayilangqondo;
lowo okwenzayo lokho uyazibulala yena
ngokwakhe.
- 33 Izidutshulo lehlazo kuyisabelo sakhe,

ukuyangeka kwakhe kakusoze kwafa
kwaphela.

- ³⁴ Ngoba ubukhwele bendoda yalowomfazi buy-
iqubula ulaka,
ingabe isaba lozwelo lapho isiphindisela.
- ³⁵ Kayizukuvuma inhlawulo;
kayiyikwamukela isivalamlomo loba sin-
gakanani.

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Isixwayiso Emfazini Oyisifebe

- ¹ Ndodana yami, agcine amazwi ami
ulondoloze imilayo yami ngaphakathi
kwakho.
- ² Gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile;
ulinde imfundiso yami njengegugu lakho
elikhulu.
- ³ Ibophele eminweni yakho;
uyilobe enhliziyweni yakho.
- ⁴ Tshela ukuhlakanipha uthi, “Ungudadewethu
wena,”
uthi ukuqedisisa kuyisihlobo sakho;
- ⁵ lezizinto zizakuvikela emfazini oyisifebe,
lakumkakho ongelambeko ngamazwi akhe
adukisayo.
- ⁶ Ngema ewindini lendlu yami
ngalunguza ngesikhala.
- ⁷ Ngabona phakathi kwabayizithutha,
ngananzelela phakathi kwamajaha
ngabona ijaha elingelangqondo.
- ⁸ Lalisehla ngomgwaqo liseduze lejiko,

- liqonda endlini yowesifazane
⁹ ntambama sekunqunda amehlo,
 umnyama wobusuku usujiya.
- ¹⁰ Khonokho nje kwaqhamuka owesifazane elih-
 langabeza
 egqoke okwesifebe ngoba eqophile.
- ¹¹ (Umfazi lowo, ngumuntu womsindo uy-
 isiqholo,
 inyawo zakhe kazihlali phansi;
- ¹² khatesi nangu emgwaqweni, njalo nangu
 enkundleni,
 utshobatshoba izindawana zonke.)
- ¹³ Wafika waligona lelijaha walanga
 wakhuluma engelanhloni wathi:
- ¹⁴ “Ngenzile umnikelo wobudlelwano ngekhaya;
 lamuhla ngizigcwalisile izifungo zami.
- ¹⁵ Yikho ngilapha ukukuhlangabeza;
 sengikudinge ngaze ngakuthola!
- ¹⁶ Sengiwendlele umbheda wami
 ngamalineni eGibhithe awemibalabala.
- ¹⁷ Sengiwuqholile umbheda wami ngemure,
 ngenhlaba langesinamoni.
- ¹⁸ Woza sizitike ngothando kuze kuse;
 kasizijabulise ngothando!
- ¹⁹ Indoda yami kayikho ekhaya;
 ihambile iye khatshana.
- ²⁰ Ithwele isikhwama sayo sigcwele imali,
 ngakho kayibuyi kuze kube phakathi
 kwenyanga.”

- 21 Ngamazwi akhe amnandi waledukisa ijaha lelo;
walihuga ijaha lelo ngolimi olumnandi.
- 22 Khonokho nje lahle lamlandela
njengenkabi idonselwa ukuyabulawa,
njengomziki uzingenisa emjibileni,
23 umtshoko uze uyehlaba isibindi,
njengenyoni ithothela ngaphansi kwesifu,
ingaboni ukuthi isizingenise ekufeni.
- 24 Ngakho-ke madodana ami, ngilalelani;
zwanini lokhu engikutshoyo.
- 25 Lingayivumeli inhliziyo ikhangwe yizindlela zakhe,
langabe iphumputhekele emikhubeni yakhe.
- 26 Banengi labo asebadilizile;
izinkubela zakhe zilucaca olwesabekayo.
- 27 Indlu yakhe ingumgudu oya engcwabeni,
iholela phansi ezindongeni zokufa.

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Ubizo Lokuhlakanipha

- 1 Ukuhlakanipha kakumemezi yini?
Ukuqedisisa kakuphakamisi ilizwi lakho na?
- 2 Emiqolweni yezindlela,
emahlanganweni ezindlela kulapho oku-
jame khona;
- 3 emasangweni angena phakathi kwedolobho,
ezintubeni kuyamemeza kakhulu kusithi:
- 4 “Ngimemeza lina, madoda;
ilizwi lami libiza bonke abantu.
- 5 Lina eliyizithutha, zuzani ukuqonda;

- lina ziphukuphuku, zuzani ukuqedisisa.
- ⁶ Lalelani ngoba ngilitshela izinto eziqakatheki-
leyo;
ngivula izindebe zami ngikhuluma
okuqondileyo.
- ⁷ Umlomo wami ukhuluma okuliqiniso,
ngoba izindebe zami ziyabenyanya ububi.
- ⁸ Wonke amazwi omlomo wami aqondile;
kalikho lelilodwa elitshekileyo loba elingco-
lileyo.
- ⁹ Kulowo ozwisisayo wonke alungile;
akulankohliso kulabo abalolwazi.
- ¹⁰ Khetha iseluleko sami kulesiliva,
ulwazi kulegolide elikhethiweyo,
- ¹¹ ngoba ukhulkanipha kuligugu okudlula
amarubhi,
njalo akulanto ongayifisa ezifisweni zakho
okulingana lakho.
- ¹² Mina, kuhlakanipha, ngihlala ndawonye
lokuqondisisa;
ngilolwazi lokukhetha kuhle.
- ¹³ Ukwesaba uTHIXO yikuzonda ububi;
ngiyakuzonda ukuzazisa lobuqholo,
ukuziphatha kubi lenkulumo ebolileyo.
- ¹⁴ Ukweluleka lokwahlulela okuhle kungok-
wami;
ngilokuzwisisa lamandla.
- ¹⁵ Amakhosi abusa ngenxa yami
lababusi balakho ukutshaya imithetho
elungileyo;
- ¹⁶ amakhosana abusa ngami,
lazononke izikhulu ezibusa emhlabeni.

- 17 Ngiyabathanda labo abangithandayo,
labo abangidingayo bayangithola.
- 18 Kimi kukhona inotho lodumo,
inotho engapheliyo lokuphumelela.
- 19 Izithelo zami zingcono kulegolide elicengi-
weyo;
okuphuma kimi kwedlula isiliva sekhethelo.
- 20 Ngihamba ngendlela yokulunga,
ngilandela umkhondo wokuqonda,
- 21 ngiyabela inotho kulabo abangithandayo
ngigcwalise iziphala zabo.
- 22 UTHIXO wangenza ngaba khona
ngaqaqala konke okukhona,
kuqala kokwenza ezinye izinto;
- 23 ngaba khona ekudabukeni kwezinto,
kwasekuqaleni, umhlaba ungakabi khona.
- 24 Kungakabi lezilwandle, ngasengizelwe,
kungakabi khona izihotsha ezigcwele
amanzi;
- 25 izintaba zingakamiswa ensikeni zazo,
engakabi khona amaqafa, ngasengizelwe,
- 26 UTHIXO engakawenzi umhlaba lamaganga,
loba lonke uthuli lomhlaba.
- 27 Ngangikhona UTHIXO ehlela kuhle izulu,
ephawula kuhle imingcele yomkhathi lol-
wandle,
- 28 esenza amayezi emkhathini
wazizinzisa inziki zolwandle,
- 29 ebeka imingcele yolwandle
ukuze amanzi angedluli izimiso zakhe,
ngesikhathi lapho emisa izisekelo zomhlaba.

- 30 Ngalesosikhathi ngangingumbumbi ece-
leni kwakhe.
Ngangilenjabulo enkulu insuku ngensuku,
ngithokoza ukuba laye kokuphela,
31 ngithokoza ngomhlaba wakhe wonke
ngijabuliswa yibukhona babantu.
- 32 Ngakho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani;
babusisekile labo abalondoloza izindlela
zami.
- 33 Lalelani imfundiso yami ukuze lihlakaniphe;
lingaqali ukuyidela.
- 34 Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongilalelayo,
olinda imihla yonke eminyango yami,
elindile entubeni yami.
- 35 Ngoba lowo ongifumanayo uzuza ukuphila
emukeliswe ukuthandwa NGUTHIXO.
- 36 Kodwa lowo owehlulekayo ukungifumana
uyazilimaza;
bonke abangizodayo bathanda ukufa.”

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Ukunxusa Kwenhlakanipho Lokobuwula

- 1 Ukuhlakanipha sekuzakhele indlu yakho,
imisiwe ngezinsika eziyisikhombisa.
- 2 Isiphekiwe inyama yakho kwalungiswa
lewayini;
konke sekudekiwe etafuleni.
- 3 Usewathumile amantombazana,
uyanxusa emi ezindaweni eziphakemeyo
zedolobho.
- 4 “Akuthi bonke abayizithutha beze lapha!”
Esitsho kulabo abangaqedisisiyo.

- 5 “Wozani lidle ukudla kwami
linathe iwayini esengilungisile.
- 6 Lahlani izindlela zenu zobuthutha lizaphila;
hambani ngendlela yokuzwisisa.”
- 7 Lowo oweluleka oklolodayo ubiza inhlamba;
okhuza umuntu oxhwalileyo ucina
ethethiswa.
- 8 Ungakhuzi isiqholo ngoba sizakuzonda;
khuza ohlakaniphileyo uzakuthanda.
- 9 Yeluleka umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
uzakwandisa ukuhlakanipha kwakhe;
fundisa umuntu olungileyo, uzakwengeza
ulwazi lwakhe.
- 10 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyikuqala kwenhlaka-
niphu,
njalo ulwazi ngaLowo oNgcwele luyikuqedi-
sisa.
- 11 Ngoba ngami zizakuba zinengi insuku zakho,
kwandiswe iminyaka yokuphila kwakho.
- 12 Nxa uhlakaniphile, ukuhlakanipha kwakho
kuzakusiza;
aluba uyisiqholo, uzahlupheka wedwa.
- 13 Umfazi othiwa nguBuwula ulomsindo;
kagobeki njalo kazi lutho.
- 14 Uthanda ukuhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe,
esihlalweni endaweni esesiqongweni
sedolobho,
- 15 abe ehuga labo abedlulayo,
abahamba beqonde lapho abaya khona.
16 “Abeze lapha bonke abayizithutha!”

Esitsho kulabo abangacabangiyo.

¹⁷ “Ulutho lokuntshontshwa lumnandi;
ukudla okudlelwa ensitha kuyahlabusa!”

¹⁸ Kodwa kabazi ukuthi kuyafiwa, kuleyondawo,
ukuthi izethekeli zalowomfazi sezaphela
ekujuleni kwengcwaba.

Izaga ZikaSolomoni

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¹ Izaga zikaSolomoni:

Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iletha ukuthokoza
kuyise,
kodwa indoda eyisiwula iletha ukudabuka
kunina.

² Inotho ezuzwe ngobuqili kayisizi lutho,
kodwa ukulunga kukhulula ekufeni.

³ UTHIXO kayekeli abalungileyo belambile
kodwa uyavimbela izinkanuko zezixhwali.

⁴ Izandla ezivilaphayo ziletha ubuyanga,
kodwa izandla ezikhutheleyo ziletha inotho.

⁵ Lowo obutha amabele ngesikhathi sawo yindo-
dana ehlakaniphileyo,
kodwa olalayo ngesikhathi sokuvuna yindo-
dana ehlazisayo.

⁶ Izibusiso zingumqhele womuntu olungileyo.
Kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu bugcwele em-
lonyeni womubi.

- ⁷ Umkhumbulo ngomuntu olungileyo ubusisekile
kodwa ibizo lesigangi lizabola.
- ⁸ Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni bayalalela
izeluleko,
kodwa isiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo
siyadilika.
- ⁹ Umuntu oqotho uhamba engelakwesaba,
kodwa ohamba ngezindlela ezigobileyo
uzadaluleka.
- ¹⁰ Lowo oqwayiza ngomona uletha usizi,
lesiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo siyadi-
lika.
- ¹¹ Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ungumthombo
wokuphila,
kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu bugcwele em-
lonyeni womubi.
- ¹² Inzondo idunga ingxabano,
kodwa uthando lusibekela bonke ububi.
- ¹³ Ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa ezindebeni za-
lowo oqedisisayo;
kodwa uswazi lwehla emhlane walowo
ongezwayo.
- ¹⁴ Abantu abahlakaniphileyo bayaluqoqa ulwazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula ugwegwa ukub-
hidlika.
- ¹⁵ Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo;

kodwa ubuyanga buyikudilika kwabampofu.

- 16 Inzuzo yabalungileyo iyabaphilisa,
kodwa umholo wababi ubalethela uku-
jeziswa.
- 17 Lowo olalela ukuqondiswa utshengisa indlela
yokuphila,
kodwa lowo oyala ukwelulekwa wedukisa
abanye.
- 18 Lowo ofihla inzondo yakhe ulendebe ezila-
manga,
kuthi lowo onyeyayo yisiwula.
- 19 Lapho okwande khona amazwi, isono ka-
sisweleki,
kodwa lowo ogcina ulimi lwakhe uhlaka-
niphile.
- 20 Ulimi lomuntu olungileyo luyisiliva esikhethi-
weyo,
kodwa inhliziyo yesigangi kayisilutho.
- 21 Izindebe zolungileyo ziphilisa abanengi;
kodwa iziwula ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo.
- 22 Isibusiso SIKATHIXO siletha inotho,
leyonotho ingabi lahlupho.
- 23 Isiwula siyajabula ezenzweni zobubi,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthokoza
ngokuhlakanipha.

- 24 Lokho akwesabayo omubi kuzamfumana;
kodwa lokho akuloyisayo olungileyo uza-
kuphiwa.
- 25 Nxa isiphepho sesikhukhule sedlula,
ababi sebedlule, kodwa abalungileyo bagx-
ilile lanini.
- 26 Njengeviniga emlonyeni, lentuthu emehlweni,
unjalo olesidensi kulabo abamthumayo.
- 27 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyengeza ubude bempilo,
kodwa iminyaka yababi iyafinyezwa.
- 28 Ikusasa yabalungileyo iyikuthokoza,
kodwa amathemba ababi aphelela ezeni.
- 29 Indlela KATHIXO yisiphephelo sabalungileyo,
kodwa iyikubhidlika kwalabo abenza okubi.
- 30 Abalungileyo kabasiphuleki,
kodwa ababi kabayikusala elizweni.
- 31 Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ukhupha
inhlakanipho,
kodwa ulimi oluxhwalileyo luzaqunywa.
- 32 Izindebe zabalungileyo ziyakwazi okufane-
leyo,
kodwa umlomo wezigangi ukhupha izibozi.

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- 1 UTHIXO uyazenyanya izilinganiso
zokudlelezela,
kodwa uthokoza ngezilinganiso eziqondi-
leyo.
- 2 Nxa kungena ukuzigqaja kungena lokweyisa,
kodwa ukuzithoba kuhamba lenhlakanipho.
- 3 Ubuqotho kwabaqondileyo buyabakhokhela,
kodwa abangathembekanga
babulawa yibumenemene babo.
- 4 Inotho kayisizi lutho ngosuku lweziphithiphithi
kodwa ukulunga kuyaphephisa ekufeni.
- 5 Ukulunga kwabangelacala kuqondisa indlela
yabo,
kodwa ababi bawiswa yibubi babo.
- 6 Ukulunga kwabaqondileyo kuyabakhulula,
kodwa abangathembekanga
bagwenxwa yizinkanuko zabo ezimbi.
- 7 Umuntu omubi angafa ithemba lakhe liyaphela;
konke abesithi uzakuzuza ngamandla akhe
kuphelela ezeni.
- 8 Umuntu olungileyo uyakhululwa enkat-
hazweni,
kusuke kuyewela komubi.

- 9 Ngomlomo wakhe umuntu ongakholwayo
uyamchitha umakhelwane,
kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayaphepha.
- 10 Nxa kuphumelela abalungileyo umuzi uy-
athokoza;
nxa kusifa omubi kuba lokujabula.
- 11 Ngokubusiswa ngabalungileyo omubi ubalo-
dumo,
kodwa ngomlomo wezigangi uyachitheka.
- 12 Umuntu ongelangqondo weyisa umakhelwane
wakhe,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthiba ulimi
lwakhe.
- 13 Onyeyayo wehluleka ukuvala isifuba sakhe,
kodwa othembekileyo uyayigcina imfihlo.
- 14 Isizwe esingelabukhokheli obuqondileyo siya-
chitheka,
kodwa ngobunengi babeluleki siyanqoba.
- 15 Lowo okhuphela omunye umuntu isibambiso
uzahlupheka,
kodwa owalayo ukupha isibambiso
uvikelekile.
- 16 Umfazi olomusa uyahlonitshwa,
kodwa amadoda alesihluku azuza inotho
kuphela.
- 17 Umuntu olomusa uyazisiza,

kodwa umuntu ololunya uyazilimaza.

- 18 Umuntu omubi uhola umvuzo wobuqili,
kodwa lowo ohlanyela ukulunga uvuna
umvuzo omuhle.
- 19 Lowo omiyo ekulungeni uzuza ukuphila,
kodwa oxotshana lobubi uya ekufeni.
- 20 UTHIXO uyabazonda abantu abalenzliziyo
embi,
kodwa uyathokoza ngalabo abandlela zabo
zilungile.
- 21 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ababi bazajeziswa
kodwa abalungileyo bazahlala bekhululek-
ile.
- 22 Njengesongo legolide lifakwe emakhaleni en-
gulube,
unjalo umfazi omuhle kodwa ongelambeko.
- 23 Izifiso zabalungileyo zizuza okuhle
kodwa ithemba lababi liphelela osizini.
- 24 Ophayo ngesihle uyazuza okunengi ku-
lakuqala,
lowo ogodlayo ungenelwa yibuyanga.
- 25 Lowo ophayo uzaphumelela;
owonga abanye laye uzakongiwa.
- 26 Abantu bayamqalekisa lowo ogodla amabele,

kodwa izibusiso zingumqhele walowo ovuma ukuwathengisa.

- ²⁷ Lowo odinga ukulunga uzuza umusa, kodwa okubi kwehlela lowo okudingayo.
- ²⁸ Othembele enothweni yakhe uzakuwa; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila njengehlamvu eliluhlaza.
- ²⁹ Olethela abendlu yakhe uhlupho ilifa lakhe yize, lesihawu sizakuba yinceku yohlakaniphileyo.
- ³⁰ Izithelo zolungileyo ziyisihlahla sokuphila, njalo lowo ozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile.
- ³¹ Nxa abalungileyo bezuza ukujeziswa emhlabeni pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo labayizoni!

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- ¹ Othanda ukuqondiswa uthanda ulwazi, kodwa ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha.
- ² Umuntu olungileyo uthola umusa kUTHIXO, kodwa UTHIXO uyamlahla owakha amacebo amabi.
- ³ Umuntu angazake amiswe yibubi,

kodwa olungileyo angeke aquphuke.

- ⁴ Umfazi olesimilo ungumqhele womkakhe,
kodwa umfazi oyangisayo unjengokubola
kwamathambo akhe.
- ⁵ Izimiso zabalungileyo ziqondile,
kodwa izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso.
- ⁶ Amazwi ababi alindele ukuchitha igazi,
kodwa inkulumo yabalungileyo iyabakhul-
ula.
- ⁷ Abantu ababi bayachithwa bangabe besaba
khona,
kodwa indlu yolungileyo imi izinzile.
- ⁸ Umuntu udunyiswa ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe,
kodwa abantu abalengqondo ezimbi bayey-
iswa.
- ⁹ Kungcono ukungabi ngubani kodwa ule-
sisebenzi,
kulokuzitshaya ulutho kodwa uswela
lokudla.
- ¹⁰ Umuntu olungileyo uyayinanzelela imfuyo
yakhe
kodwa okuhle komuntu omubi yilunya.
- ¹¹ Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uza-
thola ukudla okunengi,
kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize
akalangqondo.

- 12 Ababi bahawukela impango yezigangi,
kodwa impande yabalungileyo imi iqinile.
- 13 Umuntu omubi uthiyeka ngenkulumo yakhe
yesono,
kodwa umuntu olungileyo uyaphepha
enkathazweni.
- 14 Umuntu uzuzwa okuhle ngamazwi omlomo
wakhe,
umsebenzi wezandla zakhe umnika inzuzo.
- 15 Indlela yesiwula ikhanya iqondile kuso,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyalalela
izeluleko.
- 16 Isiwula siyaphangisa ukuthukuthela,
kodwa umuntu olengqondo kananzi loba
ethukwa.
- 17 Umfakazi oleginiso upha ubufakazi obuqondi-
leyo,
kodwa umfakazi ongathembekanga ukhu-
luma amanga.
- 18 Amazwi okubhuda agwaza njengenkemba,
kodwa ulimi lohlakaniphileyo luyelapha.
- 19 Izindebe zeqiniso zimi lanini,
kodwa ulimi olulamanga luma umzuzwana
nje.
- 20 Inhliziyo zabaceba ububi zigcwele inkohliso,
kodwa kulokuthokoza kwabaletha ukuthula.

- 21 Akukho ngozi ewela abalungileyo,
kodwa izigangi zikhulelwa zinhlupho.
- 22 UTHIXO uyazenyanya izindlela ezilamanga,
kodwa uyathokoza ngabantu abaleqiniso.
- 23 Umuntu olengqondo kazitshengiseli ulwazi
lwakhe,
kodwa iziwula ziyabutshengisela ubuthutha
bazo.
- 24 Izandla ezikhutheleyo zizaleta inhlalakahle,
kodwa ubuvila budonsela ekugqilazweni.
- 25 Inhliziyo ekhathazekileyo iyamcakisa umuntu,
kodwa ilizwi elilomusa liyamthokozisa.
- 26 Umuntu olungileyo ukhetha abangane ngo-
nanzelelo,
kodwa indlela yababi iyabaphumputhekisa.
- 27 Umzingeli olivila kazuzi nyama yokosa,
kodwa umuntu okhutheleyo uyazibula
ngenotho yakhe.
- 28 Endleleni yokulunga kulokuphila,
kuleyondlela kulokuphila okungapheliyo.

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- 1 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iyemukela izeluleko
zikayise,

kodwa ihlongandlebe kalilaleli nxa
likhuzwa.

- 2 Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo
wakhe,
kodwa ababi batshisekela udlakela.
- 3 Lowo olinda izindebe zakhe ulinda impilo
yakhe,
kodwa lowo osuka abhede nje uyazibulala.
- 4 Ivila liyafisa kodwa lingazuzi lutho,
kodwa izifiso zokhuthuleyo ziyagcwaliseka.
- 5 Abalungileyo bayakuzonda okungamanga,
kodwa izigangi ziletha ihlazo lesigcono.
- 6 Ukulunga kuyamlinda umuntu oqotho,
kodwa ububi buyamchitha oyisoni.
- 7 Umuntu angazenza onothileyo, yena engela-
lutho,
omunye azitshaye umyanga, kanti elenotho
enengi.
- 8 Inotho yomuntu ingahlenga impilo yakhe,
kodwa umyanga uvele kasongelwa muntu.
- 9 Isibane sabalungileyo sikhanya sithi kla!
Kodwa isibane sezigangi siyafiphala ngen-
tuthu.
- 10 Ukuziqakisa kukhokhelela engxabanweni,

kodwa ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa kwabemukela ukwelulekwa.

- 11 Imali ezuzwe ngobuqili iyanyamalala,
kodwa lowo oyizuzwa ngokuqogelela uyayandisa.
- 12 Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo,
kodwa isifiso esigcwalisiweyo siyisihlahla sokuphila.
- 13 Lowo oweyisa izeluleko uzibizela ingozi,
kodwa othobela umlayo uzaphiwa umvuzo.
- 14 Imfundiso yabahlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wokuphila,
iphephisa umuntu emijibileni yokufa.
- 15 Ukuzwisisa okuhle kuletha ukuthandeka,
kodwa indlela yabakhohlisayo inzima.
- 16 Wonke umuntu ohlakaniphileyo wenza konke ngolwazi,
kodwa isiwula sitshengisa ubuthutha baso.
- 17 Isithunywa esibi siwela phakathi kohlupho,
kodwa isithunywa esithembekileyo siletha ukusila.
- 18 Ongananzi ukuqondiswa wehlelwa yibuyanga lehlazo,
kodwa onanza ukukhuzwa uyadunyiswa.

- 19 Simnandi emphefumulweni isifiso
singagcwaliseka,
kodwa iziwula kazifuni ukutshiya ububi.
- 20 Ohamba lezihlakaniphi uyahlakanipha,
kodwa othandana leziwula uwela engozini.
- 21 Umnyama ulandelana loyisoni,
kodwa impumelelo ingumvuzo wabalungi-
leyo.
- 22 Umuntu olungileyo utshiyela izizukulwane
sakhe ilifa,
kodwa inotho yesoni ibekelwa abalungileyo.
- 23 Insimu yomyanga ingathela ukudla okunengi,
kodwa umona wabalamandla
uyayikhukhula.
- 24 Lowo ongasebenzisi uswazi uyayizonda indo-
dana yakhe,
kodwa lowo oyithandayo unqinekela ukuy-
iqondisa.
- 25 Olungileyo uyadla asuthe ntintinini,
kodwa isisu somubi sihlala silambile.

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- 1 Umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uyakha indlu yakhe,
kodwa lowo oyisiwula uyayibhidliza
ngezandla zakhe.

- ² Lowo ohamba ngobuqotho uyamesaba UTHIXO,
kodwa lowo ondlela zakhe zigobile uyamey-
isa.
- ³ Inkulumo yesiwula isikhothisa ngoswazi emh-
lane,
kodwa indebe zalowo ohlakaniphileyo
ziyamvikela.
- ⁴ Lapho okungelankabi khona isibaya siyize,
kodwa amandla enkabi aletha isivuno
esinengi.
- ⁵ Umfakazi oleginiso kakhohlisi,
kodwa umfakazi ongelaqiniso uhutsha
amanga.
- ⁶ Oweyisayo uyakudinga ukuhlakanipha kodwa
kakutholi,
kodwa ulwazi luyazizela koqondisisayo.
- ⁷ Suka emuntwini oyisiwula,
ngoba awuyikuthola ulwazi ezindebeni za-
khe.
- ⁸ Ukuhlakanipha kwabaqondayo yikuthi bayaca-
banga ngalokho abakwenzayo,
kodwa ubuthutha beziwula buyinkohliso.
- ⁹ Iziwula zikwenza ubuthutha ukuphenduka
ezonweni,
kodwa abaqotho bafisa ukwenza uxolo.

- 10 Inhliziyo leyo laleyo iyakwazi ukudabuka kwayo,
njalo kakho ongakwazi ukuthokoza kwayo.
- 11 Indlu yomubi izadilizwa,
kodwa ithente loqotho lizaphumelela.
- 12 Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini,
kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa.
- 13 Ukuhleba kungabe kufihle ubuhlungu benhliziyo,
lokuthokoza kucine sekulusizi.
- 14 Abangelakho bazavuzwa ngokubafaneleyo,
lomuntu olungileyo laye avuzwe ngokwakhe.
- 15 Umuntu oyisithutha ukholwa loba yini,
kodwa olengqondo uyakucabangisisa konke akwenzayo.
- 16 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyamesaba UTHIXO,
axwaye okubi,
kodwa isiwula siliphikankani kodwa sizizwa sivikelekile.
- 17 Umuntu olicaphucaphu wenza izinto zobuthutha,
lomuntu oliqili uyazondwa.
- 18 Abangazi lutho ilifa labo yibuwula,

kodwa abalengqondo betheswa umqhele wolwazi.

- 19 Abantu ababi bazilahla phansi phambi kwa-balungileyo, lezixhwali ziguqa emasangweni abalungileyo.
- 20 Abayanga bahlanyukelwa langabomakhelwane babo, kodwa izinothi zilabangane abanengi.
- 21 Lowo oweyisa umakhelwane wenza isono, kodwa ubusisiwe olomusa kwabaswelayo.
- 22 Kabalahleki yini abaceba ububi? Kodwa abamisa ukwenza okuhle bafumana uthando lokuthembeka.
- 23 Ukusebenza nzima konke kuletha inzuzo, kodwa ukuqina ngomlomo kutholela ubuyanga.
- 24 Inotho yabahlakaniphileyo ingumqhele wabo, kodwa ubuphukuphuku beziwula buzala ubuthutha.
- 25 Umfakazi oleginiso uyabakhulula abantu, kodwa umfakazi wamanga uyakhohlisa.
- 26 Lowo owesaba UTHIXO ulenqaba eqinileyo, uzakuba yisiphephelo senzalo yakhe.

- 27 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kungumthombo
wokuphila,
kuvikela umuntu emijibileni yokufa.
- 28 Ubunengi babantu elizweni kuludumo
enkosini,
kodwa nxa kungelabantu umbusi kasilutho.
- 29 Umuntu obekezelayo uyazwisisa kakhulu,
kodwa ophanga ukuthukuthela uveza
ubuthutha.
- 30 Inggondo elokuthula iletha ukuphila emzim-
beni,
kodwa umhawu ubolisa amathambo.
- 31 Lowo oncindezela abayanga weyisa uMenzi
wabo,
kodwa olomusa kwabaswelayo udumisa uN-
kulunkulu.
- 32 Nxa kufika ubunzima ababi bayadilika,
kodwa abalungileyo balesiphephelo
lasekufeni.
- 33 Ukuhlakanipha kuzinzile enhliziyweni
yabaqedisisayo,
kuyaziveza kanye lakwabayiziwula.
- 34 Ukulunga kuyasiphakamisa isizwe,
kodwa isono silihlaho lakubaphi abantu.
- 35 Inkosi iyathokoza ngenceku ehlananiphileyo,
kodwa inceku ehlazisisayo iyayithukuthelisa.

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- 1 Impendulo ethobekileyo iyaludedisa ulaka,
kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa ulaka.
- 2 Ulimi lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo lukhulisa ul-
wazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula uphihluka ubu-
phukuphuku.
- 3 Amehlo KATHIXO asezindaweni zonke,
alinde ababi labalungileyo.
- 4 Ulimi oluletha ukuphola luyisihlahla sokuphila,
kodwa ulimi olukhohlisayo luyawephula
umoya.
- 5 Isiwula siyakulahla ukulaya kukayise,
kodwa owemukela ukuqondiswa uveza
ukuhlakanipha.
- 6 Indlu yolungileyo igcwele inotho,
kodwa inzuzo yababi ibehlisela uhlupho.
- 7 Izindlela zabahlakaniphileyo ziyalwandisa ul-
wazi,
kodwa kazenzi njalo inhliziyo zeziwula.
- 8 UTHIXO uyawenyanya umhlatshelo wababi,
kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho
uyamthokozisa.
- 9 UTHIXO uyayenyanya indlela yababi,
kodwa uyabathanda labo abalandela uku-
lunga.

- 10 Ukujeziswa okubuhlungu kumlindele ophambuka endleleni;
ozonda ukuqondiswa uzakufa.
- 11 UKufa lokuBhujiswa kusobala phambi
KUKATHIXO
kangakanani ke inhliziyo zabantu!
- 12 Isideleli siyakuzonda ukuqondiswa;
kasibuzi kwabahlakaniphileyo.
- 13 Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza ubuso buchelese,
kodwa inhliziyo ebuhlungu yephula umoya.
- 14 Inhliziyo eqedisisayo idinga ulwazi,
kodwa umlomo wesiwula wongiwa ngobuthutha.
- 15 Zonke insuku zabancindezelweyo zilukhuni,
kodwa inhliziyo ethokozileyo ihlezi iminza.
- 16 Kungcono ukuba lokulutshwana umesaba
UTHIXO
kulokuba lenotho enengi ulenhlupho.
- 17 Kungcono ukutsheba ngemibhida lapho okulothando khona,
kulokudla inyama enonileyo okugcwele khona inzondo.
- 18 Ololaka oluvuthayo ubanga ukuxabana,
kodwa umuntu obekezelayo uqeda inkani.
- 19 Indlela yevila igcwele ameva,

- kodwa indlela yomuntu olungileyo ikhamisile.
- 20 Indodana ehlananiphileyo iletha intokozo kuyise, kodwa indoda eyisiwula yeyisa unina.
- 21 Ubuthutha bujabulisa umuntu ongelangqondo, kodwa umuntu olokuzwisisa uhamba ngendlela eqondileyo.
- 22 Amaqhinga ayehluleka nxa kungelazeluleko, kodwa ayaphumelela ngabeluleki abanengi.
- 23 Umuntu uyathokoza ngokupha impendulo eqondileyo yeka kuhle kangakanani ukuzwa ilizwi elifaneleyo!
- 24 Indlela yempilo iyimpumelelo kohlakaniphileyo ukuze angalengeli engcwabeni.
- 25 UTHIXO uyayibhidliza indlu yomuntu oziphakamisayo, kodwa indawo yomfelokazi kayiyikuncitshiswa.
- 26 UTHIXO uyayizonda imicabango yababi, kodwa leyo eyabalungileyo iyamthabisa.
- 27 Indoda eyisihwaba iluhlupho kwabendlu yayo,

kodwa lowo ozonda ukufunjathiswa uza-
phila.

28 Olungileyo uyayihlolisisa impendulo
engakaphenduli,
kodwa umlomo womubi ukhihliza okubi.

29 UTHIXO ukhatshana kwababi,
kodwa uyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo.

30 Ubuso obubobothekayo buletha intokozo
enhliziyweni,
lezindaba ezinhle ziqinisa umzimba.

31 Lowo olalela ukukhuzwa okumphilisayo,
uzahlala kuhle labahlakaniphileyo.

32 Lowo onganaki ukulaywa uyazeyisa yena
ngokwakhe,
kodwa onanza iziqondiso uzuza ukuzwisisa.

33 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kufundisa umuntu ukuh-
lakanipha,
njalo ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

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1 Umuntu angawabumba amacebo ngenhliziyo
yakhe,
kodwa UTHIXO nguye omupha amazwi
okuwachaza.

2 Umuntu angabona sengathi zonke izindlela
zakhe ziqondile,

kodwa uTHIXO uyazihlolisisa zonke injongo zomuntu.

- ³ Nikela kuTHIXO konke okwenzayo,
kuzaphumelelisa wonke amacebo akho.
- ⁴ UTHIXO uzilungisele isiphetho sakho konke kanye lababi usuku lokubhujiswa.
- ⁵ UTHIXO uyabazonda bonke abazikhukhumezayo.
Ngempela kabayikuphepha ukujeziswa.
- ⁶ Isono siyahlawulelwa ngothando langokwethembeka;
ngokwesaba uTHIXO umuntu uyaphepha ebubini.
- ⁷ Nxa izindlela zomuntu zimthokozisa uTHIXO,
uyenza lezitha zakhe zihlalisane laye ngokuthula.
- ⁸ Kungcono ukuzuza okulutshwana ngendlela elungileyo
kulokuzuza okunengi ngobuqili.
- ⁹ Umuntu angalungisa indlela yakhe engqondweni yakhe,
kodwa uTHIXO nguyey olawula izinyathelo zakhe.
- ¹⁰ Izindebe zombusi zikhuluma kungathi lidlozi ngakho umlomo wakhe kawungaphambuli umthetho.

- 11 Izilinganiso eziqondileyo zivela kuTHIXO;
zonke izisindo ezisemgodleni zenziwa
nguye.
- 12 Amakhosi ayakuzonda ukwenza okubi,
ngoba isihlalo sobukhosi sakhelwe phezu
kokulunga.
- 13 Amakhosi athokoziswa yizindebe ezithembek-
ileyo;
ayamazisa umuntu okhuluma iqiniso.
- 14 Ulaka lwenkosi luyisithunywa sokufa,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyaluxolisa.
- 15 Nxa ubuso benkosi bulentokozo, kukhomba
ukuphila;
ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengeyezi lezulu ent-
wasa.
- 16 Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza ukuhlaka-
nipha kulegolide,
ukukhetha ukuzwisisa kulesiliva!
- 17 Umgwaqo womuntu oqotho uceza ububi;
lowo onanzelelayo indlela yakhe unanzelela
impilo yakhe.
- 18 Ukuzigqaja kwandulela ukubhujiswa,
umoya omubi ulandelwa yikuwa.
- 19 Kungcono umoya othobekileyo lokuhlala kwa-
bancindezelweyo
kulokwabelana impango labazigqajayo.

- 20 Lowo olalela izeluleko uyaphumelela,
njalo ubusisiwe lowo othemba UTHIXO.
- 21 Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni kuthiwa
bayaqedisisa,
njalo amazwi amnandi aqinisa izeluleko.
- 22 Ukuzwisisa kungumthombo wokuphila kulabo
abalakho,
kodwa ubuwula buletha isijeziso eziwuleni.
- 23 Inhliziyo yomuntu ohlakaniphileyo ikhokhela
umlomo wakhe,
kanti lezindebe zakhe zikhuthaza izeluleko.
- 24 Amazwi amahle alikhekheba loluju,
amnandi emphefumulweni njalo ayelapha
emathanjeni.
- 25 Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emu-
ntwini,
kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa.
- 26 Isisebenzi sifuqwa liphango ukusebenza
kakhulu;
ukulamba yikho okusikhuthazayo.
- 27 Isixhwali siceba ububi,
lenkulumo yaso injengomlilo ohaqazayo.
- 28 Umuntu ongelangqondo udaza inkani,
njalo lomuntu onyeyayo wehlukana aban-
gane.

- 29 Umuntu wodlakela uhuga umakhelwane wakhe amholele endleleni engalunganga.
- 30 Lowo ofica ngelihlo lakhe uceba izibozi; lowo oluma indebe zakhe uqonde ububi.
- 31 Inwele ezimhlophe zingumqhele wobukhulu, zizuzwa ngempilo elungileyo.
- 32 Ungcono umuntu obekezelayo kuleqhawe, umuntu ozinqandayo ulaka lwakhe kulalowo othumba idolobho.
- 33 Inkatho iphoselwa enkundleni, kodwa isinqumo sayo sisemandleni KATHIXO.

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- 1 Lungcono uqweqwe lwesinkwa umuntu elokuthula kulendlu egcwele amagqibhagqibha okudla kodwa kulengxabano.
- 2 Isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo sizabusa indodana eyangisayo, sizakwabelwa ilifa njengomunye wamadodana.
- 3 Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni, imvutho ngeyegolide kodwa UTHIXO uhlola inhliziyo.

- 4 Umuntu oxhwalileyo uyazilalela izindebe ezimbi;
lomqambimanga uyalulalela ulimi olulomona.
- 5 Lowo ohleka umyanga weyisa uMenzi wakhe;
oklolodayo nxa konakele kayikuphepha isijeziso.
- 6 Abazukulu bangumqhele wabalupheleyo,
njalo labantwana baziqhenya ngabazali babo.
- 7 Izindebe zokutshinga azisifanelanga isiwula zimbi kangakanani ke izindebe zamanga kumbusi!
- 8 Isivalamlomo siyintelezi kulowo osinikayo;
uyaphumelela kukho konke.
- 9 Ofihla ukona komunye uqinisa uthando,
kodwa okhuluma ngakho kokuphela wehlukana abangane abasekhwapheni.
- 10 Ukukhuza kuyamqondisa umuntu olengqondo kulokutshaya isiwula imvimvinya ezilikhulu.
- 11 Umuntu omubi udinga ukuhlangana kuphela;
uzathunyelwa inxusa elilesihluku.
- 12 Kungcono ukuqondana lebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo kulokuhlangana lesiwula ebuthutheni baso.

- 13 Nxa umuntu ephindisela okuhle ngobubi,
ububi kabusoze basuka endlini yakhe.
- 14 Ukusungula inkani kunjengokubhidliza um-
duli wedamu;
ngakho yekela indaba ingakadaleki inkani.
- 15 Ukukhulula olecala lokugweba omsulwa
UTHIXO uyakuzonda kokubili.
- 16 Isizani imali esandleni sesiwula,
sivele singatshisekeli ukuzuza ukuhlaka-
nipha?
- 17 Umngane ulothando ngezikhathi zonke,
lomzalwane uzalelwa izikhathi
zenhlupheko.
- 18 Umuntu ongananzeleliyo uyaziwisela anike
isibambiso
enceda umakhelwane wakhe.
- 19 Lowo othanda inkani uthanda isono;
lowo owakha isango eliphakemeyo udinga
ukubhidlizwa.
- 20 Umuntu olenhliziyo exhwalileyo kaphumeleli;
lowo olimi lwakhe luyakhohlisa uwela
ekuhluphekeni.
- 21 Ukuba lendodana eyisiwula kutholela usizi;
akulakuthokoza kuyise wesiwula.
- 22 Inhliziyo ethokozayo ingumuthi omuhle,

kodwa umoya owephukileyo womisa amathambo.

- 23 Umuntu omubi wamukela isivalamlomo en-sitha
ukuze ahlanekele indlela yokwahlulela.
- 24 Umuntu ohluzisisayo izinto ukhokhelwa
yikuhlakanipha,
kodwa amehlo esiwula asabalala afike ekucineni komhlaba.
- 25 Indodana eyisiwula ithelela uyise
usizi lokudabuka kulowo owayizalayo.
- 26 Kakukuhle ukujezisa umuntu ongelacala,
loba ukufaka uswazi izisebenzi ngenxa
yobuqotho bazo.
- 27 Umuntu ololwazi ubeka amazwi akhe ngokunanzelela,
njalo umuntu oqedisisayo kathukutheli
ngokuphangisa.
- 28 Lesiwula kuthiwa sihlakaniphile nxa sithule,
kuthiwe siyaqedisisa nxa sibamba ulimi
lwaso.

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- 1 Umuntu ongelamusa uzifunela okwakhe;
uyazilahla zonke iziqondiso ezinhle.
- 2 Isiwula kasikuthakazeleli ukuzwisisa

kodwa sithokoza ngokutsho eyaso imibono.

³ Nxa kufika ububi kufika lokweyisa,
njalo ihlazo liza lokudumazeka.

⁴ Amazwi omlobo womuntu ayinziki yamanzi,
kodwa umthombo wokuhlakanipha ngum-
fudlana ontuntuzayo.

⁵ Kakukuhle ukulungisela ababi
loba ukungehluleli kuhle abangelacala.

⁶ Izindebe zesiwula zisilethela ingxabano,
lomlomo waso unxusa ukutshaywa.

⁷ Umlomo wesiwula yiwo osidilizayo,
lezindebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo
waso.

⁸ Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco;
angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu.

⁹ Lowo ovilaphayo emsebenzini wakhe
ungumfowabo walowo odilizayo.

¹⁰ Ibizu LIKATHIXO liyinqaba eqinileyo;
abalungileyo babalekela kulo baphephe.

¹¹ Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo;
zicabanga ukuthi imiduli yawo ayikhweleki.

¹² Umuntu uyazikhukhumeza ngenhliziyo yakhe,
mandulo kokuba awe,

ikanti ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

- 13 Lowo ophendulayo engaqali alalele
lobo yibuwula bakhe lehlazo lakhe.
- 14 Umphefumulo womuntu uyamqinisa nxa
egula,
kodwa ngubani ongaphila elomoya owe-
phukileyo na?
- 15 Inhliziyo yabaqedisayo izuza ulwazi;
indlebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyakudinga.
- 16 Isipho siyamvulela indlela ophayo
azuze ithuba lokubonana labakhulu.
- 17 Ecaleni okhuluma kuqala ubonakala enguye
olungileyo,
kuze kuqhamuke omunye ambuzisise.
- 18 Ukwenza inkatho kuyakuqeda ukulwisana,
kubehlukanise abaxabanayo.
- 19 Umzalwane owonelweyo
uba lukhuni kulomuzi ohonqolozelweyo,
lezingxabano zinjengamasango enqaba
avaliweyo.
- 20 Isisu somuntu sigcwaliswa yizithelo zomlomo
wakhe;
usuthiswa yisivuno sezindebe zakhe.
- 21 Ulimi lulamandla okuphila lokufa,

njalo labo abaluthandayo bazakudla izithelo zalo.

²² Lowo ozuza umfazi ufumana okuhle, athole umusa KU^THIXO.

²³ Umyanga uyancenga ukuthi axolelwe, kodwa isinothi siphendula ngolaka.

²⁴ Umuntu olabangane abanengi ucina kubi, kodwa kuba khona umngane othembeka okudlula umfowenu.

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¹ Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho kulesiwula esilezindebe ezingcolileyo.

² Kakulunganga ukutshiseka kodwa ungelalwazi, loba ukuwalazela uze ulahlekelwe yindlela.

³ Ubuwula bomuntu budiliza impilo yakhe, ikanti inhliziyo yakhe ithukuthelela U^THIXO.

⁴ Inotho iletha abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga ufulathelwa ngumngane wakhe weduze.

⁵ Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso, lalowo ohutshuza amanga kayikuphunyuka.

⁶ Banengi abazincengela ukuthandwa ngumbusi, njalo wonke umuntu ngumngane walowo ophanayo.

- 7 Umyanga uhlanyukelwa yizihlobo zakhe zonke,
pho abangane bakhe bona bamnina kangakanani!
Lanxa ebancenga kangakanani,
ngeke esabathola.
- 8 Lowo ozuze ukuhlakanipha uthanda umphefumulo wakhe;
lowo ogogosa ukuzwisisa uyaphumelela.
- 9 Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso,
njalo lowo ohutshuza amanga uzabhubha.
- 10 Kakusifanelanga isiwula ukuthi sihlale enothweni
kubi kangakanani ukuthi isigqili sibuse amakhosana.
- 11 Ukuhlakanipha komuntu kumupha isineke;
kumupha udumo ukunganaki ukuqalwa.
- 12 Ukuthukuthela kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kwesilwane,
kodwa ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengamazolo etshanini.
- 13 Indodana eyisiwula iyamchitha uyise,
lomfazi olenkani
unjengamanzi athonta ephahleni njalonje.
- 14 Izindlu lenotho yilifa elizuzwa ebazalini,
kodwa umfazi ozwisisayo uvela KUTHIXO.
- 15 Ubuvila buletha ubuthongo obukhulu,

njalo umuntu owehluleka ukuzenwaya uyalamba.

- 16 Lowo olalela izeluleko uvikela impilo yakhe, kodwa lowo ozedeleyo uzakufa.
- 17 Olomusa kubayanga upha UTHIXO, uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzayo.
- 18 Qondisa indodana yakho, ngoba lokho kuzayisiza; ungabi lengxenye yokuyibulala.
- 19 Umuntu ololaka oluphuphumayo luyamtshayisa, ungamlamulela, usuzahlala umlamulela njalo.
- 20 Lalela ukucetshiswa, wamukele ukuqondiswa, ngoba ekucineni uzahlakanipha.
- 21 Inhliziyo yomuntu igcwele amacebo amanengi, kodwa yisimiso SIKATHIXO esimayo.
- 22 Umuntu uloyisa uthando olungaqamukiyo; kungcono ukuba ngumyanga kulokuba lamanga.
- 23 Ukumesaba UTHIXO kuholela ekuphileni: olakho uhlala esuthisekile, engathintwa yizinhlopheko.

- 24 Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini,
liyehluleke ukubuyisa isandla emlonyeni li-
dle.
- 25 Thela uswazi isideleli, abathobekileyo baza-
funda ukuhlakanipha;
khuza umuntu ogedisisayo, uzazuza ulwazi.
- 26 Lowo ontshontshela uyise, axotshe unina
yindodana ethelela inhloni lehlazo.
- 27 Nxa uyekela ukulandela izeluleko, ndodana
yami,
uzalahleka utshiye amazwi okwazi.
- 28 Umfakazi oxhwalileyo uyawudelela umthetho,
lomlomo womubi uminza ububi.
- 29 Izijeziso zilungiselwe izideleli,
loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula.

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- 1 Iwayini lenza ukudelela lotshwala buyaxaban-
isa,
okkhohliswa yilezi izinto kahlakaniphanga.
- 2 Ulaka lwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kwesilwane;
lowo oyizondisayo udela impilo yakhe.
- 3 Kumupha udumo umuntu ukubalekela ukuxa-
bana,
kodwa iziphukuphuku zonke ziphangisa
ukuthenga inkani.

- ⁴ Ivila kalilimi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo;
kuthi ngesikhathi sokuvuna liswele ama-
bele.
- ⁵ Izifiso zenhliziyo yomuntu zingamanzi aziki-
leyo,
kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uyazifinyelela.
- ⁶ Banengi abathi balothando olungapheliyo,
kodwa ngubani ongamthola umuntu othem-
bekileyo na?
- ⁷ Umuntu olungileyo uphila impilo encomekayo;
babusisiwe abantwabakhe abamfuzayo.
- ⁸ Inkosi nxa ihlezi esihlalweni sayo isahlulela,
iyakuhlungula konke okubi ngamehlo ayo.
- ⁹ Ngubani ongathi, “Ngiyigcinile inhliziyo yami
imhlophe;
ngihlanzekile kangilasono?”
- ¹⁰ Izisindo ezitshiyanayo
lezilinganiso ezitshiyanayo UTHIXO uyaku-
zonda kokubili.
- ¹¹ Lomntwana waziwa ngezenzo zakhe,
ngokuthi isimilo sakhe sihle, siqotho.
- ¹² Indlebe ezizwayo lamehlo abonayo
kokubili kwenziwa NGUTHIXO.
- ¹³ Ungathandani lobuthongo uzakuba
ngumyanga,

hlala uvukile uzakuba lokudla okunengi.

- 14 “Kubi, kubi!” kutsho umthengi;
esuka lapho usezincoma ngakuthengileyo.
- 15 Likhona igolide lamatshe aligugu amanengi,
kodwa izindebe ezikhuluma ulwazi zilive-
lakancane.
- 16 Thatha isembatho salowo owenzela owez-
izweni isibambiso;
sigcine nxa ebambisela owesifazane
ongaziphathanga.
- 17 Ukudla okuzuzwe ngenkohliso kumnandi
emuntwini,
kodwa kucina sekungathi udla itshebet-
shebe.
- 18 Nxa usenza amacebo dinga izeluleko;
nxa usiyahlasela zuzwa ukuqondiswa.
- 19 Onyeyayo uyehluleka ukugcina imfihlo,
ngakho yehlukana lomuntu okhuluma an-
gathuli.
- 20 Nxa umuntu ethuka uyise loba unina,
isibane sakhe sizacinywa abesemnyameni
omubi.
- 21 Ilifa elizuzwa lula ekuqaleni
alilakubusiswa ekucineni.

- 22 Ungabokuthi, “Lami ngizakulungisa ngalokhu ongenze khona!”
Yekela, uTHIXO nguye ozakusiza.
- 23 UTHIXO uyazizonda izilinganiso eziguquguqu-
wayo,
njalo kathokoziswa yizikali zokudlelezela.
- 24 Izinyathelo zomuntu zikhokhelwa nguTHIXO.
Pho umuntu angayazi kanjani na indlela yakhe?
- 25 Yikuzithiya ukuthembisa ngokuphangisa ukupha ulutho,
phambili umuntu aphinde azisole ngalesosi-fungo.
- 26 Inkosi ehlananiphileyo iyabahlungula ababi;
iyabahadla njengelitshe lokuchola.
- 27 Isibane sIKATHIXO siyawuhlolisisa umphefu-
mulo womuntu;
sihlolisisa ekujuleni kwemibilini yakhe.
- 28 Uthando lokwethembeka kuyayivikela inkosi;
ngothando isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sivikelek-
ile.
- 29 Udumo lwamajaha lusemandleni awo,
izimvu zekhanda ziyinkazimulo yabadala.
- 30 Izidutshulo lamanxeba kugezisa okubi,
lezibhaxulo zihlambulula ingaphakathi.

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- 1 Inhliziyo yenkosi isezandleni ZIKATHIXO,
uyiholela lapho athanda khona njengomsele
wamanzi.
- 2 Umuntu ubona kungathi zonke izindlela zakhe
zilungile,
kodwa UTHIXO uhlola inhliziyo.
- 3 Ukwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo
kuyathandeka KU'ITHIXO kulomhlatshelo.
- 4 Amehlo okuzikhukhumeza lenhliziyo ezigqa-
jayo,
okuyikho okukhokhela ababi, konke yizono!
- 5 Amalungiselelo abakhutheleyo anika umvuzo
njengoba nje amawala eletha ubuyanga.
- 6 Inotho ezuzwe ngendlela yamanga
iyinkungu ememethekayo lomjibila wokufa.
- 7 Ukuhlukuluza kwababi kuzabakhukhula,
ngoba bayala ukwenza okulungileyo.
- 8 Indlela yomuntu olecala iyathubezela,
kodwa ukwenza kongelalo kuqondile.
- 9 Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla
lwendlu
kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo.
- 10 Umuntu omubi utshisekela ububi;

kalasihawu ngomakhelwane wakhe.

- 11 Nxa kujeziswa isideleli isithutha sizuzwa ukuhlakanipha;
nxa ohlakaniphileyo eqondiswa uzuzwa ulwazi.
- 12 Olungileyo uyayinanzelela indlu yesigangi
kuthi lesosigangi asibhubhise.
- 13 Nxa umuntu egcika indlebe zakhe ukuze
angezwa ukukhala kwabayanga,
laye uzakuthi esekhala angalalelwa muntu.
- 14 Isipho esiphiwa ensitha siyaludedisa ulaka,
lesivalamlomo esifihlwe emajazini
siyakudedisa ukuthukuthela.
- 15 Ukwahlulela kuhle kuthokozisa olungileyo
kodwa izigangi kuzitshayisa uvalo.
- 16 Umuntu ophambuka endleleni yokuzwisisa
ucina esendawonye labafuleyo.
- 17 Lowo othanda ukuzithokozisa uzakuba
ngumyanga;
laloba ngubani othanda iwayini lezibondlo
ngeke anotho.
- 18 Ababi baba ngumhlawulelo wabalungileyo,
labangathembekanga bangumhlawulelo
wabaqotho.

- 19 Kungcono ukuhlala enkangala
kulokuhlala lomfazi olenkani lothethayo.
- 20 Indlu yohlakaniphileyo igcwele amaqubaquba
ezibiliboco lamafutha,
kodwa umuntu oyisithutha udla aqede du
konke alakho.
- 21 Lowo odinga ukulunga lothando
uzuzwa ukuphila, ukuphumelela lodumo.
- 22 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uhlasela umuzi wa-
balamandla
adilizele phansi inqaba abayithembileyo.
- 23 Lowo oqaphela umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe
uyaziphephisa ezingozini.
- 24 Umuntu ozigqajayo loyisiqholo ibizo lakhe ngu
“Sideleli,”
wenza izinto ngokuziqakisa okukhulu.
- 25 Izinkanuko zevila yizo ezililimazayo,
ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza.
- 26 Ilanga lonke litshona lifisa okungapheliyo,
kodwa abalungileyo bayapha bengagodli.
- 27 Umhlatshelo wababi uyisinengiso
kambe mubi kangakanani nxa ulethwa
ngenhliziyi embi.
- 28 Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha,
kuthi lowo omlalelayo uzabhujiswa lanini.

- 29 Umuntu omubi utshengisa isibindi samanga,
kodwa umuntu oqotho uyananzelela izenzo
zakhe.
- 30 Akulakuhlakanipha, akulambono, akulacebo
okunganqoba UTHIXO.
- 31 Ibhiza liyalungiselelwa usuku lwempi,
kodwa ukunqoba kulawulwa NGUTHIXO.

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- 1 Ibizo elihle liyathandeka kulenotho enengi;
ukuhlonitshwa kungcono kulesiliva kumbe
igolide.
- 2 Abanothileyo labayanga bayafanana ngalokhu:
UTHIXO unguMenzi wabo bonke.
- 3 Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe,
kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena
enkathazweni.
- 4 Ukuzithoba lokwesaba UTHIXO
kuletha inotho lodumo lokuphila.
- 5 Endleleni yababi kugcwele ameva lemjibila,
kodwa onanzelela umphefumulo wakhe un-
genqela khatshana.
- 6 Fundisa umntwana indlela amele ahambe
ngayo,
kuzakuthi esemdala kayikuphambuka kuyo.

- 7 Abanothileyo babusa abayanga,
lalowo owebolekayo uyisichaka salowo ome-
bolekayo.
- 8 Lowo ohlanyele ububi uvuna ukuhlupheka,
njalo uswazi lolaka lwakhe luzakwepulwa.
- 9 Umuntu ophanayo uzabusiwa,
ngoba wabela abayanga ukudla kwakhe.
- 10 Xotsha isideleli, lenkani ihle iphume;
ukuxabana lokuthukana kuyaphela.
- 11 Othanda inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, onkulumo
yakhe ipholile
uzakuba ngumngane wombusi.
- 12 Amehlo KATHIXO ayaluvikela ulwazi
kodwa uyawadiliza amazwi abangathem-
bekanga.
- 13 Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane phandle!
Ngizabulawa ezindleleni!”
- 14 Umlomo wesifebekazi unjengomgodi
otshonayo;
lowo othukwe NGUTHIXO uzawobokela
kuwo.
- 15 Ubuwula bugxilile enhliziyweni yomntwana,
kodwa uswazi lokuqondisa luzabuxotshela
khatshana.

- 16 Lowo oncindezela abayanga ukuze anothe ngabo,
lalowo oncenga abanothileyo ngezipho,
bonke bacina sebengabayanga.

Amazwi Angamatshumi Amathathu Ezihlakaniphi

Ilizwi Lakuqala

- 17 Lalela uzwe amazwi ezihlakaniphi;
nikela inhliziyo yakho ezifundweni zami,
- 18 ngoba kuyathokozisa nxa uzigcina enhliziyweni yakho,
uzitsho kalula ngezindebe zakho.
- 19 Ukuze ithemba lakho lihlale kuTHIXO,
yikho ngikufundisa lamuhla wena ngokwakho.
- 20 Kangikulobelanga yini izitsho ezingamatshumi amathathu,
izitsho zokweluleka lolwazi,
- 21 ezikufundisa amazwi eqiniso athembekileyo,
ukuze ukwazi ukupha impendulo ezilesisindo
kulowo okuthumileyo na?
- 22 Ungagegeleli abayanga ngoba bengabayanga njalo ungaphoseli abaswelayo entolongweni,
- 23 ngoba uTHIXO uzakuba ngumeli wabo abahlukuluze labo ababahlukuluzayo.
- 24 Ungabi ngumngane womuntu ololaka,
ungahambi lomuntu ozonda masinyane,
- 25 funa ufunde izindlela zakhe
uzingenise emjibileni.

- 26 Ungabi ngumuntu ophanga ukwenza izithembiso
kumbe onika isibambiso ngezikwelede;
- 27 ungayiswela inhlawulo
uzakwemukwa noma ngumbheda wakho
olala kuwo.
- 28 Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele
elabekwa ngokhokho bakho.
- 29 Uyambona umuntu oyingcitshi emsebenzini
wakhe na?
Uzasebenzela amakhosi;
akayikusebenzela abantukazana.

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- 1 Nxa uhlala phansi usidla lombusi,
nanzelela ukuthi kuyini okuphambi
kwakho,
- 2 ungazifaki ingqamu entanyeni
nxa uhugwa yibuhwaba.
- 3 Ungahawukeli izibiliboco zakhe
ngoba lokho kudla kuyakhohlisa.
- 4 Ungazihlukuluzi uzigugise ngomsebenzi uzama
inotho;
hlakanipha wazi ukuzikhuza.
- 5 Ungayibona manje inotho, masinyane isinyama-
malele,
ngoba ngempela izamila impiko
iphaphele emkhathini njengengqungqulu.
- 6 Ungakudli ukudla komuntu oncitshanayo,

- ungazihawukeli izibiliboco zakhe;
7 ngoba yena uhlezi ebalisa ngendleko.
Angathi kuwe, “Dlana unathe,”
kodwa kungasuki enhliziyweni yakhe.
- 8 Uzakuhlansa okuncane lokho okudlileyo
ube udlalise amazwi akho okubonga.
- 9 Ungakhulumi lesithutha
ngoba sizakweyisa inhlakanipho yamazwi
akho.
- 10 Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele
loba uzithathele amasimu ezintandane,
- 11 ngoba uMhlengi wazo ulamandla;
uzakuba ngumeli wazo aphikisane lawe.
- 12 Nikela inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni
lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi.
- 13 Ungayekeli ukumlaya umntwana;
ukumtshaya ngoswazi akuyikumbulala.
- 14 Mjezise ngoswazi
ukuze uphephise umphefumulo wakhe
ekufeni.
- 15 Ndadana yami, aluba inhliziyo yakho ihlaka-
niphile,
inhliziyo yami layo izathokoza;
- 16 ingaphakathi yami izajabula
lapho izindebe zakho zikhuluma okulungi-
leyo.
- 17 Inhliziyo yakho mayingahawukeli izoni,
kodwa hlala utshisekela ukwesaba uTHIXO.
- 18 Ngeqiniso lihle ikusasa lakho,

Ithemba lakho kaliyikucitshwa.

- 19 Lalela, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe,
ubeke inhliziyo yakho endleleni elungileyo.
- 20 Ungahlangani leziminzi zewayini
labazitika ngenyama,
- 21 ngoba izidakwa lezihwaba ziba ngabayanga,
ukuwozela kwazo kuzembese amadabud-
abu.
- 22 Lalela uyihlo owakuletha emhlabeni,
njalo ungeyisi unyoko nxa eseluphele.
- 23 Thenga iqiniso ungalithengisi;
zuza ukuhlakanipha lokuzikhuza lokuzwi-
sisa.
- 24 Uyise womuntu olungileyo uyathokoza
kakhulu;
lowo olendodana ehlakaniphileyo
uyathokoza ngayo.
- 25 Sengathi uyihlo lonyoko bangathokoza;
sengathi lowo owakuzalayo angajabula!
- 26 Ndodana yami, ngipha inhliziyo yakho,
amehlo akho ahlale ezindleleni zami,
- 27 ngoba isifebe singumgodi otshonayo
lomfazi olibele lendlela ungumthombo oyin-
gozi.
- 28 Uyacathamela njengesigebenga,
andise amadoda angathembekanga.
- 29 Ngubani ohlaba umkhosi?
Ngubani olosizi na?
Ngubani otshingayo?

- Ngubani olensolo na?
 Ngubani omahluzuhluzu ngeze?
 Ngubani omehlo abomvu gebhu na?
- ³⁰ Yilabo abalibala ngewayini,
 abahamba bedinga inzwisa yewayini
 elidibanisiweyo.
- ³¹ Ungahugwa liwayini ulibona libomvu,
 nxa likhazimula enkomitshini,
 lapho lisehla kamnandi!
- ³² Ekucineni liluma njengenyoka
 libe lobuhlungu obubulalayo njengenhlang-
 wana.
- ³³ Amehlo akho azabona izinto ezingaqedakaliyo
 lengqondo yakho icabange izinto ezididayo.
- ³⁴ Uzakuba njengomuntu ondendayo phakathi
 kolwandle,
 olele esiqongweni sensika yomkhumbi.
- ³⁵ Uzakuthi, “Bangitshayile kodwa kangili-
 malanga!
 Bangibethile kodwa kakubuhlungu!
 Ngizavuka nini bo ngiyodinga obunye
 utshwala?”

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- ¹ Ungabahawukeli abantu abaxhwalileyo,
 ungafisi ubungane labo;
- ² ngoba ezingqondweni zabo bahlose udlakela,
 lezindebe zabo zikhuluma ngokuvusa um-
 sindo.
- ³ Indlu yakhiwa ngokuhlakanipha,
 imiswe ngokuzwisisa;
- ⁴ amakamelo ayo agcwaliswe ngolwazi,

agcwaliswe ngemiceciso yakude eligugu.

⁵ Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla amakhulu,
njalo umuntu ololwazi uyandisa amandla;

⁶ ukuthi unqobe empini kufunakala izeluleko,
lokunqoba kudinga abeluleki abanengi.

⁷ Ukuhlakanipha kuphakeme kakhulu koyisi-
wula;
enkundleni kalalutho angalukhuluma.

⁸ Lowo oceba ububi
uzakwaziwa njengomacebomabi.

⁹ Amacebo obuwula ayisono,
njalo abantu bayasizonda isideleli.

¹⁰ Nxa uthikaza ngezikhathi zenhlupheko,
mancinyane kanganani amandla akho!

¹¹ Bahlangule labo abaholelwa ekufeni;
banqande labo abadayizela besiya ekubu-
laweni.

¹² Nxa usithi, “Angithi besingazi lutho ngalokhu,”
kambe lowo ohlola inhliziyo kakuboni lokho
na?

Kakwazi lokho yini onguye olinda ukuphila
kwakho na?
Akayikuvuza ubani lobani ngakwenzileyo
na?

¹³ Dlana uluju ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile;
uluju olujuluka ekhekhebani lumnandi
luyanambitheka.

¹⁴ Yazi njalo ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kumnandi
emphefumulweni wakho,

aluba ukuzuza ikusasa lakho lilethemba
elihle,
njalo ithemba lakho aliyikudaniswa.

- 15 Ungacathameli indlu yomuntu olungileyo
njengesigebenga,
ungawuhlaseli umuzi wakhe;
- 16 ngoba loba angaze awe kasikhombisa umuntu
olungileyo uyavuka futhi,
kodwa ababi babhazalaliswa yizinhlupheko.
- 17 Ungathatshiswa yikuwa kwesitha sakho;
nxa sikhubeka ungavumeli inhliziyo yakho
ithokoze,
- 18 ngoba uTHIXO uzakubona lokho
asole abesepholisa ulaka lwakhe kuso isitha.
- 19 Ungazikhathazi ngenxa yabantu ababi
loba ubahawukele abaxhwalileyo,
- 20 ngoba umuntu omubi akalalo ithemba
lakusasa,
njalo isibane sezixhwali sizacinywa.
- 21 Yesaba uTHIXO lombusi, ndodana yami,
ungangenelani labahlamuki,
- 22 ngoba laba bobabili bazakwehlisa ulaka lubab-
hubhise,
ngoba phela ngubani kambe okwaziyo ukub-
hubhisa abangakwehlisa?

Amanye Amazwi Ahlakaniphileyo

- 23 La ngamanye amazwi ezihlakaniphi:

Ukwahlulela ngobandlululo kakulunganga:

- 24 Loba ngubani othi kolecala, “Umsulwa,”
abantu bonke bazamqalekisa
lezizwe zonke zizamhlamukela.
- 25 Kodwa kuzabalungela labo abamlahlayo ole-
cala,
lezibusiso ezinengi zizabehlela.
- 26 Impendulo eqotho
injengokwangiwa ezindebeni.
- 27 Qeda umsebenzi wakho waphandle
ulungise lamasimu akho;
kuthi-ke usuqedile wakhe indlu yakho.
- 28 Ungafakazi ngokubethela umakhelwane kun-
gelamlandu,
kumbe usebenzise izindebe zakho
ukhohlisa.
- 29 Ungabokuthi, “Ngizakwenza kuye njengoba
enze kimi;
ngizahlawulisa ngalokho angenze khona.”
- 30 Ngedlula ensimini yevilavoxo,
ngedlula esivinini somuntu ongelangqondo;
- 31 ameva ayesekhula indawo yonke,
indawo yonke isithe phethu ukhula,
lomduli wamatshe usudilikile.
- 32 Ngakunanzelela konke engangikubona
ngafunda isifundo kulokho engakubonayo:
- 33 Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane,
ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula,
- 34 ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela
lokuswela njengesigebenga.

Ezinye Izaga ZikaSolomoni

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¹ Lezi ngezinye njalo izaga zikaSolomoni, ezabhalwa yizinceku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda:

² Kuyinkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ukufihla indaba; ukuchwayisisa indaba ludumo lwababusi.

³ Njengalokhu izulu liphakeme lomhlaba ujulile, kanjalo imicabango yamakhosi kayifinyelelwa.

⁴ Susa amakhafutha ahangene lesiliva umkhandi athole ukulungisa isitsha sihle;

⁵ susa abantu ababi phambi kwenkosi, isihlalo sayo sizaqiniswa ngokulunga.

⁶ Ungaziphakamisi phambi kwenkosi, ungaziphendleli indawo phakathi kwezikhulu;

⁷ kuba ngcono ukuthi yona ithi, “Woza uhlale ngapha,” kulokuthi yona ikwehlise phambi kwezikhulu.

Lokho okubonileyo ngawakho amehlo

⁸ ungaphangisi ukukubika emthethwandaba,

ngoba uzathini nxa umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisa?

⁹ Nxa ungaya edale lomakhelwane wakho unghambi usuhlabela imfihlo yenu,

¹⁰ funa lowo okuzwayo akuyangise

uhlale usungumuntu olebizo elibi.

- 11 Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo
linjengama-aphula egolide
ananyekwe emcepheni wesiliva.
- 12 Njengecici legolide kumbe umceciso wegolide
elicengiweyo
kunjalo ukukhuza komuntu ohlakaniphileyo,
kolalelayo.
- 13 Njengokuqanda kongqwaqwane ngesikhathi
sokuvuna
sinjalo isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo;
sivuselela imiphefumulo yabaphathi baso.
- 14 Njengamayezi lomoya okungalethi izulu
unjalo umuntu ozikhukhumeza ngamandla
angelawo.
- 15 Ngokubekezela inkosi ingancengwa ize ivume,
lolimi oluthambileyo lungalephula ithambo.
- 16 Nxa uthole inyosi, dlana okwaneleyo
ungedlulisi amalawulo, uzazihlanza.
- 17 Ungabi ngunsukuzonke endlini kamakhelwane
wakhohle
uzacina usumdaka abesekuzonda.
- 18 Unjengesagila loba inkemba kumbe umtshoko
obukhali
umuntu ofakaza amanga ngomakhelwane
wakhe.
- 19 Njengezinyo elibuhlungu loba unyawo olwenyeleyo

- kunjalo ukweyama emuntwini ongathembekanga
ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka.
- 20 Njengomuntu okhumula ibhatshi mhla kumakhaza,
loba njengokuthela iviniga phakathi kwe-soda
unjalo ohlabela izingoma emuntwini odabukileyo.
- 21 Nxa isitha sakho silambile siphe ukudla sidle;
nxa somile siphe amanzi sinathe.
- 22 Ngokwenza lokho, umokhela amalahle
avuthayo ekhanda,
njalo UTHIXO uzakubusisa.
- 23 Njengomoya wasenyakatho uletha izulu,
lunjalo ulimi olulobuqili luvusa ulaka.
- 24 Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla
lwendlu
kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo.
- 25 Njengamanzi aqandayo emuntwini okhathele-
leyo,
zinjalo izindaba ezimnandi ezivela elizweni
elikude.
- 26 Njengesiziba esidungekileyo loba umthombo
ongcolileyo
unjalo umuntu olungileyo odedela umuntu
omubi.
- 27 Kakukuhle ukudla inyosi wedlulise,

njalo kakulasithunzi ukuzidingela ukudunyiswa.

- 28 Njengedolobho eselidilikelwe ngumthangala walo unjalo umuntu ongazithintiyo.

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- 1 Njengongqwaqwane ehlobo loba izulu ebusika kanjalo udumo alusifanelanga isiwula.
- 2 Njengentaka ephaphazelayo loba inkonjane entwezayo, sinjalo isiqalekiso esingelasizatho kasinamatheli.
- 3 Isiswebhu ngesebhiza, amatomu ngakababhemi, loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula!
- 4 Ungabophendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso, funa ubenjengaso wena ngokwakho.
- 5 Phendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso, sizabona kungathi sihlakaniphile.
- 6 Njengokuziquma inyawo zakho loba ukunatha itshefu, kunjalo ukuthumela umlayezo ngesiwula.
- 7 Njengemilenze eqhugezelayo eyomuntu oqhulayo sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula.
- 8 Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni kunjalo ukupha udumo koyisiwula.
- 9 Njengogatsha lwameva luphethwe yisidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula.
- 10 Njengomtshoko ociba loba ngubani odlulayo

- unjalo oqhatsha isiwula loba umuntu ozed-
lulelayo.
- 11 Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni ayo
kanjalo isiwula siyabuphinda ubuthutha
baso.
- 12 Uyambona yini umuntu ozibona engohlaka-
niphileyo?
Kulethemba elingcono ngesiwula kulaye.
- 13 Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane endleleni,
kulesilwane emigwaqweni!”
- 14 Njengesivalo esitshibilika ngamabhanti aso
kanjalo ivila liphenduka embhedeni walo.
- 15 Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini;
livilaphe ukusa isandla emlonyeni lidle.
- 16 Ivila lizibona lihlakaniphile kakhulu
okwedlula abantu abayisikhombisa aban-
gaphendula ngokuhlakanipha.
- 17 Njengomuntu odonsainja ngendlebe
unjalo umuntu othi edlula angenele ingxa-
bano ingesiyakhe.
- 18 Njengohlanya luphosa izikhuni zomlilo
kumbe imitshoko ebulalayo,
- 19 injalo indoda ephoxa umakhelwane wayo
ibisisithi, “Bengizidlalela nje!”
- 20 Nxa kungaselankuni umlilo uyacima;
nxa kungaselakunyeya ukuxabana
kuyaphela.
- 21 Njengamalahle avuthayo loba njengenkuni
emlilweni,

- unjalo umuntu othanda ingxabano ekuvuseni inkani.
- 22 Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco; angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu.
- 23 Njengesiliva egcotshwe esitsheni sebumba sikhazimule
kunjalo ukuthakazelela kwezindebe zenhliziyelo elobubi.
- 24 Umuntu olenhliziyo embi uvala ngezindebe ezimnandi,
kodwa enhliziyweni yakhe ufihle inkohliso.
- 25 Loba ukukhuluma kwakhe kumnandi,
kodwa ungaze wamkholwa,
ngoba inhliziyi yakhe igcwele izithuko eziyisikhombisa.
- 26 Inzondo yakhe angayivala ngobuqili,
kodwa ububi bakhe buzavezwa obala ebantwini.
- 27 Umuntu angagebha umgodi, uzawela kuwo;
umuntu angagiqa ilitshe,
lizaphenduka ligiqikele phezu kwakhe.
- 28 Ulimi oluqamba amanga luyabazonda labo olubalimazayo,
lomlomo okhohlisayo uletha incithakalo.

27

- 1 Ungazincomi ngelakusasa,
ngoba kawukwazi ukuthi liza lithweleni.
- 2 Yekela omunye akudumise, hatshi owakho umlomo;

- akube ngomunye, kungabi ngezakho izindebe.
- ³ Ilitshe liyasinda, itshebetshebe ngumthwalo onzima,
kodwa ukucatshulwa yisiwula kunzima okudlula kokubili.
- ⁴ Ulaka lulolunya lentukuthelo iyagabha,
kambe ngubani ongema phambi komhawu na?
- ⁵ Kungcono ukuthukwa obala kulokuthandwa ngokufihlakeleyo.
- ⁶ Ukulinyazwa ngumngane kakwesabeki,
kodwa isitha sikwanga sedlulise amalawulo.
- ⁷ Osuthiyo kathakazeleli uluju oluvela ekhekhebeni,
kodwa kolambileyo lokubabayo kunambitheka mnandi.
- ⁸ Njengenyoni elahleka esidlekeni sayo,
unjalo umuntu otshiya umuzi wakhe.
- ⁹ Amakha lempepha kuletha intokozo enhliziyweni,
lobumnandi bomngane busuka ezelulekweni zakhe eziqinileyo.
- ¹⁰ Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo,
futhi ungayi endlini yomfowenu nxa wehlelwe yizinhlopheko

ungcono umakhelwane eduze kolomfowenu
okhatshana.

- 11 Hlakanipha, ndodana, ulethe intokozo
enhliziyweni yami;
lapho ngizakwazi ukumphendula ongey-
isayo.
- 12 Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acat-
she,
kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena
enkathazweni.
- 13 Thatha isigqoko salowo owenzela owemzini
isibambiso;
sigcine njengesithembiso aluba esenzela um-
fazi ongelasimilo.
- 14 Uba umuntu evukisa umakhelwane wakhe
ngokumnqolonga ekuseni kakhulu,
kuzathiwa uyamqalekisa.
- 15 Umfazi olenkani
unjengamathonsi angapheliyo mhlana
kusina;
- 16 ukumkhuza kufana lokukhuza umoya
loba lokubamba okulamagcobo ngesandla.
- 17 Njengensimbi ilola insimbi,
kanjalo indoda ikhaliphisa enye.
- 18 Lowo onakekela isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla
izithelo zawo,

kuthi lowo olondoloza umqhatshi wakhe
abelodumo.

- 19 Njengamanzi etshengisa ubuso bomuntu,
kanjalo inhliziyo yomuntu itshengisa ayikho
khona.
- 20 UKufa leNcithakalo kakusuthi,
anjalo lamehlo omuntu.
- 21 Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni imvutho
ngeyegolide,
kodwa abantu bahlolwa ngodumo lwabo.
- 22 Ungaze uchole isiwula elitsheni,
usichole njengamabele ngembokodo
kawusoze ubususe ubuwula baso.
- 23 Woba leqiniso ukuthi uhlala usazi kuhle isimo
sezifuyo zakho,
nanzelela imihlambi yakho;
- 24 ngoba inotho kayiyikuhlala kokuphela,
lomqhele wobukhosi kawuyikuba ngowez-
izukulwane zonke.
- 25 Utshani bungaqunywa kuqalise ukuhluma
obunye
kuthi bonke obusikiweyo ezintabeni se-
bubuthiwe,
- 26 amawundlu azakupha uboya bezigqoko,
lembuzi zikuphe imali elingana intengo
yesiqinti.
- 27 Uzakuba lochago lwembuzi olunengi
olwakho lolwendlu yakho lusuthise lez-
inceku zakho.

28

- 1 Umuntu omubi uyabaleka loba engaxotshaniswa muntu, kodwa abalungileyo balesibindi njengesilwane.
- 2 Nxa ilizwe lihlamuka liba lababusi abanengi, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo lololwazi ugcina ukuthula.
- 3 Umbusi oncindezela abayanga unjengezulu elinengi elikhukhula amabele.
- 4 Labo abaphikisa umthetho bakhuthaza izigangi, kodwa labo abawugcinayo bayazenqabela.
- 5 Abantu ababi kabakuzwisisi ukwahlulela kuhle, kodwa labo abamdingayo UTHIXO bayakuzwisisa kakhulu.
- 6 Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngokulunga kulesinothi esilezindlela zokungcola.
- 7 Lowo ogcina umthetho yindodana eqedisisayo, kodwa umngane wezixhwali uyangisa uyise.
- 8 Lowo owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzaliso uyibuthela omunye ozaba lomusa kubayanga.
- 9 Loba ngubani ongawulaleliyo umthetho, lemikhuleko yakhe izakuba yisinengiso.

- 10 Lowo oholela olungileyo endleleni embi
uzawela emjibileni wakhe,
kodwa ongelacala uzakwamukela ilifa elihle.
- 11 Umuntu onothileyo angazibona ingathi uh-
lakaniphile,
kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uhle abone
ukuthi kasumuntu.
- 12 Nxa olungileyo enqoba kulokujabula
okukhulu;
kodwa nxa omubi ethatha umbuso abantu
bayacatsha.
- 13 Lowo ofihla iziphambeko zakhe kayiku-
phumelela,
kodwa lowo ozivumayo azitshiye ufumana
umusa.
- 14 Ubusisiwe umuntu ohlala emesaba uTHIXO,
kodwa lowo oyenza lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe
uwela enkathazweni.
- 15 Njengesilwane esibhongayo loba ibhele elih-
laselayo
unjalo umuntu omubi nxa ebusa abantu
abangelamandla.
- 16 Umbusi oncindezelayo wehluleka ukwahlulela
kuhle,
kodwa lowo ozonda inzuzo yokuganga uza-
kuba lempilo ende.

- 17 Umuntu odliwa ngumzwangedwa wokubulala omunye
uzaba ngohlala ebaleka aze ayokufa;
akungabi lomuntu omsekelayo.
- 18 Lowo ompilo yakhe ingelacala uvikelekile,
kodwa ondlela zakhe zixhwalile uzakuwa masinyane.
- 19 Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uza-
thola ukudla okunengi,
kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize uza-
kuba ngumyanga onukayo.
- 20 Umuntu othembekileyo uzabusiwa ngoku-
phumelela,
kodwa ogijimela ukunotha kayikuphepha
ekujezisweni.
- 21 Ukubandlulula abantu kakulunganga
ikanti umuntu uyona ukuze azuze ucezu
lwesinkwa.
- 22 Umuntu oncitshanayo utshisekela ukunotha
kodwa kaboni ukuthi unyenyelwa
yibuyanga.
- 23 Lowo okhuza umuntu uzacina esethandeka
kulalowo ololimi olukhohlisayo.
- 24 Lowo ontshontshela uyise loba unina
athi, "Akusinto embi"
ungumngane lomuntu obhidlizayo.

- 25 Umuntu olomhawu ubanga ingxabano,
kodwa lowo omethembayo UTHIXO uza-
phumelela.
- 26 Lowo ozithembayo yena uyisiwula,
kodwa lowo ohamba ngenhlakanipho
uvikelekile.
- 27 Lowo opha abayanga kayikuswela lutho,
kodwa ovala amehlo ingathi kababoni uzuza
iziqalekiso ezinengi.
- 28 Lapho izigangi zisiba yiziphathamandla
abantu bayacatsha;
kodwa nxa kusifa izixhwali abalungileyo
bayaphumelela.

29

- 1 Umuntu oqinisa intamo phezu kokukhuzwa
kanengi
uzabhujiswa ngesikhatshana kungabi
lokuphepha.
- 2 Lapho kuphumelela abalungileyo abantu baya-
jabula;
nxa kubusa izixhwali abantu bayabubula.
- 3 Umuntu othanda ukuhlakanipha uletha in-
tokozo kuyise,
kodwa ohamba lezifebe utshaphaza inotho
yakhe.

- ⁴ Ngokubusa kuhle inkosi iyaliqinisa ilizwe layo,
kodwa leyo elihaga lezivalamlomo iyalib-
hidliza.
- ⁵ Loba ngubani okhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe
uzendlalela umambule wokuzithiya.
- ⁶ Umuntu omubi uthiywa yisono sakhe,
kodwa umuntu olungileyo angahlabela
athokoze.
- ⁷ Olungileyo uyawananza amalungelo abayanga,
kodwa ababi kabazidubi ngalokho.
- ⁸ Izideleli zingalidunga idolobho,
kodwa abantu abahlakaniphileyo
bayaludedisa ulaka.
- ⁹ Nxa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo esiya emtheth-
wandaba lesiwula,
isiwula siyatshinga sibhede kube lomsindo.
- ¹⁰ Abadinga ukuchitha igazi bayamzonda
umuntu oqotho
njalo badinga ukubulala abalungileyo.
- ¹¹ Isiwula siyalukhihliza lonke ulaka lwaso,
kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithiba.
- ¹² Nxa umbusi elalela amanga,
zonke izikhulu zakhe ziba zimbi.
- ¹³ Umyanga lomncindezeli bakanye kulokhu:
UTHIXO uvula amehlo abo bobabili.

- 14 Nxa inkosi isahlulela abayanga kungelaband-
lululo,
isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sizaqina.
- 15 Uswazi lokuqondisa lunika ukuhlakanipha,
kodwa umntwana oyekelwayo uhlazisa un-
ina.
- 16 Nxa ababi bephumelela, lesono laso siya-
phumelela,
kodwa abalungileyo bazabawisa.
- 17 Qondisa indodana yakho, izakupha ukuthula;
izaletha injabulo emphefumulweni wakho.
- 18 Lapho okungekho khona isambulelo,
abantu badela ukuzithiba;
kodwa ubusisiwe lowo ogcina umlayo.
- 19 Inceku kayiqondiswa ngamazwi nje wodwa,
loba izwisisa kayiyikukwenza ekutshelwayo.
- 20 Uyambona umuntu owalazela ukukhuluma?
Kulethemba elingcono esiwuleni kulaye.
- 21 Umuntu ototoza inceku yakhe isakhula,
leyonceku izamthwalisa nzima ekucineni.
- 22 Umuntu othukuthelayo udala ingxabano,
kodwa lowo olicaphucaphu wenza izono
ezinengi.
- 23 Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuyamehlisa,

kodwa umuntu ozehlisayo uzuza udumo.

24 Osizana lesela uyazizonda yena;
usezifungise kulo ngakho ngeke afakaze
iqiniso.

25 Ukwesaba abantu kuba yizithiyo,
kodwa lowo othemba UTHIXO uzaphepha.

26 Abanengi bazama ukuzisondeza kumbusi,
kodwa ukwahlulela okuhle kuvela KUTHIXO.

27 Abalungileyo bayabenyanya abangathem-
bekanga;
abaxhwalileyo bayabenyanya abalungileyo.

Izitsho Zika-Aguri

30

¹ Amazwi ka-Aguri indodana kaJakhe, amazwi
ahlakaniphileyo:

Umuntu lo wathi ku-Ithiyeli:

“Ngikhathele, Oh Nkulunkulu,
kodwa ngizophumelela.

² Angilalwazi okudlula bonke abantu;
angilakho ukuzwisisa komuntu.

³ Angikufundanga ukuhlakanipha
njalo kangilalwazi ngaye oNgcwele.

⁴ Ngubani oseke waya ezulwini waphinda wehla
na?

Ngubani oseke wafumbatha umoya nge-
sandla sakhe na?

Ngubani oseke wagoqela amanzi ngesigqoko
 sakhe na?
 Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba
 na?
 Lingubani ibizo lakhe, lebizu lendodana yakhe?
 Ngitshela nxa usazi!

- ⁵ Wonke amazwi kaNkulunkulu akalamposiso;
 uyisihlangu kulabo abacatsha kuye.
- ⁶ Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe,
 funa akukhuze akwenze umqambimanga.
- ⁷ Zimbili izinto engizicela kuwe, Oh THIXO;
 ungangincitshi zona ngingakafi:
- ⁸ Susa kimi inkohliso lamanga;
 ungangiphi ubuyanga loba inotho,
 kodwa ungiphe kuphela ukudla kwami
 kwansukuzonke.
- ⁹ Phela ngingaba lokunengi kakhulu ngikuphike
 wena
 ngithi, 'Ungubani uTHIXO?'
 loba ngibengumyanga ngintshontshe;
 ngalokho ngiliyangise ibizo likaNkulunkulu
 wami.
- ¹⁰ Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo,
 ngoba izakuqalekisa ungene enkathazweni.
- ¹¹ Bakhona abathuka oyise,
 abangababusisiyo onina;
- ¹² labo abazibona belungile
 ikanti kabahlambululwanga emanyaleni
 abo;

13 labo abamehlo abo ahlezi egcwele ulaka,
abakhangela ngokudelela;
14 labo omazinyo abo zinkemba,
omihlathi yabo inanyathiselwe izingqamu
ukuze baginye abayanga baphele emhlabeni,
labaswelayo abaphakathi kwabantu.

15 Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili;
ayamemeza athi, 'Siphe! Siphe!'

Zintathu izinto ezingasuthiyo,
zine ezingakaze zithi, 'Sekwanele!':
16 lingcwaba
yisisu senyumba,
lomhlabathi ongasuthiyo amanzi,
lomlilo ongezukufa wathi, 'Sekwanele!'

17 Ilihlo elihleka uyise,
elidelela ukulalela unina,
lizakotsholwa ngamawabayi asesigodini,
lizadliwa ngamanqe.

18 Kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingimangalisayo
kakhulu,
ezine engingazizwisiyo:
19 indlela yengqungqulu emkhathini,
umzila wenyoka edwaleni,
indlela yomkhumbi olwandle,
lendlela yejaha lentombi.

20 Le yindlela yesiphingikazi:
siyadla sesule umlomo waso
besesisithi, 'Angenzanga lutho olubi.'

- 21 Zintathu izinto ezizamazamisa umhlaba,
zine ongeke uzithwale:
22 yinceku ebayinkosi,
yisiwula esisuthiyo,
23 ngumfazi owendileyo ongathandwayo,
lencekukazi ethathela inkosikazi indoda.
- 24 Kukhona emhlabeni izinto ezine
ezincinyane,
ikanti-ke zihlakaniphile kakhulu:
25 Ubunyonyo kabulamandla anganani,
kodwa buyabuthela ukudla kwabo
ehlobo;
26 lezimbila ziyizidalwa ezilamandla angat-
sho lutho,
kodwa zenza izikhundla zazo ezingoxweni
zamadwala;
27 izintethe kazilankosi,
kodwa zihamba ziludibi olwesabekayo;
28 umbankwa ungabanjwa ngesandla,
kodwa ungena lasezigodlweni zamakhosi.
- 29 Kulezinto ezintathu ezihamba zinqekuza
kamnandi,
zine ezihamba zibeka kamnandi:
30 yisilwane, esilamandla esabekayo
phakathi kwezilo, esingabalekeli lutho;
31 liqhude eliditshazelayo,
yimpongo,
njalo lenkosi nxa ihanqwe libutho layo.
- 32 Nxa ube yisithutha waziphakamisa,
kumbe nxa wakhe amacebo okwenza okubi,
vala umlomo wakho ngesandla sakho.

³³ Ngoba njengokuphehla uchago kudala iphehla,
lanjengoba ukugubha amakhala kubanga
umungula,
kunjalo ukuvusa ulaka kudala ingxabano.”

Izitsho Zenkosi ULemuweli

31

¹ Amazwi enkosi uLemuweli, amazwi enhlaka-
nipho awafundiswa ngunina:

² Oh, ndodana yami! Oh ndodana yethumbu
lami!

Oh, ndodana yezifungo zami,

³ ungadlalisi amandla akho ebafazini,
izifutho zakho kulabo abadiliza amakhosi.

⁴ Kakusikho kwamakhosi, bakithi Lemuweli
kakusikho kwamakhosi ukunatha iwayini,
kakusikho kwababusi ukunxwanela
utshwala,

⁵ funa badakwe bakhohlwe izimiso zomthetho,
behluleke ukumisela kuhle abahluphekayo
amalungelo abo.

⁶ Phana utshwala kulabo abavele sebezifele,
iwayini kulabo abalosizi olukhulu;

⁷ kabanathe bakhohlwe ubuyanga babo
bakhohlwe nya usizi lwabo.

⁸ Bamele labo abehlulekayo ukuzikhulumela,
uwamele amalungelo alabo abangelalutho.

⁹ Khuluma njalo wahlulele ngokulunga;
alwele amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo.

**Amazwi okuphetha: Umfazi
Oncomekayo**

- 10 Ngubani na ongathola umfazi olesimilo?
Uligugu elidlula kakhulu amatshe amahle.
- 11 Indoda yakhe iyamthemba ngokupheleleyo
njalo kayisweli lutho oluqakathekileyo.
- 12 Uyenzela okuhle, hatshi okubi,
empilweni yakhe yonke.
- 13 Uyakhetha kuhle iwulu lesikusha
akweluke kuhle ngezandla ezikhutheleyo.
- 14 Unjengemikhumbi yabathengisi,
eletha ukudla okuvela kude.
- 15 Uvuka ekuseni kusesemnyama;
alungisele abomuzi wakhe ukudla
abele lezincekukazi zakhe.
- 16 Uyayihlolisisa insimu mandulo kokuyithenga;
ngalokho akuzuzayo uyahlanyela isivini
sakhe.
- 17 Uwubamba ngokukhuthala umsebenzi wakhe;
aqinise izingalo zakhe emsebenzini.
- 18 Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe ku-
lenzuzo,
lokuthi isibane sakhe kasicimi ebusuku.
- 19 Uphatha uluthi lokuphatha ngesandla sakhe
abesebamba ngeminwe yakhe isigudugudu
sokweluka.
- 20 Welulela izandla zakhe kubayanga
njalo ulezandla ezilula kwabaswelayo.
- 21 Lapho kukhithika ungqwaqwane, kalak-
wesaba ngabendlu yakhe;
ngoba bonke bagqoke ezibomvu.
- 22 Wendlala amalembu ombheda wakhe;
agqoke ilineni elihle lezigqoko eziyibubende.
- 23 Indoda yakhe iyahlonitshwa enkundleni

- lapho efika ihlale khona ndawonye labadala
belizwe.
- 24 Uthunga izigqoko zelineni azithengise,
abathengi bemigaxo bayizuza kuye.
- 25 Wembethe amandla lesithunzi;
uyahleka loba kusiza insuku ezimbi.
- 26 Ukhuluma ngenhlakanipho,
lezeluleko eziqondileyo zisolimini lwakhe.
- 27 Unqinekela ezomuzi wakhe
njalo kadli isinkwa sobuvila.
- 28 Abantwabakhe bayambonga bathi ubusisiwe;
lendoda yakhe layo iyamdumisa ithi,
- 29 “Banengi abafazi abenza izimangaliso
zobuhle,
kodwa wena uyabedlula bonke.”
- 30 Ukubukeka kuyakhohlisa, lobuhle buyaphela;
kodwa umfazi owesaba UTHIXO kadunywisa.
- 31 Kaphiwe umvuzo wobuhle abenzayo,
imisebenzi yakhe imlethele udumo
enkundleni.

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