

# UJOBE

## *Isingeniso*

**1** Elizweni lase-Uzi kwakuhlala indoda eyayithiwa nguJobe. Indoda le yayingelasici, iqotho; yayimesaba uNkulunkulu ikuxwaya okubi.

<sup>2</sup> Yayilamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu, <sup>3</sup> ilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, amakamela ayizinkulungwane ezintathu, izinkabi ezibotshwayo ezingamakhulu amahlanu labobabhemi abangamakhulu amahlanu, njalo ilezisebenzi ezinengi. Yayinothile okudlula bonke abantu beMpumalanga.

<sup>4</sup> Amadodana akhe ayezophisana ukwenza amadili ezindlini zawo, anxuse odadewabo bobathathu ukuzakudla anathe labo. <sup>5</sup> Kwakusithi nxa usuphelile umkhosi wedili uJobe wayewabiza azowahlambulula. Ekuseni kakhulu wayesenza umhlathshelo wokutshiswa walowo lalowo esithi, "Mhlawumbe abantwabami benzile isono bathuka uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zabo." Lo waba ngumkhuba wakhe uJobe.

## *Ukulingwa Kokuqala kukaJobe*

<sup>6</sup> Ngelinye ilanga izingilosi zaziletha phambi kukaJehova, loSathane weza lazo. <sup>7</sup> UJehova wathi kuSathane, "Uvela ngaphi?"

USathane wamphendula uJehova wathi, "Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni, ngihambahamba ngisiya le lale."

<sup>8</sup> UJehova wasesithi kuSathane, "Usuke wayinanzelela yini inceku yami uJobe? Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu, exwaya okubi."

<sup>9</sup> USathane waphendula wathi, "Kambe uJobe umesaba uNkulunkulu kungelalutho na? <sup>10</sup> Kawumbiyelanga ngothango yini yena lendlu yakhe, kanye lakho konke alakho? Uwubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe kuze kuthi imihlambi yakhe yezimvu leyezinkomo igcwale ilizwe lonke.

<sup>11</sup> Kodwa akuwelule isandla sakho uchithe konke alakho, uzabona uzakuthuka ekukhangele."

<sup>12</sup> UJehova wathi kuSathane, "Kulungile, konke alakho kusezandleni zakho, kodwa yena ngokwakhe ungamthinti."

Kwathi-ke uSathane wasesuka phambi kukaJehova.

<sup>13</sup> Ngelinye ilanga amadodana kaJobe lamadodakazi akhe ayezitika ngokudla, enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala, <sup>14</sup> isigijimi safika kuJobe sathi, "Izinkabi bezilima labobabhemi besidla eduze khonapho,

<sup>15</sup> kwafika amaSabhini ahlasele aqhuba konke ahamba. Izisebenzi azicakazile ngenkemba kwasala mina ngedwa engisindileyo ukuzakubikela!"

<sup>16</sup> Sisakhuluma esinye isigijimi safika sathi, "Umlilo kaNkulunkulu wehla uvela phezu wazitshisa izimvu lezisebenzi, kwasala mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!"

<sup>17</sup> Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika esinye isigijimi sathi, "AmaKalidiya abe yimikhakha emithathu ehlela emakamelweni akho awaqhuba ahamba lawo. Izisebenzi azilalise phansi ngenkemba kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!"

<sup>18</sup> Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika njalo esinye isigijimi sathi, "Amadodana lamadodakazi akho abesidla edilini enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala,

<sup>19</sup> kwathi masinyane vungu isivunguzane siqhamuka enkangala saphekula amagumbi womane endlu. Ithe mbo phezu kwabo bahle bafa, kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!"

<sup>20</sup> Ekuzwa lokho uJobe wasukuma wadabula isambatho sakhe, waphuca ikhanda lakhe. Wazilahla phansi wakhonza

<sup>21</sup> wathi:

“Ngaphuma ngize esiswini sikamama, njalo ngizasuka ngize.

UJehova wapha njalo uJehova usethathile;

kalidunyiswe ibizo likaJehova.”

<sup>22</sup> Phakathi kwakho konke lokhu uJobe kazange enze isono ngokubeka umlandu uNkulunkulu athi wonile.

### *Ukulingwa Kwesibili KukaJobe*

**2** Kwelinye ilanga njalo izingilosi

zaziletha phambi kukaJehova, loSathane laye weza lazo ukuziletha kuye. <sup>2</sup> UJehova wasesithi kuSathane, "Uvela ngaphi?"

Wamphendula uJehova uSathane wathi, "Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni ngihambahamba ngisiya le lale kuwo."

<sup>3</sup> UJehova wasesithi kuSathane, "Usuke wayinazelela yini inceku yami uJobe? Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu, exwaya okubi. Ulokhu emi kubo ubuqotho bakhe lanxa wangi qhubezela ukuthi ngimdilize kungelasizatho."

<sup>4</sup> USathane waphendula wathi, "Isikhumba ngesikhumba! Umuntu anganikela loba yini alayo ukusiza impilo yakhe. <sup>5</sup> Kodwa yelula isandla sakho umtshaye inyama lamathambo akhe, uzabona uzakuthuka ekukhangele."

<sup>6</sup> UJehova wathi kuSathane, "Kulungile, usezandleni zakho, kodwa ungayithinti impilo yakhe."

<sup>7</sup> Yikho uSathane wasesuka phambi kukaJehova wathela uJobe izilonda ezibuhlungu kusukela ngaphansi kufika esicholo sekhanda lakhe. <sup>8</sup> UJobe wasethatha ucezu lodengezi wazihwaya ngalo yena eshlezi esilotheni.

<sup>9</sup> Umkakhe wathi kuye, "Ulokhu ubambelele kubo ubuqotho bakho na? Mthuke uNkulunkulu uzifele!"

<sup>10</sup> Waphendula wathi, "Ukhuluma njengomfazi oyisiwula. Sizakwamukela okuhle kuNkulunkulu singalwamukeli uhlupho na?"

Kukho konke lokhu uJobe kenzanga isono ngakutshoyo.

### *Abangane BakaJobe Abathathu*

<sup>11</sup> Kwathi abangane bakaJobe abathathu, u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofa umNamathi, sebezile ngazo zonke izinhlupho ezazimwele basuka emakhaya abo bahlangana bavumelana ukuthi bahambe bayomqinisa bamduduze.

<sup>12</sup> Bathi bembona besesebucwala kabaze bamazi; baqhinqa isililo, badabula izambatho zabo, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo.

<sup>13</sup> Basebehlala phansi laye okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa. Kakho kubo owatsho ulutho kuye ngoba babona ubuhlungu obukhulu ayebuzwa.

### *Inkulumo KaJobe*

**3** Ngemva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe waliqalekisa ilanga azalwa ngalo. <sup>2</sup> Wathi:

<sup>3</sup> "Sengathi ilanga lokuzalwa kwami lingatshabalala,

lalobobusuku okwathiwa, 'Kuzelwe umfana!'"

<sup>4</sup> Lolosuku sengathi lungaphenduka umnyama;

sengathi uNkulunkulu ophezulu angalunanzi;

lokukhanya kucime mhla lowo.

<sup>5</sup> Sengathi umnyama lethunzi elikhulu kungaluginya njalo;

sengathi iyezi lingalusibekela;  
sengathi umnyama omnyama  
ungalugubuzela.

<sup>6</sup> Lobobusuku – sengathi umnyama  
ungabuthi jwamu;

sengathi bungayekelwa ukubalwa kanye  
lezinsuku zomnyaka

futhi bungangeniswa lakuyiphi inyanga.

<sup>7</sup> Sengathi lobobusuku  
bungabayinyumba;

sengathi kungeze kwezwakala umsindo  
wentokozo mhla lokho.

<sup>8</sup> Sengathi labo abaqalekisa izinsuku  
bangaluqalekisa lolosuku,

labo abazimisele ukuhlokoza  
uLeviyathani.

<sup>9</sup> Sengathi izinkanyezi zalo zokusa  
zingafiphala;

lulindele imini kube yize

lungayiboni imisebe yokuqala yokusa,

<sup>10</sup> ngokuba kaluyivalanga iminyango  
yesizalo ngisiza

ukufihla uhlupho emehlweni ami.

<sup>11</sup> "Kungani ngingafanga ngizalwa,  
ngahle ngacitsha ngisaphuma esiswini  
na?"

<sup>12</sup> "Kungani kwaba lamadolo  
okungemukela

lamabele okungimunyisa na?"

<sup>13</sup> Ngoba manje ngabe ngilele ekuthuleni;  
ngabe ngisebuthongweni ekuphumuleni

<sup>14</sup> kanye lamakhosi labeluleki bomhlaba,  
ababezakhele izindawo okwamanje  
sezingamanxiwa,

<sup>15</sup> kanye lababusi ababelegolide,  
ababegwalise izindlu zabo ngesiliva.

<sup>16</sup> Kumbe kungani ngingathukuzwanga  
emhlabathini njengomphunzo na,

njengosane oluvele lungazange lubone  
ukukhanya kosuku?

<sup>17</sup> Khonale ababi kabasaxokozeli,  
njalo khonale abakhatheleyo  
basekuphumuleni.

<sup>18</sup> Abathunjiweyo labo bazuza  
ukukhululeka;

kabasakuzwa ukuhaladwa ngumtshayeli  
wezithunjwa.

<sup>19</sup> Abantukazana lezikhulu bakhona,  
lesigqili siyakhululwa enkosini yaso.

<sup>20</sup> "Kungani ukukhanya bekuphiwa labo  
abasosizini na,

lokuphila labo abalobuhlungu  
emphefumulweni,

<sup>21</sup> kulabo abakhalela ukufa okungafikiyo,  
abakuthungathayo okudlula ingcebo  
efihliweyo,

<sup>22</sup> abaphuphuma ngenjabulo  
bathokoza nxa sebefika engwabeni?

<sup>23</sup> Kungani impilo iphiwa umuntu

ondlela yakhe ifihliwe,

uNkulunkulu amhonqolozelayo na?

<sup>24</sup> Ngokuba ukububula kuyangifikela  
endaweni yokudla;

ukugomela kwami kuthululeka  
njengamanzi.

<sup>25</sup> Ebengikwesaba sekungehlele,  
obekungitshayisa uvalo sekwenzakele  
kimi.

<sup>26</sup> Kangilakho ukuchelesa, kangilakho  
ukuthula;

kangilakuphumula, ukuhlupheka  
kuphela.

### *Impendulo Ka-Elifazi*

**4** Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani  
wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Nxa umuntu angaphosa ilizwi nje kuwe  
uzacunuka na?"

Kodwa ngubani ongathula angakhulumi  
na?"

<sup>3</sup> Khumbula ukuthi sewabafundisa njani abanengi,

ukuthi ubaqinise njani abalezandla ezibuthakathaka.

<sup>4</sup> Amazwi akho abasekele labo abakhubekayo;

uwaqinisile amadolo axegayo.

<sup>5</sup> Kodwa manje sekuthe ngokuthi uhlupho luze kuwe usuphela amandla;

lukutshaya ubusudela ithemba.

<sup>6</sup> Kungani ukukholwa kwakho kungabi yiso isibindi sakho na

lezindlela zakho ezimsulwa zibe lithemba lakho na?

<sup>7</sup> "Khumbula manje: Ngubani owathi engelacala wabhubha na?

Kungaphi lapho abaqotho abake babhujiswa khona na?

<sup>8</sup> Ngokubona kwami labo abalima okubi lalabo abahlanyela udubo bavuna lona.

<sup>9</sup> Ngokuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha;

ngokukhwaza kolaka lwakhe bayafa.

<sup>10</sup> Izilwane zingabhonga zihwabhe, kodwa amazinyo ezilwane ezinkulu ayephuka.

<sup>11</sup> Isilwane siyafa ngokuswela ukudla bese-ke imidlwane yesilwanekazi isabalale.

<sup>12</sup> "Kulethwe ilizwi kimi ngasese, izindlebe zami zilizwile linyenyezwa.

<sup>13</sup> Phakathi kwamaphupho adungayo ebusuku,

lapho abantu belele befile,

<sup>14</sup> ukwesaba lokuthuthumela kwangifikela kwenza wonke amathambo ami aqhaqhazela.

<sup>15</sup> Kwathi tshazi emehlweni ami ithongo elithile,

wahlasimula umzimba wami izinwele zasiphuka zema.

<sup>16</sup> Ithongo lelo lema,

kodwa kangikwazanga ukuthi kuyini. Kwakumi into phambi kwamehlo ami, ngasengisizwa ilizwi elihelezayo:

<sup>17</sup> 'Kambe umuntu angalunga okudlula uNkulunkulu na?

Umuntu angahlanzeka kuloMenzi wakhe na?

<sup>18</sup> Nxa uNkulunkulu engazithembi izinceku zakhe,

nxa ebeka izingilosi zakhe umlandu ngokona,

<sup>19</sup> pho-ke kuzakuba njani kulabo abahlala ezindlini zodaka,

ozisekelo zazo zisothulini, abahlifizeka lula njengenondo!

<sup>20</sup> Phakathi kokusa lokuhlwa bayabhidlizwa babe yizicucu;

bengananzwa langubani, bayabhubha kokuphela.

<sup>21</sup> Izintambo zamatende abo kazidonswa na,

bafe bengelalwazi?'

**5** "Memeza uma uthanda, kodwa ngubani ozakuphendula na?

Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele na?

<sup>2</sup> Ukucaphuka kuyasibulala isiwula lomhawu uyamqeda oyisithutha.

<sup>3</sup> Mina ngokwami sengasibona isiwula siphumelela,

kodwa masinyane nje indlu yaso yayisithukiwe.

<sup>4</sup> Abantwabaso kabavikelekanga lakancinyane,

baphoselwa entolongweni bengelamvikeli.

<sup>5</sup> Abalambileyo bayazidlela isivuno sakhe besithatha kanye lasemeveni, labomileyo bahalalela inotho yakhe.

<sup>6</sup>Ngoba ubunzima kabugobhozi emhlabathini,

loba uhlupho luhlume phansi.

<sup>7</sup>Ikanti umuntu uzalelwa ukuhlupheka njengoba ngeqiniso izinhansi zomlilo ziqhatshela phezulu.

<sup>8</sup>"Kodwa aluba bekuyimi, bengizamncenga uNkulunkulu; bengizakwethula udubo lwami kuye.

<sup>9</sup>Uyazenza izimanga ezingelakulinganiswa, imimangaliso engelakubalwa.

<sup>10</sup>Uyanisa izulu emhlabeni; uthumela amanzi elizweni.

<sup>11</sup>Abaphansi uyabakhweza phezulu, lalabo abakhalayo ubaphakamisela ekuphepheni.

<sup>12</sup>Uyawafubisa amacebo amaqili, ukuze izandla zawo zingaphumeleli.

<sup>13</sup>Uyababamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, kuthi amaqinga eziphoxo achitheke.

<sup>14</sup>Ubumnyama buyabehlela emini; phakathi kwemini bayaphumputha kungathi kusebusuku.

<sup>15</sup>Uyabasindisa abaswelayo baphephe inkemba emlonyeni wabo; uyabasindisa ekubanjweni ngabalamandla.

<sup>16</sup>Ngakho abayanga balalo ithemba, ukwahlulela kubi kuvala owakho umlomo.

<sup>17</sup>"Ubusisiwe umuntu oqondiswa nguNkulunkulu; ngakho ungaseyisi isijeziro sikaSomandla.

<sup>18</sup>Ngokuba uyagwaza, kodwa aphinde abophe amanxeba;

uyalimaza kodwa izandla zakhe njalo ziyapholisa.

<sup>19</sup>Uzakuhlenga ezinhluphekweni eziyisithupha; kweziyisikhombisa kawuyikuwelwa yingozi.

<sup>20</sup>Ngesikhathi sendlala uzakuhlenga ekufeni, lasempini akuhlenge ekugaleleni kwenkemba.

<sup>21</sup>Uzavikelwa ekubhaxuzweni ngolimi, ungaze wesaba nxa kufika incithakalo.

<sup>22</sup>Uzakupheka ukuchithakala kanye lendlala, njalo ungaze wazesaba izilo zomhlaba.

<sup>23</sup>Ngokuba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga, lezinyamazana zeganga zizahlalisana kuhle lawe.

<sup>24</sup>Uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho livikelekile; uzahlolisisa impahla yakho uthole kungelalutho olungekho.

<sup>25</sup>Uzakwazi ukuthi abantwabakho bazakuba banengi, lesizukulwane sakho sibe ngangotshani bomhlaba.

<sup>26</sup>Uzakuza engwabeni usukhulile okugcweleyo njengezikhwebu zamabele eziqoqwa sezipehelele.

<sup>27</sup>"Sesikuhlolile lokhu, kuliqiniso. Ngakho kuzwisise, ukulandele wena ngokwakho."

### *Impendulo KaJobe*

**6** Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

<sup>2</sup>"Uba ubuhlungu bami bungalinganiswa lokuhlupheka kwami konke kufakwe esikalini!

<sup>3</sup>Ngileqiniso kungaba lobunzima obudlula itshebetshebe lezilwandle –

akungamangalisi ukuthi amazwi ami abhede kanje.

<sup>4</sup> Imithshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami,  
umoya wami unatha itshefu yayo;  
izihlukuluzo zikaNkulunkulu ziqondiswe kimi.

<sup>5</sup> Kambe ubabhemi weganga uyakhala yini utshani bukhona,  
loba inkabi ikhonye yona ukudla ilakho?

<sup>6</sup> Ukudla okuduma kuyadleka na kungelatshwayi,  
kumbe okumhlophe kweqanda kuyanambitheka yini?

<sup>7</sup> Ngiyala ukukuthinta;  
ukudla okunjalo kubuyisa inhliziyo yami.

<sup>8</sup> "He, aluba ngingazuza isicelo sami, uNkulunkulu angiphe lokho engikufisayo,

<sup>9</sup> ukuthi uNkulunkulu avume ukungichoboza,  
ayekele nje isandla sakhe singiqede!

<sup>10</sup> Lalapho ngizabe ngilokhu ngilale induduzo  
intokozo yami ebuhlungwini obungadediyo –  
ukuthi bengingawaphikanga amazwi akhe Ongcwele.

<sup>11</sup> "Ngilamandlana bani ukuthi ngibe lokhu ngithemba?

Ngisamelelwe yini ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngibekezela?

<sup>12</sup> Ngilamandla elitshe yini?

Inyama yami ilithusi na?

<sup>13</sup> Ngilawo yini amandla okuzisiza, manje njengoba sengemukwe impumelelo?

<sup>14</sup> "Indoda esilahlekelwa lithemba iswela ukuxhaswa ngabangane,

lokuba angabe isidele ukwesaba uSomandla.

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa abafowethu kabathenjwa njengemifula egeleza icitsha,  
njengemifula egabhayo

<sup>16</sup> ilezibhidi zeliqhwa eselincibilika njalo igcwele ibila ngongqoqwane osencibilikile,

<sup>17</sup> kodwa ikhawule ukugeleza ngesikhathi sokoma,

kuthi sekutshisa amanzi anyamalale ezindleleni zawo.

<sup>18</sup> Izindwende zamakamela ziyaphambuka ezindleleni zazo;

zintule enkangala zifele khona.

<sup>19</sup> Izindwende zaseThema zidinga amanzi, abathengisi baseSheba balinde bethembile.

<sup>20</sup> Bayadana ngokuba bebekade bethembile;

bayafika khonale bafike badane.

<sup>21</sup> Lani selitshengise ukuthi kalilancedo; libona into eyesabekayo beselisesaba.

<sup>22</sup> Sengake ngatsho yini ukuthi, 'Ake lingihlawulele lokhu,

ngihlengani ngempahla yenu,

<sup>23</sup> ngikhululani esandleni sesitha, ngihlengani ekufithizelweni ngabalesihluku'?

<sup>24</sup> "Ngifundisani, ngakho ngizathula; ake lingitshengise lapho engiphambanise khona.

<sup>25</sup> Abuhlungu kanganani amazwi eqiniso! Kodwa ukuphikisa kwenu kutshengisani?

<sup>26</sup> Lizama ukuqondisa engikutshoyo, amazwi omuntu oselahlekelwe lithemba liwathethe

njengomoya nje na?

<sup>27</sup> Lina lingayenza inkazatho ngezintandane,

lithengise lomngane wenu.

<sup>28</sup> "Kodwa okwamanje wobani lomusa lingizwele.

Ngingaqamba amanga phambi kwenu na?

<sup>29</sup> Dedani, lingenzi okungaqondanga; khumbulani kutsha, phela ubuqotho bami busengozini.

<sup>30</sup> Kukhona okubi na okusezindebeni zami?

Kambe umlomo wami kawukwehlukanisi okubi na?

**7** "Umuntu kakho emtshikatshikeni onzima yini emhlabeni?

Izinsuku zakhe kazifani yini lezomuntu oqatshiweyo na?

<sup>2</sup> Njengesigqili siloyisa amathunzi okuhlwa,

lanjengoqatshiweyo elindele kabi umholo wakhe,

<sup>3</sup> kanjalo ngibekelwe izinyanga ezingelambuyiselo,

lobusuku bosizi seabelwe mina.

<sup>4</sup> Ngithi nxa ngilala ngicabange ngithi, 'Kuzakusa nini na'?

Ubusuku buyadonsa ngiqwayize kuze kuse.

<sup>5</sup> Umzimba wami uphikhika impethu lamathuthuva,

isikhumba sami siyobukile siyabhibhidla.

<sup>6</sup> "Izinsuku zami ziyaphangisa kulesalukiso somaluki,

zisuka ziphele kungekho ithemba.

<sup>7</sup> Khumbula, hawu Nkulunkulu, ukuthi impilo yami ngumoya nje;

amehlo ami kawayikufa akubona njalo ukuthokoza.

<sup>8</sup> Ilihlo elingibonayo khathesi alisayikuphinde lingibone futhi;

lizangidinga, kodwa ngizakuba ngingasekho.

<sup>9</sup> Njengeyezi elinyamalalayo liphele, kanjalo lowo ongena engcwabeni kaphenduki.

<sup>10</sup> Kasoze lanini aphinde angene endlini yakhe;

indawo yakhe kayisayikubuye imazi lanini.

<sup>11</sup> "Ngakho-ke kangizukuthula; ngizakhuluma ubuhlungu obusemoyeni wami,

ngizasola ngokudabuka komphfumulo wami.

<sup>12</sup> Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe ngiyisilo semanzini

okungaze lihlale lingilindle?

<sup>13</sup> Ngithi lapho ngicabanga ukuthi umbheda wami uzangiduduza

lecansi lami liphungule ukusola kwami,

<sup>14</sup> lakhona lapho liyangethusa ngamaphupho

njalo lingesabise ngemibono,

<sup>15</sup> okwenza ngiqome ukuklinywa lokufa, kulalo umzimba wami.

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyayeyisa impilo yami; kangiloyisi ukuphila okwaphakade.

Ngiyekelani; izinsuku zami kazisatsho lutho.

<sup>17</sup> "Umuntu uyini ungaze uzihluphe kangaka ngaye,

ungaze umnake kangaka,

<sup>18</sup> uze umhlole ekuseni izinsuku zonke njalo umlinge imizuzwana yonke na?

<sup>19</sup> Kawusoze uke ukhangele eceleni kwami na,

loba uke ungixekele okomzuzwana yini?

<sup>20</sup> Aluba ngenze isono, kuyini engikwenzileyo kuwe,

wena mlindi wabantu?

Kungani ukhethe ukuhlukuluza mina na?  
Sengingumthwalo kuwe na?  
<sup>21</sup> Kungani ungaxoleli iziphambeko zami  
na,  
uthethelele izono zami?  
ngokuba kakusekhatshana ukuthi ngilale  
othulini;  
uzangidinga, kanti ngizabe ngingasekho."

*Inkulumo kaBhilidadi*

**8** UBhilidadi umShuhi wasephendula  
wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Koze kube nini ukhuluma izinto  
ezinjalo?

Amazwi akho angumoya ophenqazayo.

<sup>3</sup> Kambe uNkulunkulu uyakuhlanekela  
ukulunga na?

Kambe uSomandla uyakuhlanekela  
okuhle na?

<sup>4</sup> Lapho abantwabakho bona kuye,  
wabanikela isijeziso sokona kwabo.

<sup>5</sup> Kanti nxa wena uzakhangela  
kuNkulunkulu

uncenge kuSomandla,

<sup>6</sup> nxa umsulwa uqondile,

lamanje nje uzaphakama akusize  
akubuyisele esimeni sakho.

<sup>7</sup> Lapho owaqalisa khona kuzakhanya  
sekukuncinyane,

ngoba ngezinsuku ezizayo uzabe  
usuphumelela kakhulu.

<sup>8</sup> "Buza abezizukulwane ezingaphambili  
udinge ukuthi okhokho babo bafundani,

<sup>9</sup> ngokuba thina sizelwe izolo nje, kasazi  
lutho,

lezinsuku zethu emhlabeni zilithunzi  
kuphela.

<sup>10</sup> Kambe kaziyikukulaya zikutshele na?  
Kaziyikuletha amazwi okuzwisisa na?

<sup>11</sup> Konje inqodi ingakhula ibende ingekho  
exhaphozini na?

Imihlanga ingaqhela kungelamanzi na?

<sup>12</sup> Nxa leyonqodi isakhula ingakaqunywa  
ijinge ibune masinyane kulotshani.

<sup>13</sup> Sinjalo isiphetho sabo bonke  
abakhohlwa uNkulunkulu;

litshabalala kanjalo ithemba lalowo  
ongakholwayo.

<sup>14</sup> Lokho akuthembayo kufohlozeka lula;  
lokho eyeme kukho yibulembu besayobe.

<sup>15</sup> Uyeyama kulobubulembu bakhe,  
kodwa bubhidlike;

uyabambelela kubo, kodwa bukhithike;

<sup>16</sup> Unjengesihlahla esithelelwa kakhulu  
sikhula elangeni,

esisabalalisa izingatsha zaso esivandeni;

<sup>17</sup> sinxibanise izimpande zaso enqumbini  
yamatshe,

sizama ukuzuza ukugxila kuhle  
ematsheni.

<sup>18</sup> Kodwa singasitshulwa kuleyondawo,  
leyondawo isisilandula ithi, 'Angikaze  
ngikubone.'

<sup>19</sup> Ngeqiniso impilo yaso iyabuna,  
ezinye izihlahla zibe zilokhu zikhula  
emhlabathini lowo.

<sup>20</sup> "Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kamlahli  
umuntu ongelansolo

futhi kaqinisi izandla zezigangi.

<sup>21</sup> Ulokhu ezajinge agcwalise umlomo  
wakho ngohleko

lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza  
ngentokozo.

<sup>22</sup> Izitha zakho zizakwembathiswa  
ngehlazo,

lamathente ababi azatshabalala."

*Impendulo kaJobe*

**9** Wasephendula uJobe wathi:



<sup>2</sup>"Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuliqiniso.

Kodwa umuntu wenyama angalunga yini kuNkulunkulu?

<sup>3</sup>Loba umuntu ubengafisa ukuphikisana laye

ngeke amphendule lakanye emibuzweni eyinkulungwane.

<sup>4</sup>Ukuhlakanipha kwakhe kujulile, amandla akhe makhulu.

Ngubani kambe oke wamelana laye wasinda?

<sup>5</sup>Uyazisudula izintaba zona zingazi lutho, azigenqule nxa esezondile.

<sup>6</sup>Uyawunyikinya umhlaba endaweni yawo,

axukuxe izinsika zawo.

<sup>7</sup>Uyalitshela ilanga ukuba lingakhanyi; asibekele ukukhanya kwezinkanyezi.

<sup>8</sup>Nguye kuphela owelula amazulu, ohamba phezu kwamagagasi olwandle.

<sup>9</sup>UnguMenzi wezinkanyezi iNgulube leZinja,

iSilimela loMthala waseningizimu.

<sup>10</sup>Wenza imimangaliso engafinyelelekiyo,

izimanga ezingelakubalwa.

<sup>11</sup>Uthi nxa esedlula kimi, ngingamboni; ahambe khonapho ngingezwa lutho.

<sup>12</sup>Uma ehluthuna, ngubani ongamalela? Ngubani ongathi kuye, 'Wenzani wena?'

<sup>13</sup>UNkulunkulu kalunqandi ulaka lwakhe; labasekeli bakaRahabi besaba bawela ezinyaweni zakhe.

<sup>14</sup>"Pho mina ngingaphikisana laye njani? Ngingawathatha ngaphi amazwi okuphoselana laye?

<sup>15</sup>Lokuba ngiyabe ngingelamlandu, ngeke ngimphendule;

Ngiyala ngokumncenga uMahluleli wami ukuthi angihawukele.

<sup>16</sup>Lokuba bengingambiza laye eze, angikholwa ukuthi ube engangilalela.

<sup>17</sup>Ubengangihlifiza ngesiphepho andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho.

<sup>18</sup>Ubengasoze angiphe ithuba lokukhokha umoya

kodwa ubezahle

angicindezele ngosizi.

<sup>19</sup>Nxa kutshiwo amandla, awakhe angakaya!

nxa kumbe yikwahlulela okuhle, ngubani ongamthonisisa?

<sup>20</sup>Loba ngingabe ngingelacala, umlomo wami ubungangilahla;

aluba ngimsulwa wona uthi ngonile.

<sup>21</sup>"Lokuba ngingelacala, angizihluphi ngami; ngiyayeyisa impilo yami.

<sup>22</sup>Kuyafanana konke; yikho ngisithi, 'Ubhubhisa bonke abangelacala lababi.'

<sup>23</sup>Nxa isifo esibi sibulala ngokuphangisa, uyabahleka abangelacala ngokulahla kwabo ithemba.

<sup>24</sup>Nxa ilizwe liwela ezandleni zababi, ubembesa amehlo abehluleli balo. Nxa kungayisuye, pho ngubani?

<sup>25</sup>"Amalanga ami alesiqubu esidlula esomgijimi;

ayaphapha anyamalale kungekho kuthokoza.

<sup>26</sup>Antweza edlule njengezikepe zelala, njengezingqungqulu zisehla zihwitha ezikudlayo.

<sup>27</sup>Aluba ngingathi, 'Ngizakubeka eceleni ukusola kwami,

ngicitshe ukunyukubala ngibobotheke,'

<sup>28</sup>ngijinge ngilokhu ngihemahema ngezinhlophe zami,

ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi kawuzukungigeza.

<sup>29</sup>Njengoba ngivele sengibekwe icala,  
ngizazihluphelani ngokulwela ize na?

<sup>30</sup>Loba ngingaze ngigeze ngesepa  
lezandla zami ngesoda yokugeza,

<sup>31</sup>uzajinge ungiphosele emgodini olodaka  
ngize ngenyanywe yizigqoko zami.

<sup>32</sup>Akasumuntu njengami ukuthi  
ngingamphendula,  
ukuthi singamisana emthethwandaba.

<sup>33</sup>Aluba ube engabakhona osilamulayo,  
abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwethu  
sobabili,

<sup>34</sup>omunye nje ongasusa uswazi  
lukaNkulunkulu kimi,  
ukuze ngingatshukunyiswa  
yilokhukwesaba.

<sup>35</sup>Lapho-ke bengizakhuluma ngingesabi  
yena,  
kodwa okwakhathesi kunje, ngeke.

**10** "Senginengwa yimpilo yami;  
ngakho sengizasola ngingasathikazi  
ngithulule ubuhlungu bomphefumulo  
wami.

<sup>2</sup>Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu:  
Ungangilahli,  
kodwa ngitshela ukuthi ungethesa cala  
bani.

<sup>3</sup>Kuyakuthabisa na ukungizwisa  
ubuhlungu,  
ukulahla umsebenzi wezandla zakho,  
ikanti uyahlekelela ngamacebo ezigangi?

<sup>4</sup>Ulamehlo enyama na?

Ubona njengokubona kwabantu na?

<sup>5</sup>Izinsuku zakho ziyafanana lezabantu  
yini,  
kumbe iminyaka yakho injengeyomuntu  
yini,

<sup>6</sup>osungaze uphenye iziphambeko zami  
njalo ulandelele isono sami –

<sup>7</sup>loba wena ukwazi ukuthi angilacala

lokuthi kakho ongangikhulula esandleni  
sakho?

<sup>8</sup>"Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza.

Pho usuzaphenduka ungibhidlize na?

<sup>9</sup>Khumbula ukuthi wangibumba  
njengomdaka.

Pho usuzabuye ungiphendule uthuli na?

<sup>10</sup>Kawungithululanga yini njengochago  
njalo wangijiyisa njengolaza,

<sup>11</sup>wangigqokisa ngesikhumba lenyama,  
wangithungela ndawonye ngamathambo  
lemisipha?

<sup>12</sup>Wangipha ukuphila wangitshengisa  
umusa,  
ukunanza kwakho kwawelusa umoya  
wami.

<sup>13</sup>"Kodwa lokhu yikho owakufihla  
enhliziyweni yakho,  
njalo ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kwakukhona  
engqondweni yakho:

<sup>14</sup>Aluba ngona, ngabe wawungikhangele  
wawungezukuphekela ukona kwami  
kungajeziswa.

<sup>15</sup>Aluba ngilecala – maye mina!  
lokuba ngingelalo icala, akukho  
engingakwenza,  
ngokuba ngiyafa ngenhloni  
njalo ngiyagalula ekuhluphekeni kwami.

<sup>16</sup>Nxa ngingathi ngivusa ikhanda  
ungicwathela njengesilwane  
uphinde utshengise amandla akho  
esabekayo kimi.

<sup>17</sup>Uletha ofakazi abatsha abangilahlayo,  
wandise ulaka lwakho kimi;  
amabutho akho angihlasela amaviyo  
ngamaviyo.

<sup>18</sup>"Pho kungani wangikhupha esizalweni  
na?

Ngifisa ukuthi ngabe ngafa  
ningakabonwa laloba yiliphi ilihlo.

<sup>19</sup> Aluba ngivele ngingazange ngibe  
yilutho oluphilayo,

loba ngathwalwa ngisuka esizalweni  
ngasiwa ethuneni!

<sup>20</sup> Izinsuku zami ezilutshwana kaseziphela  
nje?

Akungifulathele ukuze kengizuze  
umzuzwana wentokozo

<sup>21</sup> ngingakayi lapho okungabuywa khona,  
elizweni lobumnyama lethunzi elikhulu,

<sup>22</sup> elizweni lobusuku obujule okungale,  
elethunzi elinzima lenhlikinhliki,  
lapho lokukhanya kunjengomnyama.

### *Impendulo kaZofari*

**11** Yikho uZofari umNamathi  
wasephendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Uthi amazwi wonke la angayekela  
ukuphendulwa na?

Iphotshophotsho leli liyekelwe nje  
libheda?

<sup>3</sup> Umbhedo wakho lo wenze abantu  
bathule na?

Uthi ungakhuzwa muntu wena  
ukhulumela eceleni?

<sup>4</sup> Uthi kuNkulunkulu, 'Inkolo yami  
kayilansolo

njalo ngimsulwa phambi kwakho.'

<sup>5</sup> Hawu, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe  
uNkulunkulu angakhuluma,

ubezavula izindebe zakhe ekusola

<sup>6</sup> akuvulele izimfihlo zokuhlakanipha,  
ngoba inhlikanipho yeqiniso ikabili.

Yazi lokhu: UNkulunkulu uvele  
usezikhohliwe ezinye izono zakho.

<sup>7</sup> "Kambe ungayifinyelela yini  
imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu?

Ungaziphenya iziphetho zikaSomandla  
na?

<sup>8</sup> Ziqongile ngaphezu kwamazulu –  
ungenzani kambe?

Zizikile kulokutshona kwelibaba – kuyini  
ongakwazi pho?

<sup>9</sup> Ukulinganiswa kwazo kude kulomhlaba  
njalo kubanzi kulolwandle.

<sup>10</sup> "Aluba esiza lapha akuphosele  
entolongweni

abize inkundla, ngubani ongamphikisa  
na?

<sup>11</sup> Liqiniso ukuthi uyababona abantu  
abakhohlisayo;

njalo nxa ebona okubi, kananzeleli na?

<sup>12</sup> Kodwa umuntu oyisithutha ngeke  
ahlakaniphe

njengoba ubabhemi weganga engeke  
azalwa ngumuntu.

<sup>13</sup> "Ikanti nxa ugxilisa inhliziyi yakho  
kuye

uphakamisele izandla zakho kuye,

<sup>14</sup> aluba ulahla isono esisesandleni sakho  
ungavumeli bubi buhlale ethenteni lakho,

<sup>15</sup> lapho-ke uzabuveza ubuso bakho  
ungelanhloni;

uzakuma uqine ungesabi.

<sup>16</sup> Uzalukhohlwa ngempela uhlupho  
lwakho,

lufike nje engqondweni  
njengezikhukhula ezadlulayo.

<sup>17</sup> Impilo izakhanya kulemini enkulu,

lobumnyama buzakuba njengasekuseni.

<sup>18</sup> Uzavikeleka, ngoba ithemba likhona;  
uzathalaza langaphi kwakho uzuze  
ukuphumula uvikelekile.

<sup>19</sup> Uzazilalela, kungekho okwethusayo,  
njalo abanengi bazabe sebezisondeza  
kuwe.

<sup>20</sup> Kodwa amehlo ababi azafiphala,

behluleke lokubaleka;  
ithemba labo libe yikuhotsha umoya  
wokufa.

*Impendulo kaJobe*

**12** Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Wo, lina yini elizibona kuyini abantu,  
njalo lenhlakanipho izakufa lani!

<sup>3</sup> Kodwa lami ngilayo ingqondo njengani;  
kalingedluli ngalutho.

Ngubani ongazaziyo izinto zonke lezi?

<sup>4</sup> "Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa kubangane  
bami,

lokuba ngacela kuNkulunkulu  
waphendula –

inhlekisa sibili, ikanti ngilungile,  
ngimsulwa!

<sup>5</sup> Abantu abahlezi kuhle bayakweyisa  
ukwehlelwa ngumnyama,

bathi kuyimfanelo yalabo onyawo zabo  
sezitshela.

<sup>6</sup> Amathente ezigebengu avikelekile,  
lalabo abamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu  
bavikelekile –

unkulunkulu wabo usezandleni zabo.

<sup>7</sup> "Kodwa ake ubuze izinyamazana,  
zizakufundisa,

kumbe izinyoni zemoyeni, zizakutshela;

<sup>8</sup> kumbe khuluma lomhlaba,  
uzakufundisa,

loba wothi izinhlanzi zolwandle  
zikutshela.

<sup>9</sup> Yikuphi kwalezizinto okungaziyo na  
ukuthi yisandla sikaJehova  
esikwenzileyo lokhu?

<sup>10</sup> Esandleni sakhe kulempilo yazo zonke  
izidalwa

lokuphefumula kwabantu bonke.

<sup>11</sup> Indlebe kayiwahloli yini wonke  
amazwi

njengolimi lunambitha ukudla?

<sup>12</sup> Angithi ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa  
ebadaleni na?

Angithi impilo ende iletha ukuzwisisa  
na?

<sup>13</sup> "NgokukaNkulunkulu ukuhlakanipha  
lamandla;

ukweluleka lokuzwisisa kungokwakhe.

<sup>14</sup> Lokho akubhidlizayo kungeke  
kwamiswa njalo;

lowo amvalelayo ngeke avulelwe.

<sup>15</sup> Angaze awavale amanzi, kuba lokoma;  
angawavulela kuba lomonakalo elizweni.

<sup>16</sup> Angawakhe amandla lokunqoba;  
okhohliswayo lomkhohlisi ngabakhe  
bonke.

<sup>17</sup> Abeluleki uyabakhupha bahambe  
beyangekile

enze abehluleli babe yiziphukuphuku.

<sup>18</sup> Uyanyomula izibopho ezifindwe  
ngamakhosi

azibophe ngelembu ekhalweni.

<sup>19</sup> Abaphristi uyabakhupha beyangekile  
awagenqule amadoda abesithi asegxilile.

<sup>20</sup> Uyazithulisa izindebe zabeluleki  
abathenjiweyo

asuse ulwazi lwabadala.

<sup>21</sup> Izikhulu uzihleka usulu

abalmandla abathathele lawomandla.

<sup>22</sup> Uyahlazulula izimfihlo ezenzeka  
emnyameni

amathunzi azikileyo awalethe  
ekukhanyeni.

<sup>23</sup> Wenza izizwe zikhule, abesezidiliza;  
uyaziqhelisa izizwe, aphinde azichithe.

<sup>24</sup> Abakhokheli basemhlabeni ubemuka  
ukuhlakanipha kwabo;

ubenza bantule enkangala.

<sup>25</sup> Bayaphumputha emnyameni  
kungelakukhanya;  
ubenza badiyazele njengezidakwa.

**13** "Amehlo ami asekubonile konke  
lokhu,

izindlebe zami zikuzwile zakuqedisisa  
lokhu.

<sup>2</sup> Elikwaziyo lina lami ngiyakwazi;  
kalingcono ngalutho kulami.

<sup>3</sup> Kodwa ngiloyisa ukukhuluma  
loSomandla,  
ngiphikisane loNkulunkulu ngendaba  
yami.

<sup>4</sup> Kodwa lina lingigcona ngamanga;  
lonke liyizinyanga ezingelamsebenzi!

<sup>5</sup> Thulani lithi zwi!

Lokho kungaba yikuhlakanipha kini.

<sup>6</sup> Zwanini-ke manje engikutshoyo;  
lalelani ukuncenga kwezindebe zami.

<sup>7</sup> Lingakhuluma okubi limele  
uNkulunkulu na?

Lingamkhulumela inkohliso na?

<sup>8</sup> Limtshengisa ukuthi liyabandlulula  
yini?

Yini elimkhulumelayo uNkulunkulu  
akutshoyo?

<sup>9</sup> Kungalilungela yini nxa engalihlola?  
Kambe lingamkhohlisa njengoba  
lingakhohlisa abantu?

<sup>10</sup> Ngempela angalithethisa  
nxa lingabe litshengisa ukubandlulula.

<sup>11</sup> Inkazimulo yakhe ingaze yalesabisa  
na?

Ukwesabeka kwakhe kungaze kwalehlela  
na?

<sup>12</sup> Izitsho zenu ziyizaga zomlotha;  
lezivikelo zenu yizivikelo zebumba  
kuphela.

<sup>13</sup> "Thulani ngikhulume mina;

kungivelele loba kuyini okuvelayo.

<sup>14</sup> Ngizifakelani engozini na  
ngiphathe impilo yami ezandleni?

<sup>15</sup> Angaze angibulale kodwa ngizakwala  
ngithemba kuye;

ngizazivikela izindlela zami phambi  
kwakhe.

<sup>16</sup> Ngeqiniso lokhu kuzangikhulula,  
ngoba kakho umuntu ongakholwayo  
ongasondela kuye!

<sup>17</sup> Ake lilalele kuhle amazwi ami;  
vulani izindlebe zenu lizwe  
engikutshoyo.

<sup>18</sup> Manje-ke njengoba sengiyilungisile  
indaba yami,

Ngiyabona ukuthi ngizakhululwa.

<sup>19</sup> Ngubani kambe ongangethesa icala?  
Aluba ekhona, kangihle ngithule  
ngiphele ngife.

<sup>20</sup> "Akungiphe lezi izinto ezimbili nje,  
hawu Nkulunkulu,

lapho-ke angiyikukucatshela:

<sup>21</sup> Sisusele khatshana lami isandla sakho,  
ukhawule ukungethusa ngokwesabeka  
kwakho.

<sup>22</sup> Ubusungibizela ecaleni, ngizaphendula,  
kumbe ungiyekele ngikhulume, lawe  
uphendule.

<sup>23</sup> Sengenze iziphambeko lezono  
ezinganani na?

Ngitshengisa isiphambeko sami lesono  
sami.

<sup>24</sup> Kungani ufihla ubuso bakho  
ungithathe njengesitha sakho?

<sup>25</sup> Uzahluphana lehlamvu eliphetsulwa  
ngumoya na?

Uzaxotshana lomule owomileyo na?

<sup>26</sup> Ngokuba ubhala izinto ezibuhlungu  
ngami

ungenze ngidle ilifa lezono zobutsha  
bami.

<sup>27</sup> Ukhina izinyawo zami ngezibopho;  
ulandelela zonke izindlela zami  
ngokudweba uphawu ezinyathelweni  
zezinyawo zami.

<sup>28</sup> Yikho-ke umuntu uyacikizeka  
njengento ebolileyo,  
njengesigqoko esidliwe yinondo.

## 14 "Umuntu ozelwe ngumfazi

ulezinsuku ezilutshwana njalo ezigcwele  
uhlupho.

<sup>2</sup> Uyaqhakaza njengeluba aphinde abune;  
njengesithunzi esithi tshazi, akemi.

<sup>3</sup> Onjalo ungala ulokhu umkhangele na?  
Ungammisa phambi kwakho umthonisise  
na?

<sup>4</sup> Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo  
kokungcolileyo na?

Kakho!

<sup>5</sup> "Izinsuku zomuntu zimisiwe;  
uzibekile izinyanga zokuphila kwakhe  
wabeka imikhawulo angeke ayeqe.

<sup>6</sup> Ngakho-ke myekele ungazihluphi  
ngaye,  
aze aqede lesosikhathi sakhe  
njengomuntu oqatshiweyo.

<sup>7</sup> "Kungaba lethemba ngesihlahla;  
singaganyulwa siyahluma njalo,  
amahlumela aso kawayikwahluleka  
ukukhula.

<sup>8</sup> Izimpande zaso zingaguga phansi  
emhlabathini

lesiphunzi saso sife emhlabathini,

<sup>9</sup> kodwa singezwa amanzi siyahluma  
sikhuphe izingatsha njengesihlahla  
esitsha.

<sup>10</sup> Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi;  
uphefumula okokucina angabe esaba  
khona.

<sup>11</sup> Njengamanzi esitsha elwandle

lanjengomfula ucitsha amanzi wome qha,  
<sup>12</sup> ngokunjalo umuntu ulala phansi angabe  
esavuka;

kuze kutshabalale amazulu abantu  
kabayikuvuka

kumbe baphatshanyiswe ebuthongweni  
babo.

<sup>13</sup> Aluba ungangifihla ethuneni  
ungithukuze ulaka lwakho luze ludlule!  
Aluba ungangibekela isikhathi  
ube usungikhumbula!

<sup>14</sup> Umuntu angafa uphinde aphile na?  
Zonke izinsuku zokutshikatshika kwami  
ngizalindela isikhathi sokuyekelwa  
kwami.

<sup>15</sup> Uzabiza lami ngizasabela;  
uzasifisa lesosidalwa esenziwa yizandla  
zakho.

<sup>16</sup> Ngeqiniso lapho uzabala izinyathelo  
zami

kodwa kawuyikulandelela izono zami.

<sup>17</sup> Iziphambeko zami zizananyekwa  
emgodleni;  
uzasigubuzela isono sami.

<sup>18</sup> "Kodwa njengentaba ikhumuzeka ize  
ibhidlike,

lanjengedwala lisuduka endaweni yalo,

<sup>19</sup> njengamanzi awagubhayo amatshe  
lezikhukhula ziwuhugula umhlabathi,  
kanjalo uyalibhidliza ithemba lomuntu.

<sup>20</sup> Umehlula kanye angaphindi aze adlule;  
uyabuguqula ubuso bakho umxotshe.

<sup>21</sup> Nxa amadodana akhe ezuya udumo  
yena kasakwazi.

<sup>22</sup> Uzwa kuphela ubuhlungu bomzimba  
wakhe  
azikhalele yena.

*Impendulo ka-Elifazi*

**15** Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani

wathi:

<sup>2</sup> Kambe indoda ehlananiphileyo  
ingaphendula ngeze nje

loba igcwalise isisu sayo ngomoya  
otshisayo wempumalanga na?

<sup>3</sup> Angadaza inkani ngamazwi angatsho  
lutho,

ngezinkulumo ezingelasisindo na?

<sup>4</sup> Wena uze uxukuxe inkolo  
kuNkulunkulu

uphazamise lokumkhonza.

<sup>5</sup> Isono sakho sikhuthaza umlomo wakho;  
usuthethe ulimi lwamaqili.

<sup>6</sup> Umlomo wakho yiwo okulahlayo, hatshi  
owami;

izindebe zakho zifakaza ububi bakho.

<sup>7</sup> "Nguwe yini umuntu wokuqala  
ukuzalwa na?

Wabakhona kuqala kwezintaba na?

<sup>8</sup> Uyawulalele yini enkundleni  
kaNkulunkulu?

Nguwe wedwa yini olokuhlonipha?

<sup>9</sup> Kuyini okwaziyo wena thina  
esingakwaziyo?

Ulemibono bani wena thina esingelayo?

<sup>10</sup> Izimpunga lamakhehla bavumelana  
lathi,

amadoda amadala kuloyihlo.

<sup>11</sup> Izinduduzo zikaNkulunkulu  
kazikwanelisi yini,

amazwi akhulunywa kamnandi kuwe?

<sup>12</sup> Kungani uvumela ukufuqwa yinhliziyi  
na,

kungani amehlo akho eqwayiza,

<sup>13</sup> uze ubhodlise ulaka lwakho  
kuNkulunkulu

ukhihlize amazwi anjalo ngomlomo  
wakho?

<sup>14</sup> "Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe  
ngohlanzekileyo na,

lozelwe ngowesifazana ongaba  
ngolungileyo?

<sup>15</sup> Aluba uNkulunkulu engazithembi  
izingilosi zakhe,

aluba lamazulu engathembekanga kuye,

<sup>16</sup> pho umuntu-ke ongcolileyo,  
oxhwalileyo,

onatha ububi njengamanzi!

<sup>17</sup> "Lalela kimi ngikuchazele;

wothi ngikutshele esengakubonayo,

<sup>18</sup> lokho osekwafakazwa yizihlakaniphi,  
bengafihli lutho abaluthatha kubokhokho  
babo

<sup>19</sup> (abayibo kuphela abaphiwa ilizwe  
njalo akwaze kwedlula umuntu  
wezizweni phakathi kwabo):

<sup>20</sup> Ngezinsuku zakhe umuntu omubi  
uhlutshwa yizinhlungu,

kube yisihluku seminyaka yonke  
ayibekelweyo.

<sup>21</sup> Imisindo eyesabisayo iyagcwala  
ezindlebeni zakhe;

nxa kusithi kuyalunga, izikliwi  
zimhlasele.

<sup>22</sup> Ulahlekelwa lithemba lokuwuphepha  
umnyama;

umiselwe inkemba.

<sup>23</sup> Uyantula nje abe yikudla kwamanqo;  
uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama  
selusondele;

<sup>24</sup> Usizi lobuhlungu emoyeni bumlethela  
uvalo;

kuyamgabhela, njengenkosi isilungele  
ukuhlasela,

<sup>25</sup> ngokuba efumbathele uNkulunkulu  
inqindi,

ezimisela ukulwa loSomandla,

<sup>26</sup> aqholoze amhlasele

ngesihlangu esiqinileyo esilohlonzi.

<sup>27</sup> "Lokuba ezimuke ubuso bungakaya,  
ekhithika umkhaba uthe khu,  
<sup>28</sup> uzahlala emadolobheni angamanxiwa  
lezindlini ezingahlali muntu,  
izindlu eziwohlokayo zibe yinqumbi.  
<sup>29</sup> Kasayikunotha futhi, lenotho yakhe  
kayiyikuma,  
lezifuyo zakhe kazisayikugcwala ilizwe  
lonke.  
<sup>30</sup> Kayikuphepha emnyameni;  
ilangabi lizabunisa amahlumela akhe.  
<sup>31</sup> Makangazikhohlisi ngokuthemba  
okuyize,  
ngokuba akazukuzuzwa lutho ngakho.  
<sup>32</sup> Singakapheli isikhathi sakhe  
uzajeziswa,  
lezingatsha zakhe kaziyikuhluma.  
<sup>33</sup> Uzaba njengevini eliphundlwe izithelo  
zalo zingakavuthwa,  
njengesihlahla se-oliva sikhithiza  
izimpoko zaso.  
<sup>34</sup> Ngoba ixuku labangelaNkulunkulu  
kalizukuba lezithelo,  
lomlilo uzawahangula amathente alabo  
abathanda isivalamlomo.  
<sup>35</sup> Bamitha uhlupho bazale ububi;  
isizalo sabo sibumba inkohliso."

### *UJobe Uyaphendula*

**16** UJobe wasephendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Sengezwa izinto ezinengi ezifana  
lazona lezi;  
lingabaduduzi ababi lina lonke!  
<sup>3</sup> Zizaphela nini izinkulumo zokubhuda  
kwenu lokhu?  
Kuyini okulihluphayo laphikelela nje  
lidaza inkani?  
<sup>4</sup> Lami bengingakhuluma njengani  
aluba yini elisesikhundleni sami;

ngabe ngikhupha izinkulumo ezimnandi  
ngilisola  
ngize nginikine ikhanda lami.  
<sup>5</sup> Kodwa umlomo wami ngabe  
uyaliqinisa;  
induduzo yezindebe zami ipholise  
ubuhlungu.

<sup>6</sup> "Kodwa nxa ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu  
obukimi kabudedi;

loba ngingaze ngithule, kabusuki.

<sup>7</sup> Ngeqiniso, hawu Nkulunkulu,  
usungiqede amandla;

usuyitshabalalisile yonke imuli yami.

<sup>8</sup> Usungibophile sekuyibo ubufakazi  
balokho;

lokucikizeka kwami kuyakhula  
kungilahla.

<sup>9</sup> UNkulunkulu uyanginxwanela  
angidlikize ngolaka lwakhe,

angigedlele amazinyo;

isitha sami singinyonkoloze ngamehlo  
ahlabayo.

<sup>10</sup> Abantu bavula imilomo yabo  
bengihoza;

bangimakala esihlathini bengihlambaza  
babambane bangihlanganyele.

<sup>11</sup> UNkulunkulu usenginikele ebantwini  
ababi

wangiphosela ezandleni zezigangi.

<sup>12</sup> Konke kwakukuhle kimi, kodwa  
wangibhidliza;

wangixhakalaza ngentamo

wangichoboza.

Usengenze ngaba yinto yakhe  
yokunenjwa;

<sup>13</sup> abatshoki bakhe bangihanqile.

Ungiciba izinso zami engelazwelo  
achithele inyongo yami phansi.

<sup>14</sup> Ungisukela njalo njalo;

angidumele njengebutho.

<sup>15</sup> Sengithungele isambatho sesaka  
emzimbeni wami



ngathukuza ibunzi lami othulini.  
<sup>16</sup>Ubuso bami sebumvu ngokukhala,  
 amathunzi anzima ahonqolozela amehlo  
 ami;

<sup>17</sup>kodwa izandla zami kaziluhelanga  
 udlakela,  
 lomthandazo wami uhlanzekile.

<sup>18</sup>"Hawu mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi  
 lami;

sengathi lokukhala kwami  
 kungazekwacitshwa lanini!

<sup>19</sup>Lakhathesi ufakazi wami usezulwini;  
 ummeli wami uphezulu khonale.

<sup>20</sup>Ummeli wami ngumngane wami  
 nxa amehlo ami empompoza izinyembezi  
 kuNkulunkulu;

<sup>21</sup>uyamncengela umuntu kuNkulunkulu  
 njengomuntu encengela umngane wakhe.

<sup>22</sup>"Kusasele iminyakana engemingaki  
 anduba ngiye lapho kungabuywa khona.

**17** "Umoya wami udabukile,

izinsuku zami ziqunyiwe,  
 ithuna lingimelele.

<sup>2</sup>Impela abaklolodayo bangihanqile;  
 amehlo ami asehlezi elinde ulaka lwabo.

<sup>3</sup>"Ngipha, hawu Nkulunkulu,  
 lesosibambiso osifunayo.

Phela ngubani omunye ongangezela  
 lesosibambiso na?

<sup>4</sup>Usuzivalile izingqondo zabo  
 kabasazwisisi;

yikho kawuzukubayekela bagiye.

<sup>5</sup>Nxa umuntu angaphika umngane wakhe  
 ukuze ahlawulwe,  
 amehlo abantwabakhe azafiphala.

<sup>6</sup>"UNkulunkulu usengenze ngaba yisiga  
 ebantwini bonke,  
 umuntu okhafulelwa ngabanye  
 emehlweni.

<sup>7</sup>Ameblo ami asethundubele ngosizi;  
 umdumbu wami wonke usuyisithunzi  
 nje.

<sup>8</sup>Abantu abaqotho kuyabanenga lokhu;  
 abangelacala bayacaphuka  
 ngabangakholwayo.

<sup>9</sup>Kungenani, abalungileyo bazabambeleva  
 ezindleleni zabo,  
 kuthi labo abalezandla ezihlanzekileyo  
 baqine.

<sup>10</sup>"Kodwa khathesi lina lonke ake lizame  
 futhi!

Kangiboni loyedwa ohlakaniphileyo kini.

<sup>11</sup>Sezidlule izinsuku zami, amacebo ami  
 asedilikile,

kunjalo lezifiso zenhliziyoyami.

<sup>12</sup>Lababantu bathatha ubusuku  
 njengemini;

bathi bebona ubumnyama bathi,  
 'Ukukhanya sekusondele.'

<sup>13</sup>Nxa ikhaya engilithembileyo  
 lilingcwaba kuphela,

nxa ngisendlala umbheda wami  
 emnyameni,

<sup>14</sup>nxa ngisithi ukubola, 'Ungubaba,'  
 ngithi empethwini, 'Mama' kumbe  
 'Dadewethu,'

<sup>15</sup>pho lingaphi ithemba lami na?

Ngubani ongabona ithemba ngami?

<sup>16</sup>Kuzakwehlela emasangweni okufa na?  
 Sizakwehlela ndawonye othulini na?

*Impendulo kaBhilidadi*

**18** Kwathi lapho uBhilidadi umShuhi  
 waphendula wathi,

<sup>2</sup>"Koze kube nini ulokhu uphethe emlonyeni?

Vusingqondo andubana sikhulume.

<sup>3</sup>Kungani usithatha njengezinkomo kube ingathi siyizithutha kuwe na?

<sup>4</sup>Wena ozidabudabulayo ube yiziqa ngokuzonda kwakho, uthi sesingawudela umhlaba ngenxa yakho?

Loba uthi amadwala agudlulwe ezindaweni zawo na?

<sup>5</sup>"Isibane somubi siyacima; ilangabi lomlilo wakhe liyaphela ukubhebha.

<sup>6</sup>Ukukhanya ethenteni lakhe kuba mnyama; isibane esiseceleni kwakhe siyacima.

<sup>7</sup>Izisinde zakhe zamandla ziyadeda; lamacebo akhe yiwo amlahla phansi.

<sup>8</sup>Izinyawo zakhe zimbeka emambuleni acine esemthandele.

<sup>9</sup>Umjibila umhwiphula ngesithende; isihitshela simuthi nko.

<sup>10</sup>Isihitshela usifihlelwe phansi; umjibila uthukuziwe endleleni yakhe.

<sup>11</sup>Uyethuka ngokwesaba inxa zonke kumlandelele langaphi aya khona.

<sup>12</sup>Umonakalo umlambele; incithakalo imlindele nxa esiwa.

<sup>13</sup>Kudla ingxenye yesikhumba sakhe; izibulo lokufa lidla izitho zakhe.

<sup>14</sup>Uyasuswa ekuvikelekeni kwethente lakhe

aqhutshwe asiwe enkosini yokwesaba.

<sup>15</sup>Umlilo uhlala ethenteni lakhe; isolufa evuthayo ichithachithwe emzini wakhe.

<sup>16</sup>Izimpane zakhe ziyabuna ngaphansi lamagatsha akhe abune ngaphezulu.

<sup>17</sup>Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuyaphela emhlabeni;

kalabizo elizweni.

<sup>18</sup>Uyasuswa ekukhanyeni aye ebumnyameni

njalo axotshwe emhlabeni.

<sup>19</sup>Kalabantwana loba isizukulwana ebantwini bakibo,

kakho loyedwa owakhe lapho ake ahlala khona.

<sup>20</sup>Abantu bentshonalanga bayanengwa yisiphetho sakhe;

abantu bempumalanga bayatshaqeka.

<sup>21</sup>Ngempela linjalo ikhaya lomuntu omubi;

yiyo indawo yalowo ongamaziyo uNkulunkulu."

### *Impendulo kaJobe*

## 19 Wasephendula uJobe wathi:

<sup>2</sup>"Koze kube nini lilokhu lingichukuluza, lingihlifiza ngamazwi na?

<sup>3</sup>Selingithethise izibanga ezilitshumi manje; lingihlasela lingelanhloni.

<sup>4</sup>Nxa kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiphambukile, isiphambeko sami ngumlandu wami ngedwa.

<sup>5</sup>Nxa isibili liziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwami,

lingicindezele ngokuyangeka kwami,

<sup>6</sup>lapho yazini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungonile

wangithandela ngamambule akhe.

<sup>7</sup>"Loba ngingaze ngikhale ngithi, 'Ngoniwe bo!'

angitholi mpendulo;

loba ngicela uncedo, kangahlulelwa kuhle.

<sup>8</sup>Uyivalile indlela yami akudluleki; izindlela zami uzembese ngomnyama.

<sup>9</sup>Usengiphucile konke ukuhlonitshwa  
wangethula umqhele ekhanda lami.  
<sup>10</sup>Ungidabula inxa zonke ngize ngiphele  
du;  
usiphuna ithemba lami njengesihlahla.  
<sup>11</sup>Ulaka lwakhe luyavutha kimi;  
ungibalela phakathi kwezitha zakhe.  
<sup>12</sup>Amabutho akhe athela ngezinkani;  
angakhela isihonqo sokungivimbezela  
akanisa egqagqele ithente lami.

<sup>13</sup>"Usenze abafowethu bangihlamuka;  
abangane bami kabasanamathelani lami.  
<sup>14</sup>Izihlobo zami sezihambile;  
abangane bami sebekhohliwe ngami.  
<sup>15</sup>Izethekeli zami lezincekukazi zami  
zithi ngingowemzini;  
zingikhangela njengesizwe.  
<sup>16</sup>Ngithi nxa ngibiza isisebenzi sami  
singasabeli,  
lokuba ngisincenga ngomlomo wami.  
<sup>17</sup>Ukuphefumula kwami kuyamnukela  
umkami;  
ngiyenyanyeka kubafowethu.  
<sup>18</sup>Labafanyana bayangiklolodela;  
ngithi nxa ngiqhamuka bangihoze.  
<sup>19</sup>Bonke abangane bami abasekhwapheni  
bayanengeka ngami;  
labo engibathandayo sebengifulathele.  
<sup>20</sup>Angiselalutho ngaphandle  
kwesikhumba lamathambo kuphela;  
ngisile manayinayi.

<sup>21</sup>"Ngizwelani usizi, bangane bami,  
wobani losizi,  
ngoba isandla sikaNkulunkulu  
singitshayile.  
<sup>22</sup>Lingilandelani njengoNkulunkulu na?  
Lizakufa lasutha ngenyama yami na?

<sup>23</sup>"He, uthi ngabe amazwi ami  
ayalotshwa,

ngabe abhaliwe emqulwini,  
<sup>24</sup>ngabe athwetsbulwe ngensimbi phezu  
komnusu,  
loba agujiwe edwaleni lanininini!  
<sup>25</sup>Ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami  
uyaphila,  
lokuthi ekupheleni uzakuma emhlabeni.  
<sup>26</sup>Kuzakuthi nxa isikhumba sami  
sesibhujisiwe,  
kodwa ngikuyo inyama yami  
ngizambona uNkulunkulu;  
<sup>27</sup>mina ngokwami ngizambona  
ngawami amehlo – mina, hatshi omunye.  
Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela  
ngokulangatha!

<sup>28</sup>"Lingaze lithi, 'Sizamzingela qho  
ngoba nguye ozilethele ukuhlupheka;'  
<sup>29</sup>yini okumele liyesabe inkemba;  
ngokuba intukuthelo izaletsa isijeziso  
ngenkemba,  
ngakho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi  
kulokwahlulela."

### *Impendulo kaZofari*

**20** Wasephendula uZofari umNamathi  
wathi:

<sup>2</sup>"Imicabango yami ekhathazekileyo  
ingifuqa ukuthi ngiphendule  
ngokuba sengikhubekile kakhulu.  
<sup>3</sup>Ngizwa kulokukhuzwa  
okungilulazisayo  
ukuzwisisa kwami kungifuqela ukuthi  
ngiphendule.  
<sup>4</sup>"Ngempela uyakwazi ukuthi kwakuvele  
kunjani lekadani,  
kusukela ukubekwa komuntu emhlabeni,  
<sup>5</sup>ukuthi ukuthaba komubi kufitshane,  
intokozo yongakholwayo  
ngeyomzuzwana nje.

<sup>6</sup> Lokuba ukuzigqaja kwakhe kufika emazulwini

lokuba ikhanda lakhe lithinta emayezini,

<sup>7</sup> uzabhubha okwaphakade, njengobulongwe bakhe;

labo abake bambona bazakuthi, 'Ungaphi kanti?'

<sup>8</sup> Njengephupho uyamemetheka angabe esabonwa njalo,

axotshwe njengombono webusuku.

<sup>9</sup> Ilihlo elake lambona kalisayikumbona njalo;

indawo yakhe ingeke ibe isambona.

<sup>10</sup> Abantwabakhe bazazincengela ebayangeni

babuyisele ngezandla zabo inotho yakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Amadlabuzane obutsha alawo emathanjeni akhe

azalala kanye laye othulini.

<sup>12</sup> "Loba ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe,

ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe,

<sup>13</sup> loba esehluleka ukutshiyana labo abugcine emlonyeni wakhe,

<sup>14</sup> kodwa ukudla kwakhe kuzahloba esiswini sakhe;

kuzaphenduka kube yibuhlungu benyoka ngaphakathi kwakhe.

<sup>15</sup> Uzayihlanza yonke inotho ayiginyayo;

UNkulunkulu uzakwenza isisu sakhe sikuhlanze konke.

<sup>16</sup> Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka; amazinyo ebululu azambulala.

<sup>17</sup> Akayikuyikholisa imifula, leyomifula egeleza uluju lolaza.

<sup>18</sup> Lokho akuginqeleyo umele akubuyise engakudlanga;

akayikuyikholisa inzuzo yokuthengiselana kwakhe.

<sup>19</sup> Ngokuba ubebacindezela abayanga basala bengelalutho;

wathumba izindlu angazakhanga.

<sup>20</sup> "Ngempela akayikudeda kulobubuhwaba bakhe;

ngeke azisindise ngenotho yakhe.

<sup>21</sup> Akusasalanga lutho angabe esaludla; ukuphumelela kwakhe kakuyikuma.

<sup>22</sup> Phakathi kwenotho yakhe uzajinge ehlelwe yizinhlopheko;

ubuhlungu buzamehlela ngamandla.

<sup>23</sup> Nxa esesigcwalisile isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu uzabhodlisela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo kuye

akhwele ehle ngezidutshulo phezu kwakhe.

<sup>24</sup> Lokuba angaze abalekele isikhali sensimbi

umtshoko wethusi uzamciba.

<sup>25</sup> Uyawuhwatsha emhlane wakhe, umcijo wawo ocazimulayo awuhwatshe esibindini.

Uzangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu;

<sup>26</sup> umnyama omkhulu uyilindele inotho yakhe.

Umlilo ongungumayo uzamqeda utshise lokho okusaseleyo ethenteni lakhe.

<sup>27</sup> Amazulu azabembula ububi bakhe; umhlaba uzamvukela.

<sup>28</sup> Isikhukhula sizayithwala indlu yakhe, kungamanzi azimpophoma mhla wosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu.

<sup>29</sup> Sinjalo isiphetho uNkulunkulu asimisela ababi, ilifa abalikhethelwe nguNkulunkulu.

*UJobe Uyaphendula*

**21** UJobe wasephendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Lalelani kuhle amazwi ami; lokhu kungenza liwuthobe umoya wami.

- <sup>3</sup> Ake lingibekezelele nxa ngisakhuluma, ngithi nxa sengikhulumile liklolode.
- <sup>4</sup> "Ukusola kwami kuqonde umuntu yini? Ngingayekelelani ukucunuka pho?
- <sup>5</sup> Ngikhangelani, lizamangala; vulani imilomo yenu ngezandla.
- <sup>6</sup> Nxa ngikhumbula ngalokhu ngitshaywa luvalo; ngizwa umzimba wami uqhuqha.
- <sup>7</sup> Kungani ababi bephila impilo ende, baluphale nje amandla abo esanda?
- <sup>8</sup> Babona abantwababo bezinza behlala kakuhle, inzalo yabo layo beyikhangele.
- <sup>9</sup> Imizi yabo ihlezi kayilakwesaba; induku kaNkulunkulu kayikho phezu kwabo.
- <sup>10</sup> Izinkunzi zabo zikhuthele ziyazala; amankomokazi abo azala kuhle kawaphunzi.
- <sup>11</sup> Abantwababo bayazihambela nje besamhlambi; izingane zabo ziyazigidela zichelesile.
- <sup>12</sup> Bayahlabela betshaya izigubhu lamachacho; bayazithokozisa ngomsindo wemiqangala.
- <sup>13</sup> Yonke iminyaka yabo ngeyokuphumelela baze bayongena egodini belokuthula.
- <sup>14</sup> Kodwa bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi! Kasifisi ukuzazi izindlela zakho.
- <sup>15</sup> Ungubani yena uSomandla ofuna ukuthi simkhonze na? Sizazuzani nxa sikhuleka kuye na?'
- <sup>16</sup> Kodwa ukuphumelela kwabo kakukho ezandleni zabo, ngakho kangasondeli ezalulekweni zababi.
- <sup>17</sup> "Kodwa kukangaki na isibane sababi sicinywa? Kukangaki besehlelwa ngamabhadi na, abawabelwa nguNkulunkulu ezondile?
- <sup>18</sup> Kukangaki besiba njengomule emoyeni na, njengamakhoba ephetshulwa yisivunguzane?
- <sup>19</sup> Kuthiwa, 'UNkulunkulu ulomba isijeziso somuntu asibekele amadodana akhe.' Kajezise yena umuntu ngokwakhe ukuze akwazi!
- <sup>20</sup> Amehlo akhe kawakubone ukuchithwa kwakhe; kalunathe ulaka lukaSomandla.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngoba uvele uzihlupha ngani ngemuli avele ezayitshiya nxa izinyanga zakhe azabelweyo seziphelile na?
- <sup>22</sup> "Kambe ukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi, njengoba yena esahlulela labaphezulu na?
- <sup>23</sup> Umuntu uyafa ephilile kuhle, kukuhle konke ekhululekile,
- <sup>24</sup> umzimba wakhe uzimukile, amathambo akhe egcwele umnkantsho.
- <sup>25</sup> Omunye ufa elobuhlungu emphefumulweni wakhe, evele engakaze akholise lutho oluhle.
- <sup>26</sup> Laba balaliswe ndawonye eceleni komunye othulini, izimpethu zinyakaze phezu kwabo bobabili.
- <sup>27</sup> "Ngiyazi kamhlophe ukuthi licabangani, amacebo elidinga ukungilimaza ngawo.
- <sup>28</sup> Lithi, 'Ingaphi-ke manje indlu yesikhulu,

amathente okwakuhlala kuwo abantu ababi?'

<sup>29</sup> Kalikaze libuze labo abahambayo na?

Kalize lananzelela izinto abazilandisayo –

<sup>30</sup> ukuthi umuntu omubi uyaphepha ngosuku lokubhujiswa na, ukuthi uyakhululwa ngosuku lwesiphithiphithi?

<sup>31</sup> Kambe ngubani omtshela emakhaleni ngobubi bakhe na?

Ngubani ophindiselayo ngalokho akwenzileyo na?

<sup>32</sup> Uthwalelwa engcwabeni, lilindwe ingcwaba lakhe ngemfanelo.

<sup>33</sup> Inhlabathi esigodini leso imnandi kuye; bonke abantu bayamlandela, banengi kakhulu njalo abahamba kuqala kulaye.

<sup>34</sup> "Pho-ke lingangiduduza njani likhuluma umoya onje?

Akusalanga lutho elilutshoyo ngaphandle kwenkohliso."

### *Impendulo ka-Elifazi*

**22** U-Elifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Umuntu angasiza uNkulunkulu na? Lesihlakaniphi uqobo kambe singamsiza na?

<sup>3</sup> Bekungamupha ntokozi bani uSomandla ukulunga kwakho na?

Ubengazuzani ngabe kuthiwa kawulasiyinga na?

<sup>4</sup> "Yikulunga kwakho yini akukhuzela khona

akwethesa khona amacala na?

<sup>5</sup> Kabubukhulu ububi bakho na?

Lezono zakho angithi kazipheli na?

<sup>6</sup> Wawubiza isibambiso kubafowenu kungelasizatho;

uhlubula abantu izigqoko zabo basale beze.

<sup>7</sup> Abakhatheleyo wawubancitsha amanzi, abalambileyo ungabaphi ukudla,

<sup>8</sup> lokuba wena wawuyindoda elamandla ulepulazi –

indoda ehlonitshwayo, uphila kulo.

<sup>9</sup> Abafelokazi wabaxotsha ungabaphanga lutho

izintandane waziqeda amandla.

<sup>10</sup> Kungenxa yalokho usuhanqwe yimijibila,

usuhlukuluzwa luhlupho masinyane,

<sup>11</sup> yikho kumnyama kangaka ungasaboni, njalo yikho ususibekelwa yizimpophoma zamanzi.

<sup>12</sup> "UNkulunkulu kakho esiqongweni samazulu na?

Ake ubone phela ukuthi ziphakeme njani izinkanyezi ezisesiqongweni!

<sup>13</sup> Kodwa wena uthi, 'UNkulunkulu wazini?

Angehlulela phakathi komnyama onje?

<sup>14</sup> Usithwe ngamayezi amakhulu, ngakho kasiboni

nxaxaxa ehambahamba ezulwini eliphezulu.'

<sup>15</sup> Wena-ke uzakwalela endleleni endala na

eseyahanjwa yizigangi?

<sup>16</sup> Bedluliswa singakafiki isikhathi sabo, izisekelo zabo zakhukhulwa nguzamcolo.

<sup>17</sup> Bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi!

USomandla angasenzani na?'

<sup>18</sup> Ikanti kunguye owagcwalisa izindlu zabo ngezinto ezinhle,

ngakho kangingeni ezelulekweni zababi.

<sup>19</sup> "Abalungileyo bayakubona lokho bathokoze;  
 abangelacala bayabahleka bathi,  
<sup>20</sup> 'Ngempela izitha zethu zichithiwe,  
 lokuseleyo kwenotho yabo sekubhuqwe ngumlilo.'

<sup>21</sup> "Zilethe kuNkulunkulu ukuze uwelelane laye;  
 ngaleyondlela ukuphumelela kuzakuza kuwe.

<sup>22</sup> Yamukela iziqondiso eziphuma emlonyeni wakhe,  
 amazwi akhe uwabeke enhliziyweni yakho.

<sup>23</sup> Aluba ubuya kuSomandla, uzavuselelwa;  
 aluba ususa ububi bube kude lethente lakho

<sup>24</sup> lomthuso wakho uwulahlele othulini, igolide lakho lase-Ofiri ulilahlele emadwaleni ezimbalwini,

<sup>25</sup> lapho-ke uSomandla uzakuba ligolide lakho,  
 lesiliva sekhethelo kuwe.

<sup>26</sup> Ngempela uzazuza ukuthokoza kuSomandla  
 uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu.

<sup>27</sup> Uzakhuleka kuye, yena akuzwe, ugqwalise izifungo zakho.

<sup>28</sup> Lokho okumisileyo kuzakwenziwa, lokukhanya kuzazibaneka izindlela zakho.

<sup>29</sup> Nxa abantu behlisiwe ubususithi, 'Baphakamiseni!'

lapho-ke uzabasiza abahlulukelweyo.

<sup>30</sup> Uzabasiza lalabo abonayo, abazakhululwa ngenxa yokuhlangezeka kwezandla zakho."

*UJobe Uyaphendula*

**23** Waphendula uJobe wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Lalamuhla ukusola kwami kulokhu kubuhlungu kabi,  
 isandla sakhe siyasinda loba ngibubula kangaka.

<sup>3</sup> Ngabe ngiyakwazi lapho engingamfumana khona;  
 aluba nje bengingaya emzini wakhe!

<sup>4</sup> Bengizayibeka kuhle indaba yami ngigqwalise umlomo wami ngamazwi aqatha.

<sup>5</sup> Bengizakuzwa ukuthi yena uphendula athini,  
 ngikuhlolisise lokho akutshoyo.

<sup>6</sup> Kambe angangiphikisa ngamandla na? Hatshi, angazake angethese cala.

<sup>7</sup> Lapho umuntu oqotho ubengendlala indaba yakhe phambi kwakhe,  
 njalo bengizakhululwa lanini kumahluleli wami.

<sup>8</sup> "Kodwa uma ngisiya empumalanga, yena kakho khona;  
 uma ngisiya entshonalanga, kangimfumani khona.

<sup>9</sup> Nxa esemsebenzini enyakatho, kangimboni;  
 angaphendukela eningizimu, kangiboni lokuthi tshazi kwakhe.

<sup>10</sup> Kodwa uyayazi indlela engihamba ngayo;  
 nxa esengilingile, ngizaphuma senginjengegolide.

<sup>11</sup> Izinyawo zami bezilokhu zilandelana lezinyathelo zakhe;  
 ngalela endleleni yakhe angaze ngaphambuka.

<sup>12</sup> Angigudlukanga emilayweni yezindebe zakhe;

ngiwenze igugu amazwi omlomo wakhe  
okudlula  
isinkwa sami sansuku zonke.

<sup>13</sup>"Kodwa uzimele yedwa, ngubani  
ongaphikisana laye na?

Uyenza loba yini ayifunayo.

<sup>14</sup>Uyagcwalisa isimiso sakhe ngami,  
njalo asemanengi amanye amacebo  
anjalo awagcinileyo.

<sup>15</sup>Yikho nje ngithuthumela ukuma  
phambi kwakhe;  
ngithi ngingakukhumbula konke lokhu  
ngimesabe.

<sup>16</sup>UNkulunkulu usenze inhliziyi yami  
yaphela amandla;

uSomandla usengethusile.

<sup>17</sup>Kodwa kawuyikungithulisa umnyama  
lo,  
umnyama lo onzima ovala ubuso bami.

**24** "Kungani uSomandla engabeki  
izikhathi zokwahlulela na?

Kungani labo abamaziyo belindela ize  
bengazazi lezozinsuku na?

<sup>2</sup>Abantu bayayiguqula imingcele  
ngokususa izikhonkwane;

bayayelusa imihlambi entshontshiweyo.

<sup>3</sup>Bayathatha bahambe lobabhemi  
wentandane,

bathathe inkabi yomfelokazi ibe  
yisibambiso.

<sup>4</sup>Abaswelayo bayabagudlula endleleni  
bacindezele abayanga belizweni baze  
bayocatsha.

<sup>5</sup>Njengabobabhemi benkangala,  
abayanga babhudula ukudla;  
egwaduleni

kulapho okuzuzwa khona ukudla  
kwabantwababo.

<sup>6</sup>Babutha ukudla kwenkomo emasimini

badobhe okuseleyo ezivinini zababi.

<sup>7</sup>Ngoba bengelazigqoko balala beze  
ubusuku bonke;

kabalalutho lokuzembesa emqandweni.

<sup>8</sup>Bagxanxwa lizulu lezintabeni  
bakhusele emadwaleni beswele indawo  
yokuphephela.

<sup>9</sup>Umntwana oyintandane uhluthunwa  
ebeleni;

usane lomyanga luyathunjelwa  
isikwelede.

<sup>10</sup>Ngoba bengelazigqoko bahamba  
nqunu;

bathwala izinyanda zamabele kodwa  
belambile.

<sup>11</sup>Bahluza ama-oliva emigelweni;  
bagidagida esikhamelweni sewayini  
kodwa bomile.

<sup>12</sup>Ukububula kwabafayo kuzwakala  
kuphuma edolobheni,  
lemiphefumulo yabalimeleyo ikhala icela  
uncedo.

Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabeki muntu icala  
ngenxa yokona.

<sup>13</sup>"Bakhona labo abahlamukela  
ukukhanya,

abangazaziyo izindlela zakho  
lokhokukhanya.

<sup>14</sup>Nxa ukukhanya kwemini sekuhambile  
isigebengu siyaphuma

sibulale abampofu labaswelayo;

ebusuku siyanyonyoba njengesela.

<sup>15</sup>Ilihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa;  
sikhumbula sithi, 'Akulamuntu  
ozangibona,'

sihlala sibusithile ubuso baso.

<sup>16</sup>Ebumnyameni abantu bayagqekeza  
izindlu,

kodwa emini bayazivalela endlini;

kabakufuni ukukhanya.

<sup>17</sup>Bonke labo ubumnyama obukhulu  
buyikusa kubo;



bathandana lezinto ezesabekayo ezobumnyama.

<sup>18</sup> "Ikanti baligwebu phezu kwamanzi; esabo isabelo selizwe sithukiwe, ukuze kungayi muntu ezivinini.

<sup>19</sup> Njengalokhu ukutshisa lokoma kuhangula ungqoqwane oncibilikayo, kanjalo ingcwaba liyabahlwitha abenze isono.

<sup>20</sup> Isizalo siyabakhohlwa, izimpethu zizitike phezu kwabo; abantu ababi kabasakhunjulwa kodwa bayafohlozwa njengesihlahla.

<sup>21</sup> Bacindezela owesifazana oyinyumba ongelamntwana, kumfelokazi kabalamusa.

<sup>22</sup> Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazihudulela kude izikhulu ngamandla akhe.

Noma bangaze bahlale bazinze kodwa kabalathemba lempilo.

<sup>23</sup> Angabayekela bahlale besizwa bevikelekile, kodwa amehlo akhe ayazibona izindlela zabo.

<sup>24</sup> Okwesikhatshana nje balodumo, baphinde banyamalale; bayehliswa njalo bafe njengabo bonke abanye; bayaqunywa njengezihloko zamabele.

<sup>25</sup> "Aluba lokhu kungenjalo, ngubani ongathi ngilamanga alulazise amazwi ami abe yize?"

*UBhilidadi Uyaphendula*

**25** Kwathi-ke uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Umbuso lesizotha kukuye uNkulunkulu;

nguye omisa konke ngemfanelo ezulwini eliphezulu.

<sup>3</sup> Amabutho akhe angabalwa na?

Ngubani ongaphunyelwa yikukhanya kwakhe na?

<sup>4</sup> Pho umuntu angaba ngolungileyo njani kuNkulunkulu na?

Angenza njani ozelwe ngowesifazana ukuthi ahlanzeke na?

<sup>5</sup> Khangela, nxa inyanga ngokwayo ingakhazimuli, lezinkanyezi zingahlanzekanga emehlweni akhe,

<sup>6</sup> pho umuntu-ke usilela kanganani, oyimpethu nje

indodana yomuntu, eyinhlava nje kuphela!"

*UJobe Uyaphendula*

**26** UJobe wasephendula wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Usumsize njani ongelamandla!

Usuyilamulele njani ingalo ebuthakathaka!

<sup>3</sup> Yiseluleko esinjani osusiphe lowo ongelakuhlakanipha!

Belu usubonise umbono onjani!

<sup>4</sup> Ngubani okuncedisileyo ukukhuluma amazwi la na?

Ngokabani umoya okhulume ngomlomo wakho na?

<sup>5</sup> "Abafuleyo basebuhlungwini obukhulu, labo abangaphansi kwamanzi lalabo abahlala kuwo.

<sup>6</sup> UKufa kwambulekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu;

ikhamisile indawo yokuBhubha.

<sup>7</sup> Uyawendlala umkhathi wenyakatho endaweni engelalutho;

aphanyeke umhlaba phezu kweze.

<sup>8</sup>Ugoqele amanzi emayezini akhe,  
kodwa amayezi kawapatshaki  
yikusindwa ngamanzi.

<sup>9</sup>Uyayigubuzela inyanga egcweleyo,  
endlale amayezi phezu kwayo.

<sup>10</sup>Umisa umkhawulo wokwengama  
komkhathi emanzini  
kube ngumngcele phakathi kokukhanya  
lobumnyama.

<sup>11</sup>Izinsika zamazulu ziyamazama,  
zisethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe.

<sup>12</sup>Ngamandla akhe waluthulisa ulwandle;  
ngenhlakanipho yakhe waquma uRahabi  
waba yiziqqa.

<sup>13</sup>Ngomoya wakhe umkhathi wacethula;  
isandla sakhe sayigwaza inyoka ibaleka.

<sup>14</sup>Njalo le yimisebenzi yakhe  
engaphandle nje ekucineni;  
esikuzwayo yilizwana nje lokunyenyeza  
kwakhe!

Pho ngubani ongawuzwisisa umdumo  
wamandla akhe na?"

**27** UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo  
yakhe wathi:

<sup>2</sup>"Ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo,  
ngubani ongithathele

ilungelo lami lokwahlulelwa kuhle,  
uSomandla, ongizwise ubuhlungu  
bomphefumulo,

<sup>3</sup>nxa ngilokhu ngiselempilo ngaphakathi  
kwami,

umphefumulo kaNkulunkulu  
usemakhaleni ami,

<sup>4</sup>izindebe zami kazisoze zikhulume  
ububi,

lolimi lwami kaluyikukhuluma inkohliso.

<sup>5</sup>Kangisoze ngivume ukuthi lina lilungile  
ngelikutshoyo;

ngizaze ngiyokufa ngingabulandulanga  
ubuqotho bami.

<sup>6</sup>Ngizakugcina ukulunga kwami  
ngingakuyekeli;  
umzwangedwa wami kawuyikungihlupha  
empilweni yami.

<sup>7</sup>"Sengathi izitha zami zingaba  
njengababi,

abaxabana lami babe  
njengabangaqondanga!

<sup>8</sup>Ngokuba ulethemba bani ongakholwayo  
nxa esefile,

uNkulunkulu angathatha impilo yakhe?

<sup>9</sup>UNkulunkulu uyakulalela yini ukukhala  
kwakhe

nxa usizi lumehlela na?

<sup>10</sup>Uzakuthola yini ukuthokoza  
kuSomandla?

Uzacela kuNkulunkulu sonke isikhathi  
na?

<sup>11</sup>"Ngizalifundisa mayelana lamandla  
kaNkulunkulu;

izindlela zikaSomandla kangiyikuzifihla.

<sup>12</sup>Lonke lizibonele lokhu ngokwenu.

Pho, ngeyani inkulumo yonke le  
engatsho lutho na?

<sup>13</sup>"Nansi isabelo uNkulunkulu asiqumela  
ababi,

ilifa elemukelwa ngumuntu olesihluku  
sivela kuSomandla:

<sup>14</sup>Loba bebanengi njani abantwabakhe,  
isabelo sabo yinkemba;

lenzalo yakhe kayisoze lanini izuze  
ukudla okwaneleyo.

<sup>15</sup>Isifo esibi sizabangcwaba labo  
abatshiywa nguye besaphila,

labafelokazi babo kabayikubalilela.

<sup>16</sup>Lokuba angaze abuthelele isiliva  
njengomhlabathi

lezigqoko zibe yinqwaba njengodaka,

<sup>17</sup> lokho akubekelelayo abalungileyo  
bazazigqokela,

labangelacala bazakwaba isiliva sakhe.

<sup>18</sup> Indlu ayakhayo injengesidleke  
sobulembu,

njengedumba elenziwe ngumlindi.

<sup>19</sup> Uthi esiyalala enothile, kodwa  
kasayikuphinda njalo;

uthi esevula amehlo, konke sekuphelile.

<sup>20</sup> Utshaywa luvalo kungathi ufuqwa  
yisikhukhula;

isiphepho siyamhwitha ebusuku.

<sup>21</sup> Umoya wempumalanga udlula laye,  
anyamalale;

uyamkhukhula endaweni yakhe.

<sup>22</sup> Utshaya phezu kwakhe ngesihluku  
esithi uyabaleka ecambalele evika  
amandla awo.

<sup>23</sup> Utshaya izandla umhleka ulunya  
untweze laye umsusa endaweni yakhe.

## 28 "Kulomgodi wesiliva

lendawo lapho okucengwa khona igolide.

<sup>2</sup> Insimbi ithathwa emhlabathini,  
lethusi lincibilikiswa emanyeleni.

<sup>3</sup> Umuntu uyawuxotsha umnyama;  
uguduza ezingoxweni eziphansi kude  
edinga amanye emnyameni othe bhuqe.

<sup>4</sup> Khatshana kwezindawo zabantu ugebha  
umgodi,

ezindaweni lapho okungafiki nyawo  
lwamuntu;

khatshana kwabantu uyalenga,  
azunguzeke.

<sup>5</sup> Umhlaba, okuphuma kuwo ukudla,  
uyaguquka ngaphansi ingathi utshiswe  
ngomlilo;

<sup>6</sup> amasafire amatshe amahle ayaphuma  
emadwaleni,

uthuli lwawo lugcwele igolide.

<sup>7</sup> Kakukho nyoni edla inyama eyaziyo  
leyondlela efihlekileyo,

kakulalihlo laluphi ukhozi oselwake  
lwayibona.

<sup>8</sup> Izilo ezizithembileyo kazilubeki unyawo  
kuyo,

njalo kakulasilwane esizingela khona.

<sup>9</sup> Isandla somuntu yiso esihlasela idwala  
eliyinsengetshe

siveze obala izimpande zezintaba.

<sup>10</sup> Uyaligubha idwala angene;  
ilihlo lakhe liwabone wonke amagugu  
alo.

<sup>11</sup> Uyathungatha lapho okudabuka khona  
imifula

aveze obala izinto ezifihlekileyo.

<sup>12</sup> "Kodwa ukuhlakanipha  
kungafunyanwa ngaphi na?

Kuhlala ngapho na ukuzwisisa?

<sup>13</sup> Umuntu kakuzwisisi ukuqakatheka  
kwakho;

kakufunyanwa elizweni labaphilayo.

<sup>14</sup> Phansi enjuleni kuthi, 'Kakukho kimi';  
ulwandle luthi, 'Kangilakho mina.'

<sup>15</sup> Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide  
elicengeke kakhulu,

njalo lentengo yakho ingeke  
yalinganiswa ngesiliva.

<sup>16</sup> Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide lase-  
Ofiri,

loba nge-onikisi kumbe isafiri.

<sup>17</sup> Kungazake kulinganiswe legolide noma  
amatshe akhazimulayo,

njalo kakuzuzwa ngemiceciso yegolide.

<sup>18</sup> Amatshe amahle ekhoralali lejasipa lawo  
kawabalwa lapha;

intengo yokuhlakanipha ingaphezulu  
kwamarubhi.

<sup>19</sup> Ithophazi yaseKhushi ngeke  
ilinganiswe lakho;

ngeke kuthengwe langegolide elicengeke  
kakhulu.

<sup>20</sup> "Pho kuvela ngaphi ukuhlakanipha na?  
Kuhlala ngaphi ukuzwisisa?

<sup>21</sup> Kufihliwe emehlweni ento yonke  
ephilayo,  
kucatshisiwe lakuzo izinyoni  
zasemoyeni.

<sup>22</sup> INcithakalo loKufa kuthi,  
'Amahungahunga akho yiwo kuphela  
esiwezwayo.'

<sup>23</sup> UNkulunkulu uyayizwisisa indlela  
yakho

njalo nguye yedwa okwaziyo lapho  
okuhlala khona,

<sup>24</sup> ngoba uyayikhangela imikhawulo  
yomhlaba

akubone konke okungaphansi  
kwamazulu.

<sup>25</sup> Wathi emisa umfutho womoya,  
elinganisa isimo samanzi,

<sup>26</sup> wathi ebeka umthetho wezulu elinayo  
lendlela yezulu elilesiphepho,

<sup>27</sup> wasekukhangela ukuhlakanipha  
wakuhlola butsha;

wakukholwa wakuqinisa, wakulinga  
ukuthi kuqinile.

<sup>28</sup> Wathi emuntwini,  
'Ukumesaba uJehova yikho  
ukuhlakanipha,

lokuxwaya ububi yikho ukuzwisisa.'"

**29** UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo  
yakhe wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Ngiyaziloyisa lezozinyanga  
esezadlulayo,

lezozinsuku uNkulunkulu esangilinda,

<sup>3</sup> lapho isibane sakhe sasikhanyisa phezu  
kwekhanda lami

ngihamba ngokukhanya kwakhe  
emnyameni!

<sup>4</sup> He, lezozinsuku ngisazizwa ukuthi  
ngiyimi,

lapho ubudlelwano obukhulu  
loNkulunkulu babusendlini yami,

<sup>5</sup> lapho uSomandla wayeseselami  
labantwabami besaphila lami,

<sup>6</sup> lapho indlela yami yayifafazwe ngolaza  
ledwala langithululela izimpophoma  
zamazulu e-oliva.

<sup>7</sup> "Ekuyeni kwami emasangweni  
edolobho

ngafika ngahlala enkundleni,

<sup>8</sup> amajaha angibona angixekela,  
abadala baphakama bema ngezinyawo;

<sup>9</sup> amadoda ayizikhulu athula akaze  
akhuluma

avala imilomo yawo ngezandla zawo;

<sup>10</sup> amazwi ezikhulu ehliiselwa phansi,  
indimi zazo zanamathela olwangeneni  
lwazo.

<sup>11</sup> Loba ngubani owangizwayo  
wakhuluma kuhle ngami,

kwathi labo abangibonayo bangibuka,

<sup>12</sup> ngokuba ngalamulela abayanga abacela  
uncedo,

lezintandane ezazingelamuntu  
wokuzisiza.

<sup>13</sup> Indoda eyayisifa yangibusisa;  
ngenza inhliziyi yomfelokazi  
yahlabelela.

<sup>14</sup> Ngavunula ukulunga njengezigqoko  
zami;

ukwahlulela kuhle kwaba yisambatho  
sami lengowane yami.

<sup>15</sup> Ngangingamehlo kwabayiziphofu  
lezinyawo kwabaqhulayo.

<sup>16</sup> Nganginguyise kwabaswelayo;  
ngayimela indaba yesihambi.

<sup>17</sup> Ngawephula amazinyo ababi  
ngahluthuna labo ababebabambile  
ngamazinyo abo.

<sup>18</sup> "Ngakhumbula ngathi, 'Ngizafela endlini yami',  
izinsuku zami zinengi njengezinhlamvu zetshebetshebe.

<sup>19</sup> Izimpande zami zizafinyelela emanzini, amazolo azalala emagatsheni ubusuku bonke.

<sup>20</sup> Udumo lwami luzahlala lulutsha kimi, idandila lami lilitsha esandleni sami.'

<sup>21</sup> "Abantu babengilalela bathembe, belindele ukwelulekwa bethule zwi.

<sup>22</sup> Nxa sekukhulume mina, kungakhulumi omunye njalo;  
amazwi ami ayengena kamnandi ezindlebeni zabo.

<sup>23</sup> Babengilindela njengokulindela izulu, bawanathe amazwi ami njengezulu lentwasa.

<sup>24</sup> Ngangisithi ngingababobothekela, bathabe bangakholwa;  
ukukhanya kobuso bami kwakuligugu kubo.

<sup>25</sup> Yimi engangibakhethela ukuthi benzeni ngoba ngisanduna kubo;  
ngangihlala njengenkosi phakathi kwamabutho ayo;  
ngangifana lomduduzi wabalilayo.

**30** "Kodwa manje bayangihleka,

amadoda angabantwana kimi,  
oyise engangibeyisa okokuthi ngangingeke ngibelusise lezinja zami zezimvu.

<sup>2</sup> Amandla ezandla zabo ayengangisiza ngani mina,

ngoba amadlabuzane abo ayesephelile;

<sup>3</sup> sebejujukile ngokuswela langendlala, bazula elizweni elomileyo

emimangweni eyinkangala engalalutho ebusuku.

<sup>4</sup> Enkotheni khonale bakha imibhida emunyu,  
ukudla kwabo kuyizimpande zezihlahla.

<sup>5</sup> Baxotshwa ebantwini bakibo, bathethiswa kungathi babengamasela.

<sup>6</sup> Basebemele bahlale ezihotsheni zezifula ezomileyo,  
ezimbalwini emadwaleni lemilindini emhlabathini.

<sup>7</sup> Bakhonya phakathi kwezihlahla baququbala emadenjeni.

<sup>8</sup> Base bengabantu abaphansi abangaselabizo,  
sebexotshiwe elizweni.

<sup>9</sup> "Kodwa manje amadodana abo asengihaya ngengoma;  
sengiyinto yokukhulumisana kubo.

<sup>10</sup> Bayangizonda bamela khatshana lami; kabathikazi ukungikhafulela ebusweni.

<sup>11</sup> Khatthesi njengoba uNkulunkulu eselithukulule idandila lami wangithela izinhlupheko,  
sebeklamasa kabasazithinti.

<sup>12</sup> Kwesokunene kwami ixuku liyangihlasela;  
bathiya izinyawo zami ngemijibila bakhe imibundu yokungivimbezela.

<sup>13</sup> Badiliza indlela yami;  
bayaphumelela ukungidiliza kungekho obancedisayo.

<sup>14</sup> Bahlasela ingathi bafohlela esikhaleni esivulekileyo;  
beza bethululeka phezu kwezinqwaba zokubhidlika.

<sup>15</sup> Ukwesaba okukhulu kungiphethe;  
isithunzi sami sobuntu singathi siphethwe ngumoya,  
ukuvikeleka kwami kunyamalala njengeyezi.

<sup>16</sup> "Manje impilo yami isincipha;

izinsuku zokuhlupheka zingibambe nko.  
<sup>17</sup>Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ami;  
 lokuqaqamba kobuhlungu bami  
 kakupheli.

<sup>18</sup>Ngamandla akhe amakhulu  
 uNkulunkulu unjengelembu kimi;  
 uyangikhama ngamabheqe entanyeni  
 yami.

<sup>19</sup>Ungivoxela edakeni,  
 ngicina sengiluthuli lomlotha.

<sup>20</sup>"Ngikhala kuwe, O Nkulunkulu, kodwa  
 kawuphenduli;  
 ngiyasukuma, kodwa ungithapha  
 ngamehlo kube kuphela.

<sup>21</sup>Ungisukela ngesihluku;  
 unghlasela ngamandla esandla sakho.

<sup>22</sup>Uyangihlwitha ngiphetsulwe  
 ngumoya;  
 ngiphoseke le lale phakathi kwesiphepho.

<sup>23</sup>Ngiyazi ukuthi uzangilalisa phansi  
 ekufeni,  
 endaweni emiselwe konke okuphilayo.

<sup>24</sup>"Ngempela kakho ombeka isandla  
 umuntu oswelayo  
 nxa ekhalela ukusizwa esebunzimeni.

<sup>25</sup>Kangibakhalelanga yini labo  
 abahluphekileyo na?

Umoya wami kawubazwelanga usizi  
 abayanga na?

<sup>26</sup>Kodwa ngathi ngilindele ubuhle, kweza  
 ububi;  
 ngathi ngilindele ukukhanya kweza  
 umnyama.

<sup>27</sup>Ukudunguluka ngaphakathi kwami  
 kakukhawuli;  
 izinsuku zokuhlupheka zingijamele.

<sup>28</sup>Ngihamba nje ngimnyama kubi,  
 kungesikutshiswa lilanga;  
 ngiyasukuma enkundleni ngicele uncedo.

<sup>29</sup>Sengingumfowabo wamakhanka,

umkhula wezikhova.

<sup>30</sup>Isikhumba sami sibamnyama,  
 siyaxathuka;

umzimba wami uyatshisa ngomkhuhlane.

<sup>31</sup>Ichacho lami selilungiselwe isililo,  
 lomqangala wami ulindele umkhosi  
 wokukhala.

**31** "Ngasenza isivumelwano lamehlo  
 ami

ukuthi angakhangele intombi  
 ayihawukele.

<sup>2</sup>Siyini isabelo somuntu asabelwe  
 nguNkulunkulu ophezulu na,  
 ilifa lakhe elivela kuSomandla phezulu?

<sup>3</sup>Kayisikudilizwa kwababi  
 lokubhujiswa kwalabo abenza okubi na?

<sup>4</sup>Kanti kaziboni yini izindlela zami  
 abale zonke izinyathelo zami?

<sup>5</sup>"Nxa ngike ngahamba ngokwamanga  
 loba unyawo lwami lwakhuthalela  
 inkohliso

<sup>6</sup>akuthi uNkulunkulu angilinganise  
 esikalini sakhe esiqotho  
 ukuze abone ukuthi angilasici –

<sup>7</sup>uma izinyathelo zami zike zaphambuka  
 endleleni,

uma inhliziyo yami ikhokhelwe  
 ngamehlo ami,  
 noma kumbe izandla zami zike  
 zangcoliswa,

<sup>8</sup>lapho-ke abanye kabazidlele lokho  
 engikuhlanyeleyo,  
 njalo amabele ami kawasitshunwe.

<sup>9</sup>"Aluba inhliziyo yami ike yakhangwa  
 ngowesifazana,

kumbe aluba ngike ngacathama  
 ngasemnyango kamakhelwana,

<sup>10</sup> lapho-ke owami umfazi kacholele enye indoda,

njalo amanye amadoda kawalale laye.

<sup>11</sup> Ngokuba lokho bekuzakuba lihlazo, isono esifanele ukwehlulelwa.

<sup>12</sup> Kungumlilo otshisayo onguMaqothula; ngabe kwasiphuna isivuno sami.

<sup>13</sup> "Uba ngingaphathanga kuhle izisebenzi zami,

esecilisa lesesifazana

nxa kukhona abakusolayo kimi,

<sup>14</sup> ngizathini lapho uNkulunkulu esengibuza ngakho na?

Ngizaphendula ngithini nxa sekumele ngichaze na?

<sup>15</sup> Yena lowo owangenzayo esizalweni kabenzanga labo na?

Kasuye yini yena kanye owasenzayo sonke phakathi kwezisu zabomama na?

<sup>16</sup> "Aluba ngilahlele eceleni izifiso zabayanga

loba ngayekela amehlo omfelokazi edinwa yizinyembezi,

<sup>17</sup> aluba ngizidlele ngedwa isinkwa sami, ngingasabelani lezintandane –

<sup>18</sup> kodwa kwasebutsheni bami ngamondla njengoyise,

njalo kwasekuzalweni kwami ngamkhokhela umfelokazi –

<sup>19</sup> aluba ngike ngabona umuntu esifa ngokuswela izigqoko,

loba umuntu oswelayo engelasivunulo,

<sup>20</sup> njalo inhliziyi yakhe ayingibusisanga ngokumfudumeza ngoboya bezimvu zami,

<sup>21</sup> aluba ngike ngaphakamisa isandla sami phezu kwentandane,

kodwa mina ngikwazi ukuthi bayangilalela emthethwandaba,

<sup>22</sup> uma kunjalo kayikhumuke ingalo yami kusukela ehlonbe,

kayephulwe endololwaneni.

<sup>23</sup> Ngokuba ngesaba ukubhujiswa kukaNkulunkulu,

kwathi ngokwesaba inkazimulo yakhe ngayekela ukwenza izinto ezinjalo.

<sup>24</sup> "Aluba ngifake ithemba lami phezu kwegolide,

loba ngathi kulo igolide elicengekileyo, "Ulithemba lami,"

<sup>25</sup> uma bengithokoziswa yinotho yami enengi,

lenzuzo evele ngezandla zami,

<sup>26</sup> aluba ngilikhangele ilanga libenyezela

loba inyanga ihamba ngenkazimulo,

<sup>27</sup> yaze yayengeka inhliziyi yami ngaphakathi

nganga isandla sami ukuzikhonza,

<sup>28</sup> lezi lazo yizono ebezifanele ukwahlulelwa,

ngoba bengizabe ngingathembekanga kuNkulunkulu ophezulu.

<sup>29</sup> "Aluba ngike ngathokoza ngomnyama owehlele isitha sami

kumbe ngagqabhaza ngohlupho olumehleleyo –

<sup>30</sup> kangivumelanga umlomo wami ukuba wenze isono

ngokuqalekisa ukuphila kwakhe –

<sup>31</sup> aluba abantu bendlu yami bengakaze bathi,

'Ngubani ongazange azitike ngenyama kaJobe na?' –

<sup>32</sup> kodwa kakulasihambi esake salala emgwaqweni,

ngoba umnyango wami wawuhlala uvulelwe izihambi –

<sup>33</sup> uma ngisithukuzile isono sami njengokwenziwa ngabantu,

ngokufihla umlandu wami enhliziyweni yami

<sup>34</sup> ngokuba ngisesaba abantu

ngithuthunyeliswa yikweyiswa  
ngabosendo  
ngazithulela ngaze ngala lokuphumela  
phandle.

<sup>35</sup> ("Kungathi ngabe ukhona ongizwayo!  
Sengisayina incwadi yokuvikela kwami –  
uSomandla

kangiphendule;  
ongimangalelayo kabhale phansi icala  
angethesa lona.

<sup>36</sup> Leyoncwadi ngingayithwala ehloambe  
lami,

ngingayithwala ekhanda njengomqhele.

<sup>37</sup> Bengingamchazelanga ngokugcweleyo  
ngazo zonke izinyathelo zami;  
ngisondele kuye njengenkosana.) –

<sup>38</sup> "nxa ilizwe lakithi lingiphika  
lemifolo yalo imanzi ngezinyembezi,

<sup>39</sup> uma ngike ngadla izithelo zalo angaze  
ngabhadala

loba ngephula imimoya yabantu abahlala  
khona,

<sup>40</sup> nxa kunjalo kakumile ameva  
esikhundleni sengqoloyi,  
lokhula esikhundleni sebhali."

Aphela lapha amazwi kaJobe.

*Inkulumo ka-Elihu*

**32** Kwathi-ke amadoda la womathathu  
acina ukuphendula uJobe ngokuba  
wayelungile ngokubona kwakhe.

<sup>2</sup> Kodwa u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli  
umBhuzi, owendlu kaRamu, wamzondela  
uJobe ngokuzigeza yena hatshi  
uNkulunkulu. <sup>3</sup> Wayebazondele njalo  
abangane labo abathathu ngokuba  
babengayitholanga indlela yokuphikisa  
uJobe kodwa bemlahlile ngokumsola.

<sup>4</sup> Kodwa u-Elihu wayeke waqala wema  
wathula ukukhuluma loJobe ngokuba

babebadala kulaye. <sup>5</sup> Kodwa kwathi esebona  
ukuthi wonke amadoda womathathu  
ayengaselalutho njalo abangalutsho, ulaka  
lwakhe lwavuka.

<sup>6</sup> Kwathi-ke u-Elihu indodana  
kaBharakeli umBhuzi wathi:

"Ngimncinyane ngeminyaka,

lina libadala;

yikho bengisesaba,

ngithikaza ukutsho engikwaziyo.

<sup>7</sup> Ngikhumbule ngathi, 'Kakukhulume  
ubudala;

iminyaka yokukhula kayifundise  
ukuhlakanipha.'

<sup>8</sup> Kodwa kungumoya osemuntwini,  
ukuphefumula kukaSomandla, okumupha  
ukuqedisisa.

<sup>9</sup> Kasibo bodwa abadala  
abahlakaniphileyo,

kasibo bodwa abalupheleyo abezwisisayo  
okulungileyo.

<sup>10</sup> "Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi;

lami ngizalitshele engikwaziyo.

<sup>11</sup> Bengithule lisakhuluma,

ngikulalele ukucabanga kwenu;

lathi lisadinga amazwi,

<sup>12</sup> ngalilalela ngokupheleleyo.

kodwa kakho lamunye kini otshengise  
ukuthi uJobe ulahlekile;

kakho omunye wenu osephendule  
imibono yakhe.

<sup>13</sup> Lingaze lathi, 'Sesikutholile  
ukuhlakanipha;

uNkulunkulu kamehlule, hatshi umuntu.'

<sup>14</sup> Kodwa uJobe kakaqondisisi amazwi  
akhe kimi,

futhi kangiyikumphendula ngendlela  
yenu yokuphikisa.

<sup>15</sup> "Sebededile kabaselakho okunye  
abangakutsho;



sebesilela amazwi.

<sup>16</sup>Ngike ngime na njengoba sebethule,  
sebemi nje laphayana  
bengaselampendulo?

<sup>17</sup>Lami ngisake ngikhulume;  
Lami ngizakutsho engikwaziyo.

<sup>18</sup>Ngokuba manengi amazwi engilawo,  
umoya ongaphakathi kwami uyangifuqa;

<sup>19</sup>ngaphakathi ngiyafuthelana  
njengewayini elivalelwe embodloleni;  
njengemixhaka yewayini esifuna  
ukudubuka.

<sup>20</sup>Ngimele ngikhulume ukuze ngibhodle;  
ngimele ngivule izindebe zami  
ngiphendule.

<sup>21</sup>Kangizukutshengisa ubandlululo loba  
kukubani,

futhi kangisoze ngiyenge muntu;

<sup>22</sup>ngokuba ngabe ngangiyingcitshi  
yokuhuqa udaka emehlweni,

uMenzi wami wayezangisusa masinyane.

**33** "Khathesi-ke, Jobe, lalela amazwi  
ami;

nanzelela konke engikutshoyo.

<sup>2</sup>Sengizawuvula umlomo wami;  
amazwi ami asesolimini lwami.

<sup>3</sup>Amazwi ami aphuma enhliziyweni  
eqotho;  
izindlela zami zikhuluma ngokukholwa  
lokho engikwaziyo.

<sup>4</sup>UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza;  
umphefumulo kaSomandla ungiyapha  
impilo.

<sup>5</sup>Ngiphendula nxa ungangiphendula;  
zilungiselele ukuthi ungiyaphikise.

<sup>6</sup>Lami nginjengawe phambi  
kukaNkulunkulu;

lami njalo ngathathwa emhlabathini.

<sup>7</sup>Ukungesaba kwakho makungakwethusi,  
njalo isandla sami masingasindi kuwe.

<sup>8</sup>"Kodwa ukhulumile ngisizwa –  
ngiwezwile amazwi wona kanye –

<sup>9</sup>'Ngimsulwa njalo kangilasono;  
ngihlanzekile kangilamlandu.

<sup>10</sup>Ikanti uNkulunkulu ubone okusolekayo  
kimi;

ungithatha njengesitha sakhe.

<sup>11</sup>Uyazikhina izinyawo zami ngezibopho;  
uyaziqaphelisisa zonke izindlela zami.'

<sup>12</sup>"Kodwa ngiyakutshela ukuthi lapha  
uyalahleka,

uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulomuntu.

<sup>13</sup>Kungani umsola

usithi kaphenduli amazwi omuntu na?

<sup>14</sup>Ngempela uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma, –  
khathesi

akhulume ngale indlela, aphinde  
akhulume ngenye –

lokuba umuntu angaze akunanzelela.

<sup>15</sup>Kungaba ngephupho, kube ngombono  
ebusuku

lapho abantu belele befile  
bethe nya emibhedeni yabo,

<sup>16</sup>angakhuluma ezindlebeni zabo,  
abethuse ngezixwayiso,

<sup>17</sup>ukuze aguqule umuntu ekwenzeni  
okubi

aqede ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe,

<sup>18</sup>ukulondoloza umphefumulo wakhe  
ungayi egodini,

lempilo yakhe ingabhubhi ngenkamba.

<sup>19</sup>Loba umuntu angajeziswa ngobuhlungu  
esembhedeni wakhe,

langokuqaqamba okungathuliyo  
emathanjeni akhe,

<sup>20</sup>aze ezwe umzimba wakhe usunengwa  
yikudla

lomoya wakhe usenyanya lokudla  
okumnandi kakhulu.

<sup>21</sup>Inyama yakhe iyacikizeka iphele,

lamathambo akhe ayekade evaliwe abonakale egcekeni.

<sup>22</sup>Umoya wakhe uyasondela egodini, lempilo yakhe kuzo izigijimi zokufa.

<sup>23</sup>"Kodwa nxa kulengilosi eceleni kwakhe,

engummeli, eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane,

ukutshela umuntu okuyikho okumfaneleyo,

<sup>24</sup>ukuba lomusa kuye isithi, 'Mxolele angayingena egodini; sengimzuzele inhlawulo yakhe yokumhlenga' –

<sup>25</sup>bese inyama yakhe ivuselelwa njengeyomntwana;

iyavuselelwa ibe njengezinsukwini zobutsha bakhe.

<sup>26</sup>Uyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu amthokozelele,

abubone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu amemeze ngentokozo;

uyabuyiselwa nguNkulunkulu esimeni sakhe sokulunga.

<sup>27</sup>Kuthi-ke abesebuya ebantwini athi, 'Ngenza isono, ngahlanekela okulungileyo,

kodwa kangisazuzanga obekungifanele.

<sup>28</sup>Wawuhlenga umphefumulo wami ukuze ungayi egodini,

ngakho ngizaphila ukuze ngikholise ukukhanya.

<sup>29</sup>"UNkulunkulu uyazenza zonke lezi izinto emuntwini –

kabili, noma kathathu –

<sup>30</sup>ukubuyisa umphefumulo wakhe ungayi egodini,

ukuthi isibane sokuphila sikhanye kuye.

<sup>31</sup>"Nanzelela, Jobe, ulalele kimi; thula kukhulume mina.

<sup>32</sup>Nxa ulolutho lokutsho, ngiphendula;

khuluma sibili, ngoba ngifuna ukuthi ugezwe umlandu.

<sup>33</sup>Kodwa nxa lungekho lalela kimi; thula zwi mina ngizakufundisa ukuhlakanipha."

## 34 Wasesithi u-Elihu:

<sup>2</sup>"Zwanini amazwi ami, lina madoda ahlakaniphileyo;

lalelani kimi, lina madoda ayizifundiswa.

<sup>3</sup>Phela indlebe iyawahlola amazwi njengolimi lunambitha ukudla.

<sup>4</sup>Asizihluzeleni thina okulungileyo; kasifundeni ndawonye okuhle.

<sup>5</sup>"UJobe uthi, 'Kangilacala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kangahluleli kuhle.

<sup>6</sup>Loba mina ngiqondile, kuthiwa ngilamanga;

loba ngingelacala, umtshoko wakhe ungihlaba isilonda esingelaphekiyo.'

<sup>7</sup>UJobe kanti ungumuntu bani, onatha ukuklolodela njengamanzi?

<sup>8</sup>Uzwanana labantu abayizigangi; uhambisana labantu ababi.

<sup>9</sup>Ngokuba uthi, 'Umuntu kakumsizi ngalutho

nxa ezama ukuthokozisa uNkulunkulu.'

<sup>10</sup>"Ngakho lalelani kimi lina madoda azwisisayo.

Kakube khatshana laye uNkulunkulu ukwenza ububi,

khatshana kukaSomandla ukona.

<sup>11</sup>Uyamphindisela umuntu ngalokho akwenzileyo;

umehlisela lokho okufanele ukuziphatha kwakhe.

<sup>12</sup>Kakungeni engqondweni ukuthi uNkulunkulu angenza ububi,

ukuthi uSomandla angakutshila  
ukwahlulela kuhle.

<sup>13</sup>Ngubani owambekayo phezu komhlaba  
na?

Ngubani owathi kalawule umhlaba  
wonke na?

<sup>14</sup>Aluba wayengathanda  
asuse umoya wakhe lokuphefumula,  
<sup>15</sup>bonke abantu babengatshabalala  
kanyekanye,  
umuntu wayezabuyela othulini.

<sup>16</sup>"Aluba lilokuzwisisa, zwanini lokhu;  
lalelani lokhu engikutshoyo.

<sup>17</sup>Kambe lowo ozonda ukwahlulela kuhle  
angabusa na?

Liyamlahla yini oqotho Yena oqotho  
njalo olamandla?

<sup>18</sup>Kakunguye yini othi emakhosini,  
'Kalisizi lutho,'  
athi kwabayizikhulu, 'Libabi,'

<sup>19</sup>ongatshengisi ukwazisa amakhosana  
kulabanye

loba athande abanothileyo kulabayanga,  
ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla  
zakhe?

<sup>20</sup>Bayafa nje masinyane, loba phakathi  
kobusuku;  
abantu bayanyikinywa bedlule;  
abalamandla bayasuswa kungelasandla  
somuntu.

<sup>21</sup>"Amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela  
zabantu;

ubona zonke izinyathelo zabo.

<sup>22</sup>Akulandawo emnyama njani lathunzi  
elisishe njani,  
lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona.

<sup>23</sup>UNkulunkulu kasweli ukuthi aphinde  
abahlolisise abantu,

ukuze abalethe ekwahlulelweni phambi  
kwakhe.

<sup>24</sup>Engaqalanga wahlola uyabaphahlaza  
abalamndla

abeke abanye endaweni yabo.

<sup>25</sup>Ngokuba ezinanzelela izenzo zabo,  
uyabagenqula ebusuku bahlifizeke.

<sup>26</sup>Uyabajezisa ngenxa yobubi babo  
kuba sendaweni ebonwa ngumuntu  
wonke,

<sup>27</sup>ngokuba baphambuka ekumlandeleni  
abaze banaka layiphi indlela yakhe.

<sup>28</sup>Benza ukukhala kwabayanga kweza  
phambi kwakhe,  
laye wakuzwa ukukhala kwabasweleyo.

<sup>29</sup>Kodwa nxa elokhu ezithulele, ngubani  
ongamsola na?

Angafihla ubuso bakhe ngubani  
ongambona na?

Kanti uphezu komuntu lesizwe  
ngokufanayo,

<sup>30</sup>ukwalela ongelankulunkulu ukuthi  
abuse,

ukuze angafakeli abantu izithiyo.

<sup>31</sup>"Akesithi umuntu athi kuNkulunkulu,  
'Ngilecala kodwa kangisayikona njalo.

<sup>32</sup>Ngifundisa lokho engingakuboniyo;  
aluba ngenzile okubi, kangisayikuphinda  
ngikwenze.'

<sup>33</sup>Pho uNkulunkulu akuvuze  
ngokwentando yakho na,

wena usala ukuphenduka?

Kumele ukhethe wena, hatshi mina;  
ngakho ngitshela lokho okwaziyo.

<sup>34</sup>"Amadoda alokuqedisisa azakutsho,  
amadoda ahlakaniphileyo abangizwayo  
ngisithi kini,

<sup>35</sup>'UJobe ukhuluma engalwazi;  
amazwi akhe kawalambono.'

<sup>36</sup>Hawu, uJobe engasake alingwe  
ngokweqileyo

ngoba ephendule njengomuntu omubi!

<sup>37</sup> Phezu kwesono sakhe wengeza  
 ukuhlamuka;  
 uyakloloda ngokuqakeza izandla zakhe  
 phakathi kwethu  
 andise amazwi akhe aphikisa  
 uNkulunkulu.

## 35 U-Elihu wasesithi:

<sup>2</sup> "Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu kulungile  
 yini?"

Uthi, 'Ngizagezwa nguNkulunkulu.'

<sup>3</sup> Kodwa uyambuza uthi, 'Kungisiza ngani  
 lokhu na,

njalo ngizuzani ngokungenzi isono?"

<sup>4</sup> "Ngithanda ukukuphendula

kanye labangane bakho abalapha.

<sup>5</sup> Ake ukhangele emazulwini ubone;  
 khangela amayezi aphakeme kangaka  
 ngaphezu kwakho.

<sup>6</sup> Ungaze wenze isono, lokho kumthinta  
 ngani na?

Nxa izono zakho zizinengi, kwenzani  
 lokho kuye na?

<sup>7</sup> Aluba ulungile kuyini omnika khona  
 wena na,

kumbe yena wamukelani esandleni  
 sakho?

<sup>8</sup> Ububi bakho bulimaza kuphela umuntu  
 onjengawe,

lokulunga kwakho kuthinta amadodana  
 abantu kuphela.

<sup>9</sup> "Abantu bayakhala ngomthwalo  
 wokucindezelwa;

bacela ukuphunyuzwa ezingalweni  
 zalabo abalamandla.

<sup>10</sup> Kodwa kakho othi, 'Ungaphi  
 uNkulunkulu uMenzi wami na,

ngubani opha amahubo ebusuku,

<sup>11</sup> osifundisayo thina

kulezinyamazana zalapha emhlabeni

asenze sihlakaniphe  
 kulezinyoni zasemoyeni?"

<sup>12</sup> Kaphenduli nxa abantu bebiza  
 ngenxa yobuqholo bababi.

<sup>13</sup> Ngempela uNkulunkulu kakulaleli  
 ukuncenga kwabo kwamanga;  
 uSomandla kayilaleli into enjalo.

<sup>14</sup> Kuzakuba njani pho ukukulalela  
 nxa usithi kawumboni,  
 usithi indaba yakho iphambi kwakhe  
 ngakho uzalindela yena,

<sup>15</sup> njalo futhi, ukuthi ulaka lwakhe  
 kalujezisi  
 njalo akabunanzi lakancane ububi.

<sup>16</sup> Yikho uJobe evula umlomo wakhe  
 ekhuluma ize;  
 uthi engelalwazi ande ngamazwi."

## 36 U-Elihu waqhubeka wathi:

<sup>2</sup> "Ake lingibekezelele okwesikhatshana  
 ukuze ngilitshengise  
 ukuthi kunengi okumele kutshiwo  
 ngobuhle bukaNkulunkulu.

<sup>3</sup> Ngiluzuzakude ulwazi lwami;  
 ngithi ukwahlulela kuhle ngokukaMenzi  
 wami.

<sup>4</sup> Yiba leqiniso ukuthi amazwi ami  
 aqinisile;  
 yena opheleleyo elwazini ulawe.

<sup>5</sup> "UNkulunkulu ulamandla, kodwa keyisi  
 muntu;

ulamandla njalo katshedi ezimisweni  
 zakhe.

<sup>6</sup> ababi kabayekeli bephila  
 kodwa abahluphekayo uyabapha  
 izimfanelo zabo.

<sup>7</sup> Kawasusi amehlo akhe kwabalungileyo;  
 ubakhweza esihlalweni kanye lamakhosi  
 abaphakamise nini lanini.

<sup>8</sup> Kodwa nxa abantu bebotshiwe  
ngamaketane,  
bethiwe nko ngezibopho zezinhlupheko,  
<sup>9</sup> uyabatshela lokho  
abakwenzileyo – ukuthi benze isono  
ngobuqholo.

<sup>10</sup> Ubenza balalele ukuqondiswa  
abayale ukuthi baphenduke ebubini babo.

<sup>11</sup> Aluba belalela bamkhonze,  
zonke izimpilo zabo ezisaseleyo  
zizaphumelela,  
leminyaka yabo ibe ngeyokusuthiseka.

<sup>12</sup> Kodwa uma bengalaleli,  
bazabhubha ngenkamba,  
bafе bengelalwazi.

<sup>13</sup> "Abangelabunkulunkulu enhliziyweni  
bagodle ukusola;  
lokuba angaze ababophe kabaceli  
ukusizwa.

<sup>14</sup> Bafa besesebatsha,  
bephakathi kweziphingi ezingamadoda  
ezihlala  
ezindaweni zokukhonzela.

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa labo abahluphekayo  
uyabakhulula  
ekuhluphekeni kwabo;  
ukhuluma labo besenkathazweni yabo.

<sup>16</sup> "Uyakuhuga ukuthi uphume  
emihlathini yosizi  
uye endaweni ebanzi ekhululekileyo  
engelazibopho,  
ebumnandini betafula yakho  
igcwele izidlo ezimnandi.

<sup>17</sup> Kodwa manje usindwa yikwahlulelwa  
okulungele ababi;  
ukuthonisiswa lokwahlulelwa kuhle  
yikho osekukuduba.

<sup>18</sup> Qaphela kungabikhona okulingayo  
ngenotho;

ungavumeli ukuthengwa ngemali  
kukususe endleleni.

<sup>19</sup> Kambe inotho yakho  
loba wonke umtshikatshika wakho  
kungakusekela yini ukuze ungangeni  
osizini na?

<sup>20</sup> Ungalangazeleli ubusuku,  
ukuze uyohudula abantu ezindaweni  
zabo.

<sup>21</sup> Qaphela ungangeni kokubi,  
okukhanya ingathi uyakuthanda  
kulokuhlupheka.

<sup>22</sup> "UNkulunkulu uphakeme ngamandla  
akhe.

Ngubani ongafundisa njengaye na?

<sup>23</sup> Ngubani ommisele izindlela zakhe na,  
loba othe kuye, "Usuwenze  
okungalunganga"?

<sup>24</sup> Khumbula ukukhulisa umsebenzi  
wakhe,  
abantu abawudumisileyo ngengoma.

<sup>25</sup> Bonke abantu jikelele bakubonile  
lokhu;  
abantu bakukhangela bemi khatshana.

<sup>26</sup> Mkhulu kakhulu uNkulunkulu  
kungaphezulu kokuzwisisa kwethu!  
Iminyaka yakhe ingazake yaziwe.

<sup>27</sup> "Uyawadonsa amathonsi amanzi,  
aqulungane abe lizulu elingena ezifuleni;

<sup>28</sup> amayezi athulula amanzi awo  
kune imikhizo emikhulu ebantwini.

<sup>29</sup> Ngubani ongakuzwisisa ukuthi  
uwendlala njani amayezi na,  
ukuthi ukhwaza njani esesiqongweni  
sakhe na?

<sup>30</sup> Akelibone ukuthi uwuhlakaza njani  
umbane wakhe

azizingelezele ngawo,  
abhukutshe ezinzikini zolwandle.

<sup>31</sup> Yiyo indlela abusa ngayo izizwe

aziphe ukudla okunengi.

<sup>32</sup>Ugcwalisa izandla zakhe ngombane awukhombise lapho omele utshaye khona.

<sup>33</sup>Ukuduma kwakhe kubika isiphepho esizayo;

lezinkomo ziyatshengisa ukuza kwaso.

**37** "Konke lokhu kwenza inhliziyoyami idikize

ize itshede endaweni yayo.

<sup>2</sup>Lalela! Lalela ukubhonga kwelizwi lakhe,

ukuzamazama okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe.

<sup>3</sup>Uyawukhulula umbane wakhe ngaphansi kwalo lonke izulu awuthumele emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

<sup>4</sup>Ngemva kwalokho kuza umdumo wokubhonga kwakhe;

uduma ngelizwi lakhe lobukhosi.

Nxa ilizwi lakhe seliqaqamba ulikhulula lonke angalithinti.

<sup>5</sup>Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liduma ngezindlela ezimangalisayo;

wenza izinto ezinkulu ngaphezu kokuzwisisa kwethu.

<sup>6</sup>Utshela ungqoqwane athi, 'Khithika phezu komhlaba,'

lezulu athi kulo, 'Thululeka ube yisihlambo esikhulu.'

<sup>7</sup>Ukuze kuthi bonke abantu abenzayo bakwazi ukusebenza kwakhe, uyammisa umuntu wonke emsebenzini wakhe.

<sup>8</sup>Izinyamazana ziyacatsha; ziyakhusela ezikhundleni zazo.

<sup>9</sup>Isiphepho siyaphuma ekamelweni laso, umqando uphume entshongolweni esikayo.

<sup>10</sup>Ukuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu kukhupha iliqhwa,

amanzi aluwaca ajiye abe yilitshe.

<sup>11</sup>Ugcwalisa amayezi ngamanzi; ahlakaze umbane wakhe ngawo.

<sup>12</sup>Ngokuqondisa kwakhe ayakhukhumala embese umhlaba wonke ukuze enze loba yini awalaya yona.

<sup>13</sup>Uyawaletha amayezi ajezise ngawo abantu,

loba ukuthelezela umhlaba wakhe ukuze atshengise uthando lwakhe.

<sup>14</sup>"Lalela lokhu, Jobe;

akume ukhumbule imimangaliso kaNkulunkulu.

<sup>15</sup>Uyakwazi na ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalawula njani amayezi

enze umbane wakhe ulavuze?

<sup>16</sup>Uyakwazi na ukuthi amayezi emi njani elengile,

leyomimangaliso yakhe yena lowo opheleleyo elwazini?

<sup>17</sup>Wena oginqiswa yikutshisa kwezigqoko zakho

nxa umhlaba uthule zwi

kubetha umoya waseningizimu,

<sup>18</sup>ungamncedisa yini ukwendlala isibhakabhaka,

esilukhuni njengesibuko sensimbi yethusi?

<sup>19</sup>"Ake usitshela ukuthi pho sithini kuye;

ngeke siyimise kuhle indaba yethu ngokuba kumnyama nje lapha kithi.

<sup>20</sup>Atshelwe kambe ukuthi ngifuna ukukhuluma?

Ukhona umuntu ongacela ukuthi aginywe?

<sup>21</sup>Phela kakho ongalikhangela ilanga, njengoba licazimula kangaka esibhakabhakeni

nxá umoya uwaphephule wonke amayezi kwathi nkwe.

<sup>22</sup> Esuka enyakatho uqhamuka ngenkazimulo enjengegolide; uNkulunkulu uqhamuka ngobukhosi obesabekayo.

<sup>23</sup> USomandla singeke simfinyelele njalo uphakeme ulamandla; ekwahluleleni kwakhe okuhle lokulunga okukhulu kacindezeli.

<sup>24</sup> Ngakho-ke abantu bayamhlonipha, ngoba kanti kabanaki yini bonke abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni?

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**38** Kwathi uJehova wasemphendula uJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho . Wathi:

<sup>2</sup> Ngubani na lowo odunga ukwaluleka kwami

ngamazwi okungazi?  
<sup>3</sup> Ziqinise njengendoda; ngizakubuzá, lawe uzangiphendula.

<sup>4</sup> Wawungaphi lapho ngangibeka izisekelo

zomhlaba na?  
Ngitshela uma uzwisisa.

<sup>5</sup> Ngubani owamisa izilinganiso zawo na? Phela angithi uyazi!  
Ngubani owayidonsayo intambo yokulinganisa kuwo na?

<sup>6</sup> Izinsika zawo zamiswa phezu kwani na, loba ngubani owamisa ilitshe lawo legumbi na –

<sup>7</sup> lapho izinkanyezi zokusa zazihlabelela kanyekanye lezingilosi zonke zamemeza ngentokozo?

<sup>8</sup> Ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngemuva kwezivalo

lapho lwaselufohla esiswini na,  
<sup>9</sup> lapho genza amayezi aba yisambatho salo na

ngalugoqela ngomnyama omkhulu,  
<sup>10</sup> lapho ngalubekela imikhawulo ngamisa iminyango yalo lemigoqo endaweni yayo,

<sup>11</sup> lapho engathi, 'Ungeza uze ufike lapha kodwa ungedluli; kulapha amagagasi akho azigqajayo aphelela khona?'

<sup>12</sup> Sewake wabekela ikuseni umthetho na,

loba watshengisa ukusa indawo yakho  
<sup>13</sup> ukuba kuphakamise umhlaba ngemiphetho

kuthintithe ababi abakuwo?  
<sup>14</sup> Umhlaba ubumbeka isimo njengebumba ufakwe uphawu; imibala yawo ikhanye ithi bha njengelembu.

<sup>15</sup> Ababi bayacitshelwa ukukhanya, lengalo yabo ephakanyisiweyo iyephulwa.

<sup>16</sup> Sewake wahamba emithonjeni yolwandle na

loba wahamba ezingoxweni zenziki yalo na?

<sup>17</sup> Amasango okufa aseke abonakaliswa kuwe na?

Usuke wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa na?

<sup>18</sup> Ubuqedisisile na ubukhulu bobubanzi bomhlaba?

Ngitshela nxa ukwazi konke lokhu.

<sup>19</sup> Yiyiphi indlela eya ekhaya elihlala ukukhanya na?

Ubumnyama bona buhlala ngaphi?

<sup>20</sup> Ungakusa ezindaweni zakho na?

Uyazazi izindlela eziya emizini yazo na?  
<sup>21</sup> Ye uyakwazi, ngoba wawuvele  
 usuzelwe!

Usuphile iminyaka yonke le!

<sup>22</sup> "Sewake wangena eziphaleni  
 zongqoqwane

loba wabona iziphala zesiqhotho na,

<sup>23</sup> engizilindisele izikhathi zohlupho,  
 izinsuku zempi lokuhlasela na?

<sup>24</sup> Ingaphi indlela eya esigodlweni  
 sokwaba umbane,

loba indawo yokuhlakaza umoya  
 wempumalanga

phezu komhlaba na?

<sup>25</sup> Ngubani ogubhe intshukuntshu  
 yezihlambo zezulu,

lendlela yomdumo wesiphepho;

<sup>26</sup> ukuthelezela ilizwe elingahlali muntu,  
 inkangala okungelamuntu kuyo,

<sup>27</sup> ukusuthisa ilizwe elilugwadule  
 kulenze lihlume utshani na?

<sup>28</sup> Izulu elinayo liloyise na?

Ngubani onguyise wamathonsi amazolo  
 na?

<sup>29</sup> Ngesikabani isisu esizala iliqhwa na?

Ngubani ozala umtshazo ovela phezulu  
 na

<sup>30</sup> lapho amanzi abalukhuni njengelitshe,  
 lapho iphezulu yolwandle ijijile?

<sup>31</sup> Ungasibopha na isiLimela lesi esihle?

Ungazithukulula yini izintambo zeziNja?

<sup>32</sup> Ungawuletha na uMthala ngesikhathi  
 sawo

loba ukhuphe inkanyezi ethiwa  
 yiNgulube lemidlwane yayo?

<sup>33</sup> Uyayazi imithetho yasezulwini na?

Ungawakha yini umbuso kaNkulunkulu  
 emhlabeni?

<sup>34</sup> "Ungawamemeza yini amayezi uthi  
 akunethise ngesihlambo samanzi?

<sup>35</sup> Uyakuthuma yini ukuphazima  
 kombane?

Uyabika kuwe yini uthi, 'Ngilapha'?

<sup>36</sup> Ngubani owapha inhliziyo  
 ukuhlakanipha

kumbe owapha ingqondo ukuzwisisa na?

<sup>37</sup> Ngubani olobuhlakaniphi bokubala  
 amayezi na?

Ngubani ongagenqula amaqhaga  
 asezulwini na

<sup>38</sup> nxa uthuli seluqina

lamagade omhlabathi esebumbene?

<sup>39</sup> "Uyasizingelela na isilwanekazi ukudla  
 kwaso,

uyiqede indlela yezilwane

<sup>40</sup> lapho zilele emiphandwini yazo

kumbe zicwathile ezixukwini?

<sup>41</sup> Ngubani opha iwabayi ukudla

lapho amatshiyane alo ekhala  
 kuNkulunkulu

ezulazula entula ukudla na?

**39** "Uyakwazi na ukuthi amagogo  
 azala nini?

Uyawubukele yini nxa impala izala  
 izinyane layo?

<sup>2</sup> Uyawuzibale yini izinyanga zize zizale?

Uyasazi isikhathi ezizazala ngaso na?

<sup>3</sup> Ziyalala phansi zizale abantwana bazo;  
 bese-ke kuphela ubuhlungu bokuhelelwa  
 kwazo.

<sup>4</sup> Amazinyane azo ayaqina akhule abe  
 lamandla egangeni;

ayasuka ahambe angabuyi.

<sup>5</sup> "Ngubani owakhulula ubabhemi  
 weganga na?

Ngubani owathukulula igoda lakhe na?



<sup>6</sup>Ngamupha ugwadule lwaba likhaya lakhe,  
lamagceke etshwayi abe ngummango wakhe.

<sup>7</sup>Uyazincifela iziphithiphithi zedolobho;  
kakuzwa ukukhahlanyezwa ngumtshayeli.

<sup>8</sup>Uyazihambela abhode izintaba emadlelweni akhe  
edinga loba yini eluhlaza.

<sup>9</sup>"Inyathi kambe izavuma ukukusebenzela na?

Izahlala esibayeni sakho ebusuku na?

<sup>10</sup>Ungayibamba ngomchilo ulime ngayo na?

Ingazilima na izigodi zakho?

<sup>11</sup>Ungayithemba yini ngenxa yamandla ayo amakhulu na?

Ungawuyekelela yona umsebenzi wakho onzima na?

<sup>12</sup>Ungayithemba ukuthi izalayitsha amabele akho na  
iwase esizeni?

<sup>13</sup>Izimpiko zentshe ziphaphazela kakuhle,  
kodwa ngeke zilinganiswe  
lezimpiko kanye lezinsiba zengabuzane.

<sup>14</sup>Ibekela amaqanda ayo emhlabathini  
iwayekele akhudumale etshebetshebeni,

<sup>15</sup>ingalimukanga ukuthi unyawo oluthile lungawahlifiza,  
ukuthi inyamazana yeganga ethile ingawanyathela.

<sup>16</sup>Amatshiyane ayo iyawakhahlameza ingathi kawasiwo wayo;

<sup>17</sup>ngokuba uNkulunkulu kayiphanga ukuhlakanipha

loba ingqondo yokubona okufaneleyo.

<sup>18</sup>Kodwa nxa isiselula izimpiko zayo ukuthi igijime,

iyalihleka ibhiza lomgadi walo.

<sup>19</sup>"Uyalipha na wena ibhiza amandla kumbe ugqokise intamo yalo ngomhlonga na?

<sup>20</sup>Uyalenza leqe njengetethe na,  
litshayise ngovalo ngokuhwabha kwalo kokuziqenya?

<sup>21</sup>Liyaphanda ngenkani, lithokozi swa ngamandla alo,  
lidlubulunde lihlasela impi.

<sup>22</sup>Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi lutho;  
kaliyikhekhelezi inkemba.

<sup>23</sup>Umxhaka wemitshoko ukhehlezele emhlabulweni walo,  
ndawonye lomkhonto obenyezelayo kanye lomdikadika.

<sup>24</sup>Liyafuthelana ngamadlabuzane ligijime limbe phansi;  
kakulivumeli ukuma nxa icilongo selikhala.

<sup>25</sup>Konela ukuthi likhale icilingo lihwabhe lithi, 'Aha!'

Lihle lilizwe iphunga lempi isesekhatshana,

ukukhwaza kwezinduna lomkhosi wempi.

<sup>26</sup>Ukhozi luphatshiswa yikuhlakanipha kwakho na

Iwelule izimpiko zalo ziqonde eningizimu?

<sup>27</sup>Ingqungqulu intweza ngokutshelwa nguwe yini

kanye lokwakhela isidleke sayo esiqongweni?

<sup>28</sup>Ihlala eliweni ilale khona ebusuku;  
idwala eliyiliwa yiyo inqaba yayo.

<sup>29</sup>Idinga ukudla kwayo isuka khona;  
amehlo ayo akubona ekude.

<sup>30</sup>Amatshiyane ayo azitika ngegazi,  
kuthi lapho okulababuleweyo khona layo ikhona."

## 40 UJehova wathi kuJobe:

<sup>2</sup>"Lowo ophikisana loSomandla angamqondisa na?

Yena lowo obeka uNkulunkulu icala kamphendule!"

<sup>3</sup>Yikho uJobe wasephendula uJehova wathi:

<sup>4</sup>"Kakungilingananga – ngingakuphendula njani na?

Ngivala umlomo wami ngesandla sami.

<sup>5</sup>Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangilampendulo –

kabili, kodwa kangisayikukhuluma njalo."

<sup>6</sup>Kwathi uJehova wakhuluma kuJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho wathi:

<sup>7</sup>"Ziqinise njengendoda; ngizakubuza, wena ungiphendule.

<sup>8</sup>"Ungakusola na ukwahlulela kwami okuhle?

Ungangilahla ukuze uzigeze na?

<sup>9</sup>Ulayo ingalo enjengekaNkulunkulu na, njalo ilizwi lakho lingaduma njengelakhe yini?

<sup>10</sup>Uma kunjalo zicecise ngobukhosi langenkazimulo, uzembathise ngodumo lobukhosi.

<sup>11</sup>Khulula ukuvutha kolaka lwakho, khangela wonke umuntu ozigqajayo umthobise,

<sup>12</sup>khangela wonke umuntu ozigqajayo umbeke phansi,

ubahlifize ababi khonapho abakhona.

<sup>13</sup>Bambele bonke ndawonye othulini; goqela ubuso babo engcwabeni.

<sup>14</sup>Lapho-ke lami ngizavuma kuwe

ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa.

<sup>15</sup>"Khangela imvubu, engayenzayo kanye lawe njalo edla utshani njengenkomo.

<sup>16</sup>Ilamandla amangalisayo okhalweni lwayo, amandla angaka emisipheni yesisu sayo!

<sup>17</sup>Umsila wayo uyazunguza njengomsidari; imisipha yemilenze yayo yalukene.

<sup>18</sup>Amathambo ayo alezimbobo zethusi, lezitho zayo zinjengemiqwayi yensimbi.

<sup>19</sup>Iyingqala yezidalwa zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa uMenzi wayo angayehlula ngenkamba yakhe.

<sup>20</sup>Izintaba zimlethela izithelo zazo, kuthi zonke izilo zeganga zidlalele eduze.

<sup>21</sup>Ilala ngaphansi kwezihlahla ezibukekayo, isithekile phakathi kwemihlanga exhaphozini.

<sup>22</sup>Izihlahla ezinhle ziyayisitha ngemithunzi yazo;

imidubu emakhunjini omfula iyihonqolozele.

<sup>23</sup>Nxa umfula uthwele izikhukhula kayethuki;

kayithi thiki lokuba iJodani ithululela izimpopoma emlonyeni wayo.

<sup>24</sup>Ukhona yini ongayibamba ngamehlo, kumbe ayithiye ayibhoboze amakhala na?

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ngewuka

loba uhitshele ulimi lwakhe ngentambo na?

<sup>2</sup>Ungawufaka umkhala yini emakhaleni akhe

kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe  
ngewuka na?

<sup>3</sup> Uzabe elokhu ekuncenga yini ukuthi  
umzwele?

Uzakhuluma lawe ngamazwi apholileyo  
yini?

<sup>4</sup> Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe na  
ukuthi abe yisichaka sakho kokuphela?

<sup>5</sup> Ungamenza abe yisifuyo sokudlalisa  
njengenyoni na

kumbe umfake umkhungo adlaliswe  
ngamantombazana na?

<sup>6</sup> Abathengi bazabhejelana ngentengo  
yakhe na?

Bazakwahlukaniselana ngaye na  
abathengi?

<sup>7</sup> Ungasibhoboza yini isikhumba sakhe  
ngenhle ndla

loba ikhanda lakhe ngemikhonto  
yokuciba inhlansi?

<sup>8</sup> Ungabeka isandla phezu kwakhe,  
uzahlala ukukhumbula ukutshukana  
kwenu ungaphindi futhi!

<sup>9</sup> Ukucabanga ukuthi ungamehlula  
kuyize;

ukumbona nje kodwa kuqeda amandla.

<sup>10</sup> Kakho ongaba lesibindi sokuthi alwe  
laye.

Pho ngubani ongamelana lami na?

<sup>11</sup> Ngubani engilomlandu kuye othi  
kangibhadale na?

Konke okukhona ngaphansi kwezulu  
kungokwami.

<sup>12</sup> "Kangisoze ngikhawule ukubabaza  
izitho zakhe,

amandla akhe langesimo sakhe esihle.

<sup>13</sup> Ngubani ongaxebula isikhumba sakhe  
na?

Ngubani ongasondela kuye ngamatomu  
na?

<sup>14</sup> Ngubani ongaqunga isibindi avule  
iminyango yomlomo wakhe,  
ogqagqelwe zingavula zamazinyo na?

<sup>15</sup> Umhlane wakhe ulezinhlu zamahawu  
abophene silikici;

<sup>16</sup> yilelo lithe mba kwelinye  
okuthi kakungeni moya phakathi kwawo.

<sup>17</sup> Anamathelene ndawonye;  
abambene okokuthi angeke ehlukaniswe.

<sup>18</sup> Ukuthimula kwakhe kukhupha inhlansi  
zomlilo;

amehlo akhe anjengemisebe yokusa.

<sup>19</sup> Amalangabi omlilo alavuzwa emlonyeni  
wakhe;

izinhlanga zomlilo ziqhatsha ziphuma  
khona.

<sup>20</sup> Intuthu ithunqa iphuma emakhaleni  
akhe

kungathi isuka embizeni ebiyayo phezu  
komlilo wemihlanga.

<sup>21</sup> Ukuphefumula kwakhe kubhebhisa  
umlilo wamalahlale,

njalo kulavuka amalangabi emlonyeni  
wakhe.

<sup>22</sup> Amandla akhe ahlala entanyeni;  
okuphambi kwakhe kuhle kuphele  
amandla.

<sup>23</sup> Amavinqo enyama yakhe abambene  
nko;

aqinile kawehlukaniseki.

<sup>24</sup> Isifuba sakhe silukhuni njengelitshe,  
siqine njengangaphansi kwembokodo.

<sup>25</sup> Uthi nxa ephakama kwesabe amaqhawe  
ngokwawo;

atshede ebalekela ukubhula komsila  
wakhe.

<sup>26</sup> Inkemba leyo emfikelayo kayenzi  
lutho,

kumbe umkhonto, loba umtshoko loba  
isijula.

<sup>27</sup> Insimbi uyithatha njengotshani  
lethusi kungathi yiluthi olubolileyo.

<sup>28</sup> Imitshoko kayimenzi abaleke;  
lamatshe esavutha anjengomule kuye.

<sup>29</sup> Induku kuye iyisiqa sotshani;

uyahleka esizwa ukukhenceza komdikadika.

<sup>30</sup>Ingaphansi yomzimba wakhe injengezindengezi ezibukhali, itshiya umzila edakeni kungathi yisileyi esizunguzekayo.

<sup>31</sup>Udunga izinziki zamanzi ayabuke njengembiza enkulu ibila, aluvube ulwandle njengembiza yamagcobo.

<sup>32</sup>Ngemuva kwakhe utshiya umzila okhazimulayo; umuntu angazathi ulwandle luloboya obumhlophe.

<sup>33</sup>Kakukho emhlabeni okulingana laye – isidalwa esingesabiyo.

<sup>34</sup>Ubakhangelela phansi bonke abathi bazithembile; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abazigqajayo.

*UJobe uyaphendula*

**42** UJobe wasemphendula uJehova wathi:

<sup>2</sup>"Ngiyazi ukuthi ungazenza zonke izinto; kalikho icebo lakho elingavinjelwa.

<sup>3</sup>Ubuzile wathi, 'Ngubani lo ovala iseluleko sami engelalwazi na?

Ngeqiniso ngikhulumile ngezinto ebengingazizwisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo engingeke ngizazi.

<sup>4</sup>"Wena uthe, 'Lalela manje, mina ngizakhuluma; ngizakubuzwa, wena uzangiphendula.'

<sup>5</sup>Izindlebe zami zasezizwile ngawe kodwa manje amehlo ami ase kubonile.

<sup>6</sup>Ngakho sengizeyisa,

sengiphenduka ngizilahla othulini lasemlotheni."

*Isiphetho Sendaba*

<sup>7</sup>Kwathi uJehova esetshilo lezizinto kuJobe wathi ku-Elifazi umThemani, "Ngikuzondele wena kanye labangane bakho bobabili, ngokuba kalikhulumanga ngami okulungileyo njengenceku yami uJobe ekhulumile. <sup>8</sup>Yikho manje thathani izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa lezinqama eziyisikhombisa liye encekwini yami uJobe liyokwenza umhlatshelo wokutshiswa owenu lina. Inceku yami uJobe izalikhulekela, mina ngizawamukela umkhuleko wayo ngingaze ngalijezisa okufanele ubuthutha benu. Kalikhulumanga ngami okulungileyo njengenceku yami uJobe ekhulumile."

<sup>9</sup>Ngakho u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofa umNamathi benza lokho abakutshelwa nguJehova; njalo uJehova wawemukela umkhuleko kaJobe.

<sup>10</sup>UJobe esebakhulekele abangane bakhe, uJehova wamenza waphumelela njalo wamupha okunengi okuphindwe kabili kwalokho ayelakho kuqala. <sup>11</sup>Bonke abafowabo labodadewabo kanye lobani owayemazi ngaphambili weza ukuzakudla laye endlini yakhe. Bamkhalela, bamzwela ngakho konke ukhulupheka uJehova ayemehlisele khona, kwathi ngulowo lalowo wamupha ulutho lwesiliva kanye lesongo legolide.

<sup>12</sup>UJehova wayibusisa impilo yokucina kaJobe okudlula eyokuqala. Waba lezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, izinkulungwane eziyisithupha zamakamela, inkulungwane yezinkabi ezibotshwayo labobabhemi abayinkulungwane. Waphinda njalo waba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. <sup>14</sup>Indodakazi yokuqala wayetha ibizo elithi Jemima, eyesibili uKheziya, eyesithathu yaba nguKhereni Haphutshi. <sup>15</sup>Kakuzange kube khona elizweni lonke abesifazana

ababebahle njengamadodakazi kaJobe,  
njalo uyise wawabela ilifa kanye  
labanewabo.

<sup>16</sup>Ngemuva kwalokhu uJobe waphila  
iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane;  
wababona abantwabakhe labantwababo  
kwaze kwaba yisizukulwane sesine.

<sup>17</sup>Ngakho-ke wafa, esemdala njalo  
eseluphele.