

KUTHITHUSI

1 UPhawuli, inceku kaNkulunkulu lomphostoli kaJesu Khristu wokukholwa kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lokwazi iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu – ² ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni lokuphila okulaphakade, okwathenjiswa nguNkulunkulu, ongaqambi manga, isikhathi singakaqalisi, ³ njalo ngesikhathi sakhe esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe ngentshumayelo engayiphathiswa ngomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu.

⁴ KuThithusi, indodana yami ngokukholwa kwethu sonke:

Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu uMsindisi wethu.

Umsebenzi kaThithusi eKhrethe

⁵ Engakutshiyela khona eKhrethe yikuthi uqondise lokho okwasala kungaphelanga ubeke labadala emizini yonke, njengokukulaya kwami. ⁶ Omdala kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi oyedwa, indoda elabantwana abakholwayo njalo abangelacala lobudlwangu dlwangu loba ukwedelela.

⁷ Njengoba umbonisi ephathiswe umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kumele angabi lasici – angazikhukhumezi, ongazondi masinya, ongasiso sidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongadingi inzuzo ngobuqili.

⁸ Kodwa kumele abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi, lowo othanda okuhle, ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongewele lozithibayo. ⁹ Kumele abambelele elizwini eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo ukuze akhuthaze abanye

ngemfundiso eqotho, njalo amelane lalabo abaphikisayo.

¹⁰ Ngoba banengi abantu abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo nje kanye labakhohlisi, ikakhulu abeqembu lokusoka. ¹¹ Kumele bathuliswe, ngoba bachitha imizi epheleleyo ngokufundisa izinto okungamelanga bazifundise – lokho bekwenzela inzuzo yenkohliso. ¹² Lomunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi, "AbaseKhrethe bangabantu bamanga, izilo ezimbi, izihwaba ezingamavila." ¹³ Ubufakazi lobu buliqiniso. Ngakho-ke bakhuze ngamandla, ukuze baqine ekukholweni ¹⁴ bangalaleli izinganekwana zamaJuda loba imilayo yalabo abadela iqiniso.

¹⁵ Kwabahlambulukileyo izinto zonke zihlambulukile, kodwa kulabo abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa, akulalutho oluhlambulukileyo. Impela, kokubili izingqondo zabo lezazela zabo kuxhwalile. ¹⁶ Bathi uNkulunkulu bayamazi, kodwa ngezenzo zabo bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka, bayadelela njalo kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

Okumele kufundiswe amaqembu ehlukeneyo

2 Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso eqotho. ² Fundisa amadoda amadala ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze, njalo aqine ekukholweni, lethandweni kanye lasekubekazeleni.

³ Ngokunjalo, fundisa abesifazana abadala ukuba babe ngabahloniphayo ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi ngabahlebi kumbe babuswe liwayini, kodwa ukuba bafundise okulungileyo. ⁴ Ngakho bangafundisa abesifazana abatsha ukuba bathande omkabo labantwana babo, ⁵ ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba

lomusa, lokuba bazehlisele ngaphansi kwabomkabo, ukuze kungabi khona ogcona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

⁶ Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha ukuba bazikhuze. ⁷ Kukho konke babekele isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho lokuzimisela ⁸ kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi abangalutsho ngathi.

⁹ Fundisa izigqili ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosi azo ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa, zingawaphenduli,

¹⁰ zingawantshontsheli, kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka okupheleleyo, ukuze kuthi ngakho konke zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ibe ngehugayo.

¹¹ Ngoba umusa kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele ebantwini bonke.

¹² Uyasifundisa ukuthi "Hayi" ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni zasemhlabeni, njalo siphile ngokuzikhuza, ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uNkulunkulu ngesikhathi samanje, ¹³ lapho sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo – ukubonakala ngenkazimulo kukaNkulunkulu wethu ophakemeyo longuMsindisi, uJesu Khristu ¹⁴ owazinikelayo ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlenge ebubini bonke kanye lokuze azihlambululele abantu abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle.

¹⁵ Ngakho, lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise. Khuthaza njalo ukhuze ngamandla wonke. Ungavumeli muntu akweyise.

Ukwenza okuhle

3 Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi,

labaphathi, lokuba balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle, ² lokunganyeyi muntu, lokuba lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke.

³ Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula, singalaleli, sikhohliswa njalo sithunjwe yizinhlobo zonke zezinkanuko kanye lezinjabulo. saphila phakathi kwenzondo lomhawu, sizondwa njalo sizondana. ⁴ Kodwa kwathi umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele, ⁵ wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo esasizenzile, kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe. Wasisindisa ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha kanye lokuvuselelwa nguMoya oNgcwele, ⁶ amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu ngoJesu Khristu uMsindisi wethu, ⁷ ukuze kuthi sesilungiswe ngumusa wakhe, sibe yindlalifa silethemba lokuphila okulaphakade. ⁸ Leli yilizwi eliqotho. Njalo ngithanda ukuba izinto lezi uzicokise, ukuze kuthi labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle kakhulu njalo zilosizo ebantwini bonke.

⁹ Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula lezindaba zezinsendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana lomthetho, ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize. ¹⁰ Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde umlaye okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye.

¹¹ Ungaba leqiniso ukuthi umuntu onjalo uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye ozilahlayo yena ngokwakhe.

Amazwi okucina

¹² Ngingaze ngithumele u-Athema kumbe uThikhikhu kuwe, wohle uzame ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi eNikhopholi, ngoba sengizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. ¹³ Yenza konke ongakwenza ukuba usize uZena

igqwetha kanye lo-Apholo ohambeni
lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke
abakuswelayo. ¹⁴ Abantu bakithi kumele
bafunde ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle
ukuze badlinzekele iziswelo zansuku
zonke njalo bangaphili impilo engalethi
lutho.

¹⁵ Bonke abalami bayakubingelela.
Bingelela labo abasithandayo
ekukholweni.

Umusa kawube lani lonke.