

UJAKHOBE

1 UJakhobe inceku kaNkulunkulu
leyeNkosi uJesu Khristu,

Kuzizwana ezilitshumi lambili
ezihlakazekele phakathi kwezizwe:

Ngiyalibingelela.

Ukuhlolwa lezilingo

²Bazalwane bami, lapho lisehlelwa
yizilingo ezinhlobonhlobo, kubaleni
njengentokozo epheleleyo, ³ngoba
liyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo
lwenu kukhulisa ukubekezela.

⁴Ukubekezela kufanele kuqede
umsebenzi wakho ukuze lina likhule
njalo liphelele, lingasileli ngalutho.

⁵Uma omunye wenu eswela
ukuhlakanipha kumele acele
kuNkulunkulu, obanikayo bonke
ngokuphana engadinganga sici,
uzakuphiwa. ⁶Kodwa lapho ecela
kumele akholwe angathandabuzi, ngoba
othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandle
eliphethshulwa ngumoya uliphose.

⁷Umuntu lowo akumelanga acabange
ukuthi kulolutho azaluthola eNkosini;

⁸ungumuntu ongqondombili, kazinzanga
kukho konke akwenzayo.

⁹Umzalwane olesimo esiphansi kumele
aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe
esiphezulu. ¹⁰Kodwa lowo onothileyo
kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe
esiphansi, ngoba uzadlula njengeluba
leganga. ¹¹Ngoba ilanga liphuma litshisa
okuhangulayo libunise ihlumela,
umqhakazo walo uwohloke lobuhle balo
buphele. Ngokufanayo umuntu
onothileyo uzanyamalala esawenza
umsebenzi wakhe.

¹²Ubusisiwe umuntu oqiniselayo
ekulingweni, ngoba lapho esephumelele

ekuhlolweni, uzaphiwa umqhele
wokuphila, ukuphila uNkulunkulu
akuthembisa labo abamthandayo.

¹³Ekulingweni, kakho omele athi,
“UNkulunkulu uyangilinga.” Ngoba
uNkulunkulu angeke alingwe yibubi,
kumbe alinge umuntu; ¹⁴kodwa lowo
lalowo ulingwa yinkanuko yakhe embi,
lapho edonselwa kude ehugwa.

¹⁵Ngakho nxa inkanuko isiyemule izala
isono; njalo isono lapho sesikhulile
okugcweleyo, sizala ukufa.

¹⁶Lingakhohliswa, bazalwane bami
abathandekayo. ¹⁷Zonke izipho ezinhle
lezipheleleyo zivela phezulu, zehlele
phansi zivela kuYise wezibane
zasezulwini, ongaguquki njengemithunzi
etshudukayo. ¹⁸Wakhetha ukusizala
ngelizwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe luhlobo
lwezithelo zakuqala kukho konke
akudalayo.

Ukulalela lokwenza

¹⁹Bazalwane bami abathandekayo,
qaphelani lokhu: Umuntu wonke umele
aphange alalele, aphuze ukukhuluma,
njalo aphuze lokuthukuthela, ²⁰ngoba
ukuthukuthela komuntu kakulethi
ukuphila okulungileyo okufiswa
nguNkulunkulu. ²¹Ngakho-ke lahlani
amanyala wonke lobubi obande
kangaka, lilamukele ngokuthobeka ilizwi
elahlanyelwa kini, elingalisindisa.

²²Lingalaleli ilizwi nje kuphela,
beselizikhohlisa ngalokho. Yenzani
lokho elikutshoyo. ²³Loba ngubani
olalela ilizwi kodwa angaze enza
elikutshoyo unjengomuntu okhangela
ubuso bakhe esibukweni ²⁴kuthi
esezibukile asuke ahle akhohlwe ukuthi
unjani. ²⁵Kodwa umuntu owukhangela
ngenjongo umthetho opheleleyo oletha
ukukhululeka, njalo aqhubeke esenza
lokhu – engakhohlwa asekwizwile, kodwa
ekwenza – uzabusiwa kulokho
akwenzayo.

²⁶Uma umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uyakholwa kodwa engabambi ulimi lwakhe okuqinileyo, uyazikhohlisa njalo lokholo lwakhe luyize. ²⁷Ukukholwa okwamukelwa nguNkulunkulu uBaba okuhlambulukileyo njalo kungelasici yilokhu: ukugcina izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, kanye lokuzigcina thina ngokwethu ekungcolisweni ngumhlaba.

Ukubandlulula akuvunyelwa

2 Bazalwane bami, njengabakholwayo

eNkosini yethu elenkazimulo uJesu Khristu, lingabandlululi. ² Kasithi umuntu ufika emhlanganweni wenu egqize indandatho yegolide egqoke lezigqoko ezinhle, besekungena umyanga egqoke izigqoko ezinithizelayo. ³ Nxa limnaka kakhulu lowo ogqoke izigqoko ezinhle lithi kuye, “Nansi isihlalo esingcono,” kodwa kongumyanga lithi, “Wena mana laphayana,” kumbe lithi, “Hlala phansi eduze kwezinyawo zami,” ⁴ kalibandlululanga njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi na? ⁵ Lalelani, bazalwane bami abathandekayo: Konje uNkulunkulu kabakhethanga yini labo abangabayanga emehlweni omhlaba ukuba babe ngabanothileyo ekukholweni kanye lokudla ilifa lombuso awuthembisa labo abamthandayo na? ⁶ Kodwa lina libathukile abayanga. Abanothileyo akusibo yini abadinga inzuzo ngani? Akusibo yini abalihudulela emithethwandaba? ⁷ Akusibo yini abahlambaza ibizo lobukhosi elalowo lina elingabakhe na? ⁸ Uma liwugcina sibili umthetho wobukhosi otholakala emibhalweni othi, “Thanda umakhelwana wakho njengalokhu uzithanda,” lenza okulungileyo. ⁹ Kodwa uma libandlulula

lenza isono njalo lilahlwa ngumthetho njengabephuli bomthetho. ¹⁰ Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umthetho wonke kodwa akhubeke endaweni eyodwa, ulecala lokuwephula wonke. ¹¹ Ngoba yena owathi, “Ungafebi,” wathi futhi, “Ungabulali.” Uma ungafebi kodwa ubulala, usube yisaphulamthetho. ¹² Khulumani njalo lenze njengalabo abazakwahlulelwa ngumthetho onika ukukhululeka, ¹³ ngoba ukwahlulela okungalasihawu kuzakuba kulowo obengelasihawu. Isihawu sinqoba ukwahlulela!

Ukukholwa lezenzo

¹⁴ Kusizani bazalwane bami, uma umuntu esithi ulokholo kodwa engelazenzo? Ukholo olunjalo lungamsindisa na?

¹⁵ Kasithi umzalwane loba umzalwanekazi kalazigqoko lokudla kwansuku zonke. ¹⁶ Uma omunye wenu esithi kuye, “Hamba, ngikufisela okuhle; hlala ukhudumala njalo usutha,” kodwa angenzi lutho ngaleziziswelo zakhe zomzimba, kusizani na? ¹⁷ Ngokunjalo, ukukholwa nje kuphela, uma kungelamisebenzi kufile.

¹⁸ Kodwa omunye uzakuthi, “Wena ulokukholwa; mina ngilezenzo.” Ngitshengisa ukukholwa kwakho kungelazenzo, njalo mina ngizakutshengisa ukukholwa kwami ngalokho engikwenzayo. ¹⁹ Uyakholwa ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa. Kulungile! Lamadimoni ayakukholwa lokhu – njalo ayathuthumela.

²⁰ Wena ndoda eyisiwula, ufuna ubufakazi bokuthi ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kuyize na? ²¹ Kanje ukhokho wethu u-Abhrahama kabalwanga njengolungileyo ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela indodana yakhe u-Isaka e-alithareni na? Liyabona ukuthi ukukholwa kwakhe lezenzo zakhe kwakusebenza ndawonye,

njalo ukukholwa kwakhe kwapheleliswa yilokho akwenzayo. ²² Njalo umbhalo wagwaliseka othi, “U-Abrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga,” ²³ njalo wabizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu.

²⁴ Liyabona ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yilokho akwenzayo hatshi ngokukholwa kuphela.

²⁵ Ngokunjalo, loRahabi isifebe konje kabalwanga njengolungileyo ngalokho akwenzayo lapho anika izinhlozi indawo yokulala wabuya wazikhupha ngenye indlela na?

²⁶ Njengoba umzimba ongelamoya ufile, ngokunjalo ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kufile.

Ukuthambisa ulimi

3 Bazalwane bami, abanengi benu akumelanga babe ngabafundisi, ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi thina esifundisayo sizakwahlulelwa kalukhunikazi. ² Sonke siyakhubeka ngezindlela ezinengi. Uma umuntu engakaze abe lesici kulokho akutshoyo, ungumuntu opheleleyo, owanelisayo ukuwubamba wonke umzimba wakhe.

³ Lapho sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuba asilalele, ibhiza singaliphendula lonke. ⁴ Loba thathani imikhumbi njengesibonelo. Lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqhutshwa yimimoya elamandla, iqondiswa ngophinyana oluncane loba kungaphi lapho umtshayeli afuna ukuya khona. ⁵ Ngokufanayo ulimi luyisitho esincane somzimba, kodwa luyazincoma kakhulu. Cabangani ngehlathi elikhulu elithungelwa yinhansi encane yomlilo.

⁶ Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi phakathi kwezitho zomzimba. Lungcolisa lonke uqobo lomuntu, luyithungele ngomlilo yonke impilo yakhe, lalo luthungelwe ligehe ngomlilo.

⁷ Zonke izinhlobo zezinyamazana, lezezinyoni, lezezihuquzelayo kanye lezidalwa zasolwandle ziyathanjiswa njalo sezathanjiswa ngumuntu, ⁸ kodwa akulamuntu ongathambisa ulimi, luyibubi obuyaluzelayo, lugcwele itshefu ebulalayo.

⁹ Ngolimi siyabonga iNkosi uBaba, njalo ngalo sithuka abantu abenziwa ngesifanekiso sikaNkulunkulu.

¹⁰ Emlonyeni munye kuphuma ukubonga lokuthuka. Bazalwane bami, lokhu akufanelanga. ¹¹ Kambe amanzi amnandi lamanzi aletshwayi angagobhoza mthombo munye na? ¹² Bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela ama-oliva na, kumbe ivini lithela imikhiwa na? Lomthombo oletshwayi awungeke ukhuphe amanzi amnandi.

Izinhlobo ezimbili zokuhlakanipha

¹³ Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu na? Kakubonakalise ngokuphila kwakhe kuhle, langezenzo ezenziwa ngokuzithoba okuvela ekuhlakanipheni. ¹⁴ Kodwa uma ligcine umhawu lokulangazela kobukhwele ezinhliziyweni zenu, lingazincomi ngakho kumbe liphike iqiniso.

¹⁵ “Ukuhlakanipha” okunjalo kakwehli kuvela ezulwini kodwa ngokwasemhlabeni, akusikomoya, ngokomubi. ¹⁶ Ngoba lapho okulomhawu khona lokutshisekela kokuzisuthisa kulapho okutholwa khona ingxabangxoza kanye lezenzo zonke ezimbi.

¹⁷ Kodwa ukuhlakanipha okuvela ezulwini okokuqala kuhlambulukile; besekuthanda ukuthula, kulozwele, kuyazehlisa, kugcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kakukhethi njalo kuqotho.

¹⁸ Abalamuli abahlanyela ukuthula bathola isivuno sokulunga.

Zehliseni kuNkulunkulu

4 Kuyini okubangela ukulwa

lezingxabano phakathi kwenu na? Kakuveli ezinkanukwenu zenu ezilwayo phakathi kwenu na? ²Lifuna ulutho oluthile kodwa kalilutholi. Liyabulala njalo lihawukele, kodwa kalingeke likuthole lokho elikufunayo. Liyaxabana lilwe. Kalilalutho ngoba kaliceli kuNkulunkulu. ³Lapho licela, kaliphiwa ngoba licela ngenjongo embi, ukuba lichithe lokho elikuzuzayo ezinjabulweni zenu.

⁴Lina zifebe zabantu, kalikwazi yini ukuthi ubungane lomhlaba kuyikuzonda uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu okhetha ukuba ngumngane womhlaba uba yisitha sikaNkulunkulu. ⁵Kumbe licabanga ukuthi umbhalo utsho kungelasizatho ukuthi umoya owenza ukuba uhlale phakathi kwethu ugebela ebukhweleni, ⁶kodwa yena usinika umusa owengeziweyo. Yikho nje umbhalo usithi,

“UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo kodwa abanike umusa abathobekileyo.”

⁷Ngakho-ke zehliseni kuNkulunkulu. Menqabeni uSathane, uzalibalekela.

⁸Sondelani phansi kukaNkulunkulu laye uzasondela kini. Gezani izandla zenu lina zoni, lihlambulule lezinhliziyo zenu, lina abangqondombili. ⁹Dabukani, lilile, likhale. Guqulani ukuhleka kwenu kube yikukhala, kuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kube yikudana. ¹⁰Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, izaliphakamisa.

¹¹Bazalwane, lingachothozani. Umuntu okhuluma kubi ngomzalwane wakhe, loba amahlulele, ukhuluma kubi ngomthetho awahlulele. Lapho lisahlulela umthetho, kaliwugcini, kodwa liyawahlulela. ¹²KuloMenzi

wemithetho loMahluleli oyedwa kuphela, lowo olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa. Kodwa lina – lingobani ukuba lahlulele omakhelwane benu na?

Ukuzincoma ngekusasa

¹³Lalelani lina elithi, “Lamhla loba kusasa sizakuya kuleli loba kuleliyana idolobho, siqede umnyaka khona, senze imisebenzi sizuze imali.

¹⁴Kungani, kalikwazi lokuzakwenzakala kusasa. Ukuphila kwenu kuyini na? Liyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatshana ibe isinyamalala. ¹⁵Kodwa kumele lithi, “Uma kuyintando yeNkosi sizaphila senze lokhu loba lokhuyana.”

¹⁶Okwakhathesi liyazincoma liwawaze. Konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi.

¹⁷Ngakho loba ngubani okwaziyo okulungileyo okumele akwenze kodwa angakwenzi, wenza izonzo.

Isixwayiso kubacindezeli abanothileyo

5 Lalelani lina bantu abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa yosizi oluzayo phezu kwenu. ²Inotho yenu isibolile, lezigqoko zenu sezidliwe zinondo. ³Igolide lenu lesiliva senu sekuthombile. Ukuthomba kwakho kuzafakaza kubi ngani kudle inyama yemizimba yenu njengomlilo. Libuthelele inotho ezinsukwini zokucina. ⁴Khangelani! Imiholo elingayibhadalanga izisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu iyalikhalela. Ukukhala kwabavuni sekufikile ezindlebeni zeNkosi uSomandla. ⁵Emhlabeni lihlale ngentokozo langokuzitika. Lizinonisele mhla kuhlatshiwe. ⁶Libagwebile lababulala abantu abamsulwa, ababengamelani lani.

Ukubekwezela phakathi kokuhlupheka

⁷Ngakho, bazalwane, bekezelani iNkosi ize ifike. Khangelani ukuthi umlimi uyilindela njani insimu ukuba ithele

izilimo zayo eziligugu kanye lokuthi ukubekezelela njani ukuna kwezulu lentwasa. ⁸ Lani futhi, bekezelani liqine, ngoba ukufika kweNkosi sekusondele. ⁹ Lingasolani, bazalwane, hlezi lahlulelwe. UMahluleli umi emnyango! ¹⁰ Bazalwane, njengesibonelo sokubekezela ekuhluphekeni, khumbulani abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngebizo leNkosi. ¹¹ Njengoba lisazi, labo ababekezelayo sibabala njengababusisiweyo. Selezwa ngokubekezela kukaJobe njalo selikubonile okwalethwa yiNkosi ekucineni. INkosi igcwele isihawu esikhulu lomusa. ¹² Phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi – kungabi ngezulu loba ngomhlaba kumbe ngolunye ulutho. U”Yebo” wenu kabe ngu-ye, lo “Hatshi” wenu abe nguhayi, hlezi lilahlwe.

Umkhuleko wokukholwa

¹³ Kukhona yini kini ohluphekayo na? Kakhuleke. Ukhona othokozayo na? Kahlabele izingoma zokudumisa. ¹⁴ Ukhona kini ogulayo na? Kumele abize abadala bebandla bamkhulekele njalo bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi. ¹⁵ Umkhuleko owenziwe ngokukholwa uzakwenza lowomuntu ogulayo asile; iNkosi izamvusa. Uma enze isono, uzathethelelwa. ¹⁶ Ngakho-ke vumani izono zenu omunye komunye njalo likhulekelane ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko womuntu olungileyo ulamandla njalo uyasebenza. ¹⁷ U-Eliza wayengumuntu njengathi. Wakhuleka ngokutshiseka ukuba izulu lingani, lakanye kalinanga elizweni iminyaka emithathu lengxenyane. ¹⁸ Wakhuleka futhi, amazulu aletha izulu, kwathi umhlaba lawo wathela izilimo zawo.

¹⁹ Bazalwane bami, uma omunye wenu ephambuka eqinisweni, omunye ambuyisele, ²⁰ khumbulani lokhu: Lowo onqanda isoni ekoneni kwaso uzasisindisa ekufeni, agubuzele izono ezinengi.