

EKAYAKOBI

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ISAPHLUKO 1

UYakobi, umkhonzi kaThixo neNkosi uYesu Kristu, ubhalela izizwe ezilishumi elinazibini eziziintsali, ebulisa.

² Kubaleleni ekuthini kuluvuyo olukhulu, bazalwana bam, xa nithe nagaxeleka ezilingweni ngezilingo,

³ nisazi nje ukuba ucikido lokholo lwenu lusebenza umonde.

⁴ Umonde ke mawube nomsebenzi ozalisekileyo, ukuze nibe ngabazalisekileyo, abagqibeleleyo, ningaswele nto.

⁵ Ukuba ke ubani kuni uswele ubulumko, makacele kuThixo, onika bonke engenakumbi, engangcikivi; wobunikwa.

⁶ Ke makacele ekholwa, engathandabuzi; kuba lowo uthandabuzayo ufana nokulatyuza kolwandle, luqhutywa ngumoya, luntsileka.

⁷ Kuba loo mntu makangabi uya kwamkela nto kuyo iNkosi.

⁸ Indoda emphefumlo umbaxa iyahlozinga kuzo zonke iindlela zayo.

⁹ Ke umzalwana othobekileyo makaqhayise ngako ukuphakama kwakhe;

¹⁰ osityebi ke makaqhayise ngako ukuthobeka kwakhe; ngokuba uya kudlula njengentyantyambo yengca.

¹¹ Kuba lithi lakuphuma ilanga, kunye noloophu, liyitshise ingca, ize ke intyantyambo yayo ivuthuluke, buthi nobuhle bembonakalo yayo butshabalale; siya kwenjenjalo nesityebi ukungcumbeka eluhambeni lwaso.

¹² Inoyolo indoda ekunyamezelayo ukulingwa; ngokuba yothi, yakuba icikidekile, isamkele isithsaba sobomi, ebabeke ngedinga iNkosi abo bayithandayo.

¹³ Makungabikho namnye utshoyo akuhendwa ukuthi, Ndiwendwa kwaThixo; kuba uThixo akanakuhendeka kokubi, akahendi namnye ke yena.

¹⁴ Elowo ke uhendwa akutsalwa, abanjiswe, yeyakhe inkanuko.

¹⁵ Ithi inkanuko, yakuba ithabathile, izale isono; sithi ke isono, sakuba sikhulelwe, sizale ukufa.

¹⁶ Musani ukulahlekiswa, bazalwana bam baziintanda.

¹⁷ Sonke isipho esilungileyo, naso sonke isipho esigqibeleleyo, sesaphezulu; sihla sivela kuye uYise wezikhanyiso, ongenabuyambo nasithunzi sakujika.

¹⁸ Uthandile, wasizala ngelizwi lenyaniso, ukuze sibe yintlahlela yazo izidalwa zakhe.

¹⁹ Ngoko ke, bazalwana bam baziintanda, makathi umntu wonke enze msinya ukuva, enze kade ukuthetha, enze kade ukuqumba;

²⁰ kuba ingqumbo yendoda ayisebenzi bulungisa bukaThixo.

- ²¹ Kungoko endithi, yithini, nibubekile nxamnye bonke ubunyhukunyhuku nokuphuphuma ulunya, namkele ninobulali ilizwi elimiselweyo kuni, elinako ukuyisindisa imiphefumlo yenu.
- ²² Yibani ke ngabenzi belizwi, ningabi ngabaphulaphuli kodwa, nizidephisela.
- ²³ Ngokuba umntu, ukuba ungumphulaphuli nje welizwi, engemenzi walo, lowo ufana nendoda eqiqa ubuso bayo bobuntu esipilini;
- ²⁴ kuba iyaziqiqa, imke, ilibale kwaoko ukuba ibinjani na.
- ²⁵ Ke yena oqondela emthethweni ogqibeleleyo wayo inkululeko, ahlale ehleli kuwo, lowo, ethe nje akaba ngumphulaphuli olibalayo, esuke waba ngumenzi womsebenzi: yena uya kuba noyolo ekwenzeni kwakhe.
- ²⁶ Ukuba ubani kuni uba ungonqulayo, abe engalubambi ngomkhala ulwimi lwakhe, elukuhla intliziyo yakhe, unqulo lwalowo alunto yanto.
- ²⁷ Unqulo lona oluhlambulukileyo, olu ngadyobhekileyo phambi koThixo uBawo, lulo olu: kukuvelela iinkedama nabahlolokazi embandezelweni, yabo: kukuzigcina engenabala kulo ihlabathi.

ISAHLUKO 2

Bazalwana bam, musani ukukuphatha ngokukhetha buso bamntu, ukukholwa yiNkosi yethu yozuko, uYesu Kristu.

- ² Kuba, xa kuthe kwangena endlwini yenu yesikhungu indoda enemisesane yegolide, inengubo eqaqambileyo; kwaza ke kwangena ihlwempu, lineengubo ezimdaka;
- ³ naza nakhangela kulowo uvethe ingubo eqaqambileyo, nathi kuye, Hlala apha kakuhle wena; nathi kulo ihlwempu, Yima phaya wena; mhlawumbi, Hlala phantsi apha ngasesihlalweni seenyawo zam:
- ⁴ anicalulanga na ke phakathi kwenu, naba ngabagwebi abanezicamango ezingendawo?
- ⁵ Yivani, bazalwana bam baziintanda: uThixo akawanyulanga na amahlwempu eli hlabathi, ukuba abe zizityebi zokholo, neendlalifa zobukumkani, awababeka ngedinga abo bamthandayo?
- ⁶ Ke nina nilihlazisile ihlwempu. Izityebi azinishicileli na? Zona azinirholeli ematyaleni na?
- ⁷ Zona azilinyelisi na igama elihle elo, nabizwa ngalo?
- ⁸ Ukuba okunene niyawuzalisa umthetho wakomkhulu, ngokwesibhalo esithi, Uze umthande ummelwane wakho ngoko uzithanda ngako, nityaphile;
- ⁹ kodwa ukuba nikhetha ubuso bomntu, nisebenza isono, niyohlwaywa ngumthetho ngokwabagqithi.
- ¹⁰ Kuba yena oya kuwugcina umthetho uphela, akhubeke mthethweni mnye, unetyala layo yonke.
- ¹¹ Kuba lowo wathi, Musa ukukrexeza, ubuye wathi, Musa ukubulala. Ke, ukuba akukrexezi, kodwa ubulala, usewuthe waba ngumgqithi-mthetho.
- ¹² Yithini ukuthetha, yithini ukwenza, nenze njengabaza kugwetywa ngomthetho wenkululeko.
- ¹³ Kuba umgwebo awuyi kuba natarhu kulowo ungenzanga nceba; kananjalo inceba iyawuqhayisela umgwebo.
- ¹⁴ Kunceda ntoni na, bazalwana bam, ukuba umntu uthi unokholo, abe imisebenzi ke engenayo? Lunako yini na ukumsindisa ukholo lwakhe?
- ¹⁵ Ukuba ke umzalwana, nokuba ngudade, bathi bahambe ze, beswele ukudla imihla

ngemihla,

¹⁶ athi ke omnye wenu kubo, Hambani ninoxolo, yothani, hluthani; nibe ke ningabaniki izinto ezo ziwufaneleyo umzimba: kunceda ntoni na?

¹⁷ Ngokunjalo nalo ukholo, ukuba luthi lungabi namisebenzi, lufile ngokukokwalo.

¹⁸ Wosuka omnye, athi, Wena unokholo, ke mna ndinemisebenzi; ndibonise ukholo lwakho olungenamisebenzi yakho; nam ndokubonisa ngokwasemisebenzini yam ukholo lwam.

¹⁹ Wena uyakholwa ukuba uThixo mnye; uyatyapha; nazo iidemon ziyakholwa, zibe namanwele.

²⁰ Uyathanda na ke ukwazi, mntundini ungento, ukuba ukholo olu, ingekho imisebenzi, lufile?

²¹ UAbraham, ubawo wethu, akagwetyelwanga na ngokwasemisebenzini, akumnikela ulsake, unyana wakhe, phezu kwesibingelelo?

²² Uyabona ukuba ukholo lwalusebenzisana nemisebenzi yakhe, lwenziwa wagqibelela ukholo ngokwasemisebenzini?

²³ Saza sazaliseka isibhalo esithi, Wakholwa ke uAbraham nguye uThixo; kwaza oko kwabalelwa ebulungiseni kuye, wabizwa ngokuba sisihlobo sikaThixo.

²⁴ Niyabona ke ngoko, ukuba umntu uyagwetyelwa ngokwasemisebenzini; kungabi ngokwaselukholweni lodwa.

²⁵ Ngokunjalo ke, noRahabhi, ihenyukazi, akagwetyelwanga na ngokwasemisebenzini, akubamkela ngobubele abathunywa, abakhuphele phandle ngayimbi indlela?

²⁶ Kuba, kwanjengokuba umzimba, ungekho umoya, ufile, ngokunjalo ukholo, ingekho imisebenzi, lufile nalo.

ISAHLUKO 3

Musani ukuba ngabafundisi abaninzi, bazalwana bam, nisazi nje ukuba siya kwamkela olona lukhulu ugwebo.

² Kuba siyakhubeka kaninzi sonke. Ukuba umntu akakhubeki zwini, lowo uyindoda egqibeleleyo, enako ukuwubamba ngomkhala nawo umzimba uphela.

³ Yabona, sifaka imikhala emilonyeni yamahashe, ukuba asithambele, siwajike umzimba wawo uphela.

⁴ Yabona, nayo imikhombe, imikhulu kangaka nje, iqhutywa nje yimimoya enamandla, ijikwa ngomthi wokujika omncinanana, iye apho sukuba umlawuli angxamele ukuba ingaya ngakhona.

⁵ Ngokunjalo nalo ulwimi, lulilungu elincinanana nje, luyagwagwisa kakhulu. Yabona ke, umlilo omncinane utshisa ihlathi elikhulu.

⁶ Nolwimi olu ngumlilo, lihlabathi elizele kukungalungisi; lunjalo ulwimi ukuhlala phakathi kwamalungu ethu. Lona luyawudyobha umzimba uphela, luvuthisa intenda yobomi; lona ke luvuthiswa sisihogo somlilo.

⁷ Kuba zonke iimvelo zezinto ezizitho zine, kwanezeentaka, nezezinambuzane, kwanezezinto eziselwandle, ziyadanjiswa, kanjalo sezikhe zadanjiswa yimvelo eyiyeyabantu;

⁸ ke lona ulwimi alunaye noko amnye ebantwini, unokuludambisa; lubububi obungenakubanjwa, luzele bubuhlungu obubulalayo.

⁹ Ngalo siyambonga uThixo uYise, nangalo siyabaqalekisa abantu abenziwe

ngokomfanekiselo kaThixo.

¹⁰ Kwakulo mlomo mnye kuphuma intsikelelo nengqalekiso. Akufanelekile, bazalwana bam, ukuba ezi zinto zibe nje.

¹¹ Umthombo umpompoza amnandi nakrakra kwangelo liso linye, yini na?

¹² Unako yini na, bazalwana bam, umkhiwane ukuvelisa iinkozo zomnquma, uthi umdiliya uvelise amakhiwane? Ngokunjalo akukho namnye umthombo ongavelisa amanzi amtyuba namnandi.

¹³ Ngubani na olumkileyo, owaziyo kakuhle phakathi kwenu? Makayibonise imisebenzi yakhe ngehambo entle, enobulali bobulumko.

¹⁴ Ke, ukuba ninomona okrakra neyelenge entliziyweni yenu, musani ukuyiqhayisela nokuyixoka inyaniso.

¹⁵ Obo bulumko asibubo obuhla phezulu; bobasemhlabeni, bobemvelo, bobeedemon.

¹⁶ Kuba apho kukhoyo umona neyelenge, kubakho isiphithiphithi nemicimbi emibi yonke.

¹⁷ Ke bona ubulumko baphezulu ukuqala bunyulu, buze bube boboxolo; buyancendezela, buthuzame kakuhle, buzele yinceba neziqhamo ezilungileyo; abunankani, abunaluhanahaniso.

¹⁸ Isiqhamo ke sobulungisa sihlwayelwa ngoxolo ngabo benza uxolo.

ISAPHLUKO 4

Zivela phi na iimfazwe nokulwa phakathi kwenu? Aziveli na apha eziyolweni zenu, eziwaphumela umkhosi amalungu enu?

² Niyakhanuka, ningabi nakuzuza nto noko; niyabulala, nizonde, ningabi nakufumana nto noko; niyalwa, nenze imfazwe, ningabi nakuzuza nto ke, ngenxa yokuba ningaceli.

³ Niyacela, ningamkeli noko, ngenxa enokuba nicela kakubi, ukuze oko nikuchithele iziyolo zenu.

⁴ Bakrexezindini, bakrexezikazindini, anazi na ukuba ubuhlobo balo ihlabathi bubutshaba kuye uThixo? Othe ngoko wanga angaba sisihlobo salo ihlabathi, uzenza utshaba lukaThixo.

⁵ Okanye niba isibhalo esi sifumana sisitsho na, ukuthi, Umoya owahlala ngaphakathi kwethu ulangazelela ukukhweleta?

⁶ Ke ubabala kakhulu ngakumbi. Kungoko sithi, UThixo uyabachasa abanekratshi, abababale abazithobileyo.

⁷ Mthobeleni ngoko uThixo. Mchaseni ke uMtyholi, wonibaleka.

⁸ Sondelani kuye uThixo, wosondela kuni. Hlambululani izandla, boni, nenze nyulu iintliziyo, nina bamphefumlo umbaxa.

⁹ Yibani ziindwayi, nikhedame, nilile; ukuhleka kwenu makujike kube kukukhedama, nalo uvuyo lwenu lube kukuthi dakumba.

¹⁰ Zithobeni emehlweni eNkosi, yoniphakamisa.

¹¹ Musani ukuthetha okubi omnye ngomnye, bazalwana. Lowo uthetha okubi ngomzalwana, amgwebe umzalwana wakhe, uthetha okubi ngomthetho, agwebe umthetho; ke, ukuba uyawugweba umthetho, akumenzi wamthetho, ungumgwebi.

¹² Mnye uMmisi-mthetho, lowo unako ukusindisa nokutshabalalisa; ungubani na wena, umgwebayo omnye?

¹³ Wenani kaloku, nina nitshoyo ukuthi, Namhla, nokuba kungomso, siya kuya kulaa mzi, senze khona umnyaka ube mnye, sirhwebe, sizuze;

- ¹⁴ kanti nina aba anikwazi kakuhle okwangomso. Kuba buyintoni na ubomi benu? Bungumphunga obonakala ixesha elincinane, uze ke uthi shwaka.
- ¹⁵ Endaweni yokuba nithi, Ukuba iNkosi ithe yathanda, saphila, siya kwenza le nto, nalaa nto.
- ¹⁶ Ngoku ke niqhayisa ngokuqhankqalaza kwenu; konke ukuqhayisa okunjalo akundawo.
- ¹⁷ Ngoko kowaziyo ukwenza okuhle, angakwenzi, kulowo kusisono.

ISAHLUKO 5

Wenani kaloku, zityebi, lilani nenze isijwili ngeenkxwaleko zenu ezizayo.

- ² Ubutyebi benu bubolile, neengubo zenu zidliwe ngamanundu.
- ³ Igolide nesilivere yenu idliwe ngumhlwa; umhlwa wazo uya kuba lingqina ngakuni, uyidle inyama yenu njengomlilo. Niziqwebele ubutyebi ngeemini zokugqibela.
- ⁴ Yabonani, umvuzo wabasebenzi, abavune amasimi enu, lowo ubandeziweyo nini, uyakhala; kwaye ukubhomboloza kwabavuni abo kungenile ezindlebeni zeNkosi yemikhosi.
- ⁵ Nadla ubuncwane emhlabeni apha, naxhamla iziyolo, nazondla iintliziyo zenu njengamhla kuxheliweyo.
- ⁶ Namgweba, nambulala olilungisa; yena akanichasi.
- ⁷ Nyamezelani ngoko, bazalwana, ide ifike iNkosi. Niyabona, umlimi uyasilinda isiqhamo sawo umhlaba esinexabiso elikhulu, anyamezele ngaso, side samkele eyaphambili neyasemva imvula.
- ⁸ Nyamezelani nani, zizimaseni iintliziyo zenu, ngokuba ukufika kweNkosi kusondele.
- ⁹ Musani ukukrokelana omnye nomnye, bazalwana, ukuze ningagwetywa; yabonani, uMgwebi umi phambi komnyango.
- ¹⁰ Bathabatheni, bazalwana bam, abaprofeti ababethetha egameni leNkosi, babe ngumzekelo wokuva ubunzima, nowokunyamezela.
- ¹¹ Yabonani, sithi, banoyolo abo banyamezelayo. Unyamezelo lukaYobhi naluva, nesigqibo seNkosi nasibona, ngokuba iNkosi inemfesane enkulu, inenceba.
- ¹² Ke kaloku, ngaphezu kweento zonke, bazalwana bam, musani ukufunga, nokuba lizulu, nokuba ngumhlaba, nokuba sesinye isifungo esiyini; makathi ke uewe wenu abe nguwe, nohayi abe nguhayi, ukuze ningeyeli ekugwetyweni.
- ¹³ Kukho mntu na phakathi kwenu uva ububi? Makathandaze. Kukho mntu na unomxhelo owonwabileyo? Makenze indumiso.
- ¹⁴ Kukho mntu na ufayo phakathi kwenu? Makabizele kuye amadoda amakhulu alo ibandla, athandaze wona phezu kwakhe, akuba emthambisile ngeoli, egameni leNkosi;
- ¹⁵ wothi umthandazo wokholo umsindise lowo uleleyo, iNkosi imvuse; nokuba ubethe wenza izono, wozixolelwa.
- ¹⁶ Xelelanani iziphoso, nithandazelane, ukuze niphiliswe. Sinamandla kakhulu isikhungo selungisa, siyeyisa.
- ¹⁷ UELiya wayengumntu oluvo lunjengolwethu, wathandaza umthandazo ukuba ingani; ayana emhlabeni iminyaka emithathu eneenyanga ezintandathu.
- ¹⁸ Wabuya wathandaza, laza izulu lanika imvula, umhlaba wavelisa isiqhamo sawo.
- ¹⁹ Bazalwana, ukuba uthe omnye phakathi kwenu walahleka enyanisweni, wathi ubani

wamguqula,

²⁰ makazi ukuba lowo wamguqulayo umoni ekulahlekeni kwakhe, woba usindise umphefumlo ekufeni, wagubungela inkitha yezono.

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