

2 KUTHIMOTHI

1 UPhawuli, umphostoli

kaKhristu uJesu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, mayelana
lesithembiso sokuphila okukuKhristu
uJesu,

² KuThimothi, indodana yami
ethandekayo:

Umusa, lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.

Isikhuthazo sokwethembeka

³ Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu
engimkhonzayo, njengokwenziwa
ngokhokho bami, ngesazela esimsulwa,
lapho ngikukhumbula kokuphela
emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini.

⁴ Lapho ngikhumbula izinyembezi
zakho, ngifisa ukukubona, ukuze ngibe
lokuthokoza okukhulu. ⁵ Ngikhunjuzwe
ngokukholwa kwakho okuqotho,
okwaqala kugogo wakho uLoyisi
lakunyoko uYunisi, njalo ngiyathemba
ukuba khathesi kukhona lakuwe futhi.

⁶ Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyakukhumbuza
ukuba uvuthele isipho sikaNkulunkulu
esaba kuwe ngokubekwa kwezandla
zami phezu kwakho. ⁷ Ngoba
uNkulunkulu kasiphanga umoya
wobugwala, kodwa umoya wamandla,
lowothando kanye lowokuzithiba.

⁸ Ngakho ungabi lenhloni ukufakaza
ngeNkosi yethu, loba ube lenhloni
ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa
hlanganyela lami ekuhluphekeleni
ivangeli, ngamandla kaNkulunkulu,
⁹ owasisindisayo wasibizela ekuphileni
okungcwele – kungayisikho ngenxa
yokuthi kukhona esakwenzayo kodwa
ngenxa yenjongo yakhe langomusa

wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa ngoKhristu
uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala kwesikhathi,
¹⁰ kodwa khathesi usubonakaliswe
ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu,
uKhristu Jesu, osechithe ukufa waletha
ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi
ngevangeli. ¹¹ Njalo ivangeli leli mina
ngabekwa ukuba ngummemezeli
lomphostoli kanye lomfundisi walo.
¹² Yikho-nje ngihlupheka njengoba
nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni, ngoba
ngiyamazi engikholwa kuye, njalo
ngiyakholwa ukuthi ulamandla
okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye
ngalolosuku.

¹³ Lokho owakuzwa ngami, kugcine
njengesibonelo semfundiso epheleleyo,
ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu
uJesu. ¹⁴ Londoloza isibambiso
osiphathisiweyo – silondoloze ngosizo
lukaMoya oNgcwele ohlala phakathi
kwethu.

¹⁵ Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu bonke
esigabeni sase-Asiya sebangidela,
kubalwa loFigelu kanye loHemogene.

¹⁶ Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa
kwabendlu ka-Onesiforu, ngoba
wayehlala engivuselela njalo
wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami.
¹⁷ Kodwa, kwathi eseRoma, wangidinga
kakhulu waze wangithola. ¹⁸ Sengathi
iNkosi ingenza ukuba athole umusa
eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi
kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela
ezinengi kangakanani e-Efesu.

2 Ngakho-ke wena ndodana

yami, qina emuseni okuKhristu uJesu.
² Izinto owangizwa ngizitsho phambi
kwabofakazi abanengi ziphathise abantu
abathembekileyo abazafanela ukuba labo
bafundise abanye. ³ Bekezelela
ubunzima kanye lathi njengebutho
elifaneleyo likaKhristu uJesu. ⁴ Kakho
osebenza njengebutho ongenela

ezindabeni zabangasibo bebutho – ufuna ukuthokozisa umlawuli wakhe.

⁵ Ngokufanayo, uma umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi umqhele wokunqoba ngaphandle kokuba encintisa mayelana lemithetho. ⁶ Umlimi osebenza kakhulu kumele kube nguye oqala ukuthola isabelo samabele.

⁷ Nakana ngalokho engikutshoyo, ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono kukho konke lokhu.

⁸ Khumbula uJesu Khristu, owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavida. Leli yilo ivangeli lami ⁹ engilihluphekelayo ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi. Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga.

¹⁰ Ngakho ngibekezelela konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa okukuKhristu uJesu, lenkazimulo engapheliyo.

¹¹ Nansi isitsho esiqotho:

Uma safa laye
sizaphila laye futhi;

¹² uma sibekezela
sizabusa laye futhi.

Uma simpheka,
laye futhi uzasiphika;

¹³ uma singelalo ithemba
yena uzaqhubeka
ethembekile,
ngoba angeke aziphike.

Isisebenzi esivunye nguNkulunkulu

¹⁴ Qhubeka ubakhumbuza izinto lezi. Baxwayise phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalaleleyo. ¹⁵ Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule kuNkulunkulu njengohloliweyo, isisebenzi okungaswelekiyo ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. ¹⁶ Xwaya izinkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba

abazikholisayo baqhubeka kokuphela besiba ngabameyisayo uNkulunkulu.

¹⁷ Imfundiso yabo izaqhela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo. Phakathi kwabo kuloHimenawu loFilethu,

¹⁸ abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekwenzakala, njalo bachitha ukukholwa kwabanye.

¹⁹ Noma kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo sigxilile, sibekwe uphawu lombhalo lo othi: “Inkosi iyabazi labo abangabayo,” lothi, “Bonke abalivumayo ibizo leNkosi kumele badele ububi.”

²⁰ Endlini enkulukazi akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliva nje kuphela, kodwa lezezigodo kanye lezebumba; ezinye ngezemisebenzi encomekayo ezinye engayisilutho. ²¹ Uma umuntu ezihlambulula kokuhlazisayo, uzasetshenziswa emisebenzini encomekayo, angcweliswe, elosizo eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi omuhle.

²² Balekela izinkanuko ezimbi zobutsha ufune ukulunga, lokukholwa, lothando kanye lokuthula, ukanye lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyi ezimhlophe. ²³ Xwaya ukuphikisana kobuthutha lobuwula, ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala ingxabano. ²⁴ Inceku yeNkosi kumele ixwaye ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe lomusa ebantwini bonke, yanelise ukufundisa, ingabi lenzondo. ²⁵ Abaphikisayo kumele ibaluleke kuhle, ngethemba lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula izinhliziyi baholelwe ekwazini iqiniso, ²⁶ lokuthi bazaphaphama baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane, obathumbele ukuba benze intando yakhe.

Ukweyisa uNkulunkulu ezinsukwini zokucina

3 Kodwa nanzelela lokhu:

Ezinsukwini zokucina kuzakuba lezikhathi ezinzima. ² Abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, labathanda imali, labazikhukhumezayo, labazigqajayo, labathukayo, labangalaleli abazali babo, labangabongiyo, labangcolileyo, ³ abangelathando, labangathetheleliyo, labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo, labalesihluku, labangakuthandiyo okuhle, ⁴ labalamacebo amabi, labacaphuka ngeze, labaziphakamisayo, labathanda injabulo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu – ⁵ belesimo sokukholwa kuNkulunkulu kodwa belandula amandla akho ukukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli labo.

⁶ Yibo laba abahahabela emakhaya bazuze amandla phezu kwabesifazana ababuthakathaka, abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa yizinhlobo zonke zezinkanuko ezimbi, ⁷ behlezi befunda kodwa benganelisi ukwamukela iqiniso. ⁸ NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi, ngokunjalo abantu laba baphikisa iqiniso – abantu bezingqondo ezonakeleyo, abalahliweyo, mayelana lokukholwa. ⁹ Kodwa kabayikufika ndawo ngoba, njengokwalawo madoda, ubuthutha babo buzacaca ebantwini bonke.

UPhawuli ulaya uThimothi

¹⁰ Kodwa wena, wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo yami, lenjongo yami, lokukholwa, lokubekezela, lothando, lokuqiniseka, ¹¹ lokuhlukuluzwa, lezinhlupheko – izinhlobo zezinto ezenzakalayo kimi e-Antiyokhi, lase-Ikhoniyami, laseListra, lezinhlupheko engazithwalayo. Kodwa iNkosi yangihlenga kuzo zonke. ¹² Impela, umuntu wonke othanda

ukuphila impilo yokulalela uNkulunkulu kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, ¹³ kukanti abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala ngokudlulisayo, bekhohlisa labo bekhohliswa. ¹⁴ Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho okufundileyo njalo wakukholwa, ngoba uyabazi labo okufunde kubo, ¹⁵ kanye lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele, engakwenza uhlakaniphele ukusindiswa ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. ¹⁶ IMibhalo yonke yaphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu njalo ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa, lokufundisa ngokulunga, ¹⁷ ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo yonke imisebenzi emihle.

4 Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu, ozakwahlulela abaphilayo labafuleyo, njalo mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso wakhe, ngikunika umlayo lo: ² Tshumayela iLizwi; lungisela ngesikhathi esifaneleyo langesikhathi esingafanelanga; lungisa, ukhuze njalo ukhuthaze – ngokubekezelela okukhulu langokulaya ngokunanzelela. ³ Ngoba isikhathi sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa, ukuze basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela abafundisi abanengi ukuba batsho lokho izindlebe zabo ezilumayo ezifuna ukukuzwa.. ⁴ Izindlebe zabo bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. ⁵ Kodwa wena chuma kuzo zonke izehlakalo, ubekezele ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho.

⁶Ngoba mina sengilungele ukwenziwa umnikelo, njalo lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. ⁷ Ngilwile

ukulwa okuhle, umjaho wami
sengiwuqedile, ukukholwa
ngikulondolozile. ⁸ Khathesi ngigcinelwe
umqhele wokulunga, iNkosi, uMahluleli
olungileyo, ezanginika wona
ngalelolanga – njalo kungayisimi
kuphela, kodwa bonke futhi
abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo.

Amazwi aqondene laye

⁹ Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba
uze kimi ngokuphangisa, ¹⁰ ngoba
uDemasi, ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda
umhlaba lo, usengibalekele waya
eThesalonika. UKhrisensi useye
eGalathiya, uThithusi waya
eDalimathiya. ¹¹ ULukha nguye kuphela
olami. Thatha uMakho uze laye, ngoba
ulusizo kimi enkonzweni yami.

¹² UThikhikhusi ngamthuma e-Efesu.

¹³ Lapho ususiza, uze lejazi engalitshiya
kuKhaphusi eTrowasi, lemiqulu yami
ikakhulu eyezikhumba.

¹⁴ U-Elekizanda umkhandi wensimbi
wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INkosi
izaphindisela kuye lokhu akwenzileyo.

¹⁵ Lawe futhi kumele umqaphele, ngoba
ilizwi lethu waliphikisa kakhulu.

¹⁶ Ekuzivikeleni kwami kwakuqala,
kakho owazangisekela, kodwa abantu
bonke bangibalekela. Kabangabi
lamlandu walokho. ¹⁷ Kodwa iNkosi
yema phansi kwami yangipha amandla,
ukuze kuthi ngami ilizwi litshunyayelwe
ngokupheleleyo njalo kuthi labezizweni
bonke balizwe. Njalo ngakhutshwa
emlonyeni wesilwane. ¹⁸ INkosi
izangihlenga kukho konke ukuhlaselwa
okubi, ingilethe kungekho bubi
embusweni wayo wasezulwini. Udumo
kalube kuyo kuze kube nini lanini.
Ameni.

Ukuvalelisa

¹⁹ Bingelela uPhrisila lo-Akhwila
kanye labendlu ka-Onesiforu.

²⁰ U-Erastu wasala eKhorinte, kwathi
uThirofimu ngamtshiya egula eMiletu.

²¹ Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba
ufike lapha ubusika bungakafiki.

UYubhulu uyakubingelela,
uyakubingelela loPhudeni, loLinu,
loKlawudiya kanye labazalwane bonke.

²² INkosi kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa
kawube lawe.