

# EKAJAKOBE

Isahluko: 1

## ISAHLUKO 1

**U** Jakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu neyeNkosi uJesu Kristu, uyakhonza kuzo izizwe eziyishumi nambili ezihlakazekileyo.

- 2** Bazalwane bami, nxa nehlelwa yizilingo ngezilingo, anothi kungukuthokoza kodwa,
- 3** nazi ukuthi ukuvivinywa kokukholwa kwenu kuveza ukukhuthazela.
- 4** Kepha ukukhuthazela makube nomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze nibe ngabapheleleyo nabangenacala abangasweli lutho.
- 5** Uma-ke kukhona kini oswela ukuhlakanipha, makacele kuNkulunkulu obapha bonke ngobuhle engajakadi, khona uyakuphiwa.
- 6** Kepha makacele ngokukholwa engangabazi ngalutho; ngokuba ongabazayo unjengedlambi lolwandle eliqhutshwa, ligujiswa ngumoya.
- 7** Ngakho makangasho lowo muntu ukuthi uyakwamukelisa utho yiNkosi,
- 8** umuntu onhliziyombili oguquguqukayo ezindleleni zakhe zonke.
- 9** Umzalwane ophansi makazincome ngokuphakama kwakhe,
- 10** kepha oyisicebi makazincome ngobuphansi bakhe, ngokuba njengembali yotshani uyakudlula.
- 11** Ngokuba ilanga liphuma libalele, libunisa utshani, imbalu yabo iwele phansi, nobuhle besimo sabo bunyamalale; kanjalo nesicebi siyakudlula ezindleleni zaso.
- 12** Ubusisiwe umuntu okhuthazela ekulingweni; ngokuba ese vivinyekile uyakwamukelisa umqhele wokuphila othenjisiwe yiNkosi kwabayithandayo.
- 13** Umuntu oyengwayo makangasho ukuthi: "Ngiyengwa nguNkulunkulu," ngokuba uNkulunkulu angeyengwe ngokubi, naye uqobo akayengi muntu.
- 14** Kepha yilowo nalowo uyengwa ehuhwa ngezakhe izinkanuko, ehungwa;
- 15** uma inkanuko isithathile, ibeletsha isono; nesono sesiphelelisiwe, sizala ukufa.
- 16** Ningadukiswa, bazalwane bami abathandekayo.
- 17** Izipho zonke ezinhle neziphwi zonke ezipheleleyo zivela phezulu, zehla kuYise wokukhanya okungekho kuye ukuguquka nasithunzi sokuphenduka.
- 18** Ngokuthanda kwakhe wasizala ngezwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe ngabokuqala bezidalwa zakhe.
- 19** Niyakwazi lokho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. Yilowo nalowo muntu makasheshe ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela;
- 20** ngokuba ulaka lomuntu alusebenzi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu.
- 21** Ngakho lahlani yonke insila nokubi okuvamileyo, namukele ngomoya omnene izwi elitshaliweyo elinamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo yenu.

- 22** Yibani ngabalenzayo izwi, ningabi ngabalizwayo kuphela, nizikhohlisa.
- 23** Ngokuba uma umuntu engolizwayo izwi engesiye olenzayo, lowo ufana nomuntu obuka ubuso bakhe bemvelo esibukweni;
- 24** ngokuba uyazibuka, amuke, akhohlwe masinyane ukuthi wayengonjani.
- 25** Kepha obukisisa emthethweni opheleleyo wenkululeko nohlala kuwo, engesiye ozwayo nje akhohlwe, kodwa engowenzayo asebenze, lowo uzakuba ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe.
- 26** Uma umuntu esho ukuthi uyikholwa, engabophi ulimi lwakhe kungathi ngetomu kodwa ekhohlisa inhliziyo yakhe, ukukhonza kwalowo kuyize.
- 27** Ukukhonza okumhlophe okungenabala phambi kukaNkulunkulu uBaba yilokhu ukuhambela izintandane nabafelokazi osizini lwabo nokuzigcina kungabi yicala lokwezwe.

## ISAHLUKO 2

**B**azalwane bami, ukukholwa kwenu yiNkosi yethu yenkaZimulo uJesu Kristu makungabi nokukhetha abantu.

- 2** Ngokuba uma kungena esinagogeni lenu umuntu onendandatho yegolide nezingubo ezicwebezelayo, kungene nompofu onezingubo ezimbi,
- 3** nimbheke ogqokile izingubo ezicwebezelayo, nithi: "Hlala lapha wena kulendawo enhle," besenithi kompofu: "Yima lapho wena," noma: "Hlala phansi kwesenabelo sezinyawo zami,"
- 4** anikhethi yini, nibe ngabahluleli abanezizindlo ezimbi na?
- 5** Yizwani, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. UNkulunkulu akakhethanga yini abampofu ezweni babe ngabacebileyo ekukholweni nezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisa bona abamthandayo na?
- 6** Kepha nina namdumaza ompofu. Abacebileyo abanicindezeli yini, abanihuduleli emacaleni na?
- 7** Abahlambalazi igama elihle enibizwa ngalo na?
- 8** Kepha uma nigcina umthetho wobukhosu ngokombhalo wokuthi: "Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena," nenza kahle;
- 9** kodwa uma nikhetra abantu, nenza isono, nilahlwa ngumthetho njengabaweqayo.
- 10** Ngokuba ogcina wonke umthetho kepha akhubeke kowodwa, unecala kuyo yonke.
- 11** Ngokuba yena owathi: "Ungaphingi," wathi futhi: "Ungabulali," uma-ke ungaphingi kepha ubulale, ungoweqa umthetho.
- 12** Khulumani kanjalo, nenze kanjalo njengokufanele abayakwahlulelwya ngomthetho wenkululeko.
- 13** Ngokuba ukwahlulelwya okungenasihawu kuyakumehlela ongenzi isihawu; isihawu sizigabisa ekwahlulelweni.
- 14** Kusizani, bazalwane bami, uma umuntu ethi unokukholwa, kepha engenayo imisebenzi na? Ukukholwa kungamsindisa na?
- 15** Uma umzalwane noma umzalwanekazi behamba ze, beswela ukudla kwemihla ngemihla,
- 16** kusho omunye kini kubo ukuthi: "Hambani nibe nokuthula, nifudumale; nisuthe," kepha ningabaphi lokho okudingwa ngumzimba, lokhu kusizani na?
- 17** Kanjalo-ke nokukholwa, uma kungenayo imisebenzi, kufile ngokwakho.
- 18** Kepha omunye uyakuthi: "Wena unokukholwa, mina nginemisebenzi," ngibonise

ukukholwa kwakho ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, nami ngizakukukhombisa ukukholwa ngemisebenzi yami.

**19** Wena uyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu munye na? Wenza kahle; namademoni ayakholwa, athuthumele.

**20** Kepha wena muntu ongelutho uyathanda ukuqonda ukuthi ukukholwa ngaphandle kwemisebenzi kuyize na?

**21** U-Abrahama ubaba wayengalungisiswa yini ngemisebenzi enikela ngendodana yakhe u-Isaka e-altare na?

**22** Uyabona ukuthi ukukholwa kwasebenza kanye nemisebenzi yakhe nokuthi ukukholwa kwapheliswa ngemisebenzi,

**23** kwagcwaliseka umbhalo othi: "Kepha u-Abrahama wakholwa nguNkulunkulu, kwabalelwu kuye ukuthi kungukulunga," wabizwa ngokuthi umhlobo kaNkulunkulu.

**24** Niyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalungisiswa ngemisebenzi, kungengokukholwa kuphela.

**25** Kanjalo-ke noRahabi isifebe wayengalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yini, ezamukele izithunywa eziphumisa ngenye indlela na?

**26** Ngokuba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya ufile, kanjalo nokukholwa ngaphandle kwemisebenzi kufile.

## ISAHLUKO 3

**N**ingabi ngabafundisi abaningi, bazalwane bami, nazi ukuthi siyakwamukeliswa ukwahlulelwu okukhulu.

**2** Ngokuba sonke siyakhubeka ngokuningi; uma umuntu engakhubeki ngazwi, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo enamandla okubamba nomzimba wonke kungathi ngetomu.

**3** Uma-ke sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamahashi ukuba asilalele, siqondisa nomzimba wonke wawo.

**4** Bhekani nemikhumbi, ingaka nje, iqhutshwa yimimoya enamandla, iqondisa ngephini elincinyane, lapho umshayeli efuna ukuyiqondisa khona.

**5** Lunjalo nolimi; luyisitho esincane, kanti luyazigabisa kakhulu. Bhekani umlilo omncane uvuthisa ihlathi elingaka;

**6** nolimi lungumlilo, ulimi lumi luyizwe lokungalungi phakathi kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungela ukuphila konke, luthungelwa yisihogo.

**7** Ngokuba yonke imvelo yezilwane, neyezinyoni, neyezikhasayo, neyezelwandle iyathanjiswa, yebo, yathanjiswa ngemvelo yabantu;

**8** kepha ulimi akakho kubantu onamandla okuluthambisa; lungububi obuyaluzayo, lugcwele isihlungu esibulalayo.

**9** Ngalo sibonga iNkosi uBaba, nangalo siqalekisa abantu abenziwe ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu;

**10** emlonyeni munye kuphuma ukubusisa nokuqalekisa. Akufanele, bazalwane bami, ukuba lokho kube kanjalo.

**11** Umthombo uyakhipha yini amnandi nababayo emgodini munye na?

**12** Umkhwiwane, bazalwane bami, ungaba namandla yini okuthela izithelo zomnqumo, noma umvini amakhwiwane na? Amanzi kasawoti angeveze amnandi.

**13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo nowaziyo phakathi kwenu na? Makakhombise ngenkambo enhle imisebenzi yakhe ngobumnene bokuhlakanipha.

**14** Kepha uma ninomhawu obabayo nombango ezinhliziyweni zenu, ningazibongi,

ningaliqambeli iqiniso.

**15** Lokhu kuhlakanipha akusikho okwaphezulu kodwa kungokomhlaba, kungokwemvelo, kungokwamademoni;

**16** ngokuba lapho kukhona umhawu nombango, kukhona isiyaluyalu nezenzo zonke ezimbi.

**17** Kepha ukuhlakanipha okwaphezulu okokuqala kumhlophe, andukuba kube nokuthula, nokuva, nokulalela, kugcwele isihawu nezithelo ezinhle; akunakungabaza, akunakuzenzisa.

**18** Kepha isithelo sokulunga sihlwanyelwa ngokuthula kubo abakwenzayo ukuthula.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**Z**ivelaphi izimpi, nokulwa kuvelaphi phakathi kwenu na? Akuveli yini lapho ezinkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni zenu na?

**2** Niyafisa, nokho aninalutho; niyabulala ninomhawu, nokho anizuzi lutho; niyalwa nenza impi. Aninalutho, ngokuba ningaceli;

**3** niyacela, nokho anamukeliswa, ngokuba nicela kabi, ukuze nikuchithele ezinkanukweni zenu.

**4** Ziphingi, anazi yini ukuthi ukuthanda izwe kungubutha kuNkulunkulu na? Ngakho lowo othanda ukuba ngumhlobo wezwe, umi eyisitha sikaNkulunkulu.

**5** Niyacabanga yini ukuthi umbhalo usho ngeze ukuthi: "Umoya awuhlalisa kithi unxanelia ngokomhawu," na?

**6** Kodwa unika umusa ngokwenezelu; ngakho uthi: "UNkulunkulu umelana nabazidlayo, kepha abathobekileyo ubapha umusa."

**7** Ngakho thobelani uNkulunkulu, kepha nimelane noSathane, khona uyakunibalekela;

**8** sondelani kuNkulunkulu, khona uyakusondela kinina. Hlanzani izandla nina zoni, nihlambulule izinhliziyo nina bonhliziyombili.

**9** Yibani lusizi, nidabuke, nikhale; ukuhleka kwenu makuphenduke ukudabuka, nokujabula kube ngukujabha.

**10** Zithobeni ebusweni beNkosi, khona iyakuniphakamisa.

**11** Ningahlebani, bazalwane. Ohleba umzalwane, noma ahlulele umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umthetho, ahlulele umthetho; kepha uma wahlulela umthetho, awusiye owenza okomthetho kodwa ungumahluleli.

**12** Munye ongummisimthetho nomahluleli; nguyenya onamandla okusindisa nokubhubhisa; kepha ungubani wena omahlulelayo umakhelwane na?

**13** Minani nina enithi: "Namuhla noma ngomuso siyakuya kulona noma kulowaya muzi, siqede khona umnyaka, sithengiselane, sizuze,"

**14** anikwazi okwangomuso; kuyini ukuphila kwenu na? Ngokuba niyinkungu ebonakala isikhashana, ibisinyamalala.

**15** Nga nisho nithi: "Uma iNkosi ithanda, siphila, siyakwenza lokhu nalokho."

**16** Kepha manje niyazibonga ngokuzigabisa kwenu; konke ukuzigabisa okunjalo kubi.

**17** Ngakho owaziyo ukwenza okuhle engakwenzi kuyisono kuye.

## ISAHLUKO 5

**M**inani nina bacebileyo; khalani, nilile ngezinhlupheko eziyakunehlela.

- 2** Ingcebo yenu ibolile, nezingubo zenu zidliwe yizinundu;
- 3** igolide lenu nesiliva kugwalile, nokugwala kwakho kuyakuba ngufakazi ngakini, kudle inyama yenu njengomlilo. Niqongelele ingcebo ezinsukwini zokuphela.
- 4** Bhekani, umvuzo wezisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu eniwugodlileyo uyakhala, nokukhala kwabavunileyo kungenile ezindlebeni zeNkosi Sebawoti.
- 5** Nibusile emhlabeni, natamasa; ninonisile izinhlizyo zenu ngosuku lokuhlaba.
- 6** Nilahlile, nabulala olungileyo; akamelani nani.
- 7** Ngakho bekezelani, bazalwane, ize ifike iNkosi. Bhekani, umlimi uyalindela isithelo somhlaba esiyigugu, ebekezelela sona, size sithole imvula yokuqala neyamuva.
- 8** Bekezelani nani, niqinise izinhlizyo zenu, ngokuba ukufika kweNkosi kusondele.
- 9** Ningavungamelani, bazalwane, ukuba ningahlulelw; bhekani, umahluleli umi ngaseminyango.
- 10** Bazalwane, misani abaprofethi ababekhuluma egameni leNkosi babe yisibonelo sokuhlupheka nokubekezel.
- 11** Bhekani, babusisiwe abakhuthazelayo; nizwile ngokukhuthazela kukaJobe, nibonile impetho yeNkosi ukuthi iNkosi inesihe esikhulu nesihawu.
- 12** Kepha phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, ningafungi; ningafungi izulu noma umhlabu noma esinye isifungo; kodwa uyebo wenu makabe nguyebo, noqhabo uqhabo, ukuze ningaweli ekwahlulelw.
- 13** Kukhona ohluphekayo phakathi kwenu na? Makakhuleke; kukhona owenamileyo na? Makahube.
- 14** Kukhona ogulayo phakathi kwenu na? Makabize amalunga ebandla, amkhulekele, amgcobe ngamafutha egameni leNkosi.
- 15** Umkhuleko wokukholwa uyakumsindisa ogulayo, iNkosi imvuse; noma enzile izono, uzakuthelelw zona.
- 16** Ngakho, vumani izono omunye komunye, nikhulekelane ukuba niphulukiswe. Umkhuleko oqinileyo wolungileyo unamandla kakhulu.
- 17** U-Eliya wayengumuntu efana nathi; wakhuleka nokukhuleka ukuba lingani; alinanga emhlabeni iminyaka emithathu nezinyanga eziyisithupha.
- 18** Wabuye wakhuleka; izulu lana imvula, nomhlabu wathela izithelo zavo.
- 19** Bazalwane bami, uma omunye kini eduka eqinisweni, omunye ambuyise,
- 20** yazini ukuthi obuyisile isoni ekudukeni kwendlela yaso uyakusindisa umphefumulo wakhe ekufeni, asibekel izono eziningi.

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