

1 THIMOTHEWU

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ISAPHLUKO 1

UPawulu, umphostoli kaKristu Jesu ngomyalo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu noKristu Jesu ithemba lethu,

² kuThimothewu, umntanami ngesiminya ekukholweni: Makube kuwe umusa, nesihawu, nokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba nakuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

³ Njengokuba ngakutshela mhla ngiya eMakedoniya ukuthi wohlala e-Efesu, ukuze uyale abathile ngokuthi bangafundisi okwahlukileyo,

⁴ futhi banganaki izinganekwane nezindaba zolibo olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisana kunokuba ziqhube isimiso sikaNkulunkulu esisekukholweni, ngenza njalo namanje;

⁵ kepha umgomo womyalo uluthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe, nakunembeza omuhle, nasekukholweni okungazenzisiyo,

⁶ abathe abanye bephaphalazile kulokho, baphambukela ekukhulumeni okuyize,

⁷ befuna ukuba babe ngabafundisi bomthetho, ingani kabaqondi abakushoyo nabaqinisa ngakho begomela.

⁸ Siyazi kambe ukuthi umthetho muhle, nxa umuntu ewusebenzisa ngokomthetho,

⁹ ekwazi lokhu ukuthi umthetho awumiselwe olungileyo, umiselwe abangenamthetho namahlongandlebe, abangamesabi uNkulunkulu nabayizoni abahlazisayo nabadumazayo, nababulali bawonina, nababulala abantu,

¹⁰ nezifebe, nabesilisa abalalanayo, nabathumbabantu, nabaqambimanga, nabafungela amanga, noma kungakhona okunye okuphambene nesifundiso esiphilileyo,

¹¹ ngokwevangeli lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obongekayo, engaphathiswa lona mina.

¹² Ngiyambonga owangenzela amandla, uKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu, ngokuba wathi ngikholekile, engimisa enkonzweni,

¹³ noma kade ngingohlambalazayo, nozingelayo, nohluphayo; kodwa ngahawukelwa ngokuba ngakwenza ngokungazi, ngokungakholwa.

¹⁴ Kepha umusa weNkosi yethu wavama kakhulu kanye nokukholwa nothando olukuKristu Jesu.

¹⁵ Likholekile leli zwi, lifanele impela ukwamukelwa ukuthi uKristu Jesu weza ezweni ukusindisa izoni, engingesikhulu kuzo;

¹⁶ kepha ngahawukelwa ngalokhu ukuze uJesu Kristu abonakalise kimi engingesikhulu konke ukubekezela kwakhe, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakukholwa nguye, baze babe nokuphila okuphakade.

¹⁷ Kuyo iNkosi yaphakade engabhubhiyo, engenakubonwa, uNkulunkulu yedwa, makube

ludumo nenkazimulo kuze kube phakade naphakade. Amen.

¹⁸ Lo myalo ngiwuthwesa wena mntanami Thimothewu njengeziprofetho ezandulelayo ngawe, ukuze ulwe ukulwa okuhle ngazo,

¹⁹ unokukholwa nonembeza omuhle, okuthe abanye bekulahlele, bafelwa umkhumbi wokukholwa,

²⁰ abakubona oHimenewu no-Aleksandru engibanikele kuSathane, ukuze balaywe ukuba bangahlambalazi.

ISAHLUKO 2

Ngakho-ke kuqala kukho konke ngiyala ukuba ukunxusa, nokukhuleka, nokucela, nokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke,

² amakhosi nabo bonke abakhulu, ukuze sihlale kahle nangokuthula, ngokumesaba uNkulunkulu nangesizotha esipheleleyo.

³ Lokhu kuhle, kuyabongeka emehlweni kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu

⁴ othanda ukuba abantu bonke basindiswe, bafinyelele ekulazini iqiniso.

⁵ Ngokuba munye uNkulunkulu, munye nomlamuleli phakathi kukaNkulunkulu nabantu, umuntu uKristu Jesu,

⁶ owazinikela abe yinhlawulo yabo bonke, kube ngubufakazi besikhathi esiyiso,

⁷ engamiselwa khona mina ukuba ngibe ngummemezeli nomphostoli — ngikhuluma iqiniso, angiqambi amanga — yebo, umfundisi wabezizwe ekukholweni naseqinisweni.

⁸ Ngalokho ngithanda ukuba amadoda akhuleke ezindaweni zonke, ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engenalulaka nokuphikisana.

⁹ Ngokunjalo nabesifazane mabagqoke izingubo ezifaneleyo, bazihlobise ngokuhlonipha nokuqonda, kungabi ngezinwele ezalukiweyo, nangegolide, nangamaparele, nangezambatho ezinemali eningi,

¹⁰ kepha njengokufanele abesifazane abashoyo ukuthi besaba uNkulunkulu bahlobe ngemisebenzi emihle.

¹¹ Owesifazane makafunde ukuthula nokuthobeka konke.

¹² Kepha angimvumeli owesifazane ukuba afundise, nokuba abuse phezu kwendoda; kodwa makazithulele.

¹³ Ngokuba u-Adamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva kwalokho u-Eva.

¹⁴ Futhi u-Adamu kakhohliswanga, kepha owesifazane wathi ekhohlisiwe, waphambuka;

¹⁵ kepha uyakusindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uma behlala ekukholweni nasothandweni nasebungcweleni kanye nokuqonda.

ISAHLUKO 3

Likholekile leli zwi elithi: Uma umuntu efisa isikhundla sombonisi, unxanela umsebenzi omuhle.

² Ngakho umbonisi umelwe abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda emfazi munye, abe ngozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha ngokufaneleyo, ongenisa izihambi, onesu lokufundisa,

³ ongesilo ixhwele lewayini, ongesiso isilwi, kepha omnene, ongaxabaniyo, onganxaneli imali,

- ⁴ ophatha kahle indlu yakhe, abantwana bakhe bemthobela ngenhlonipho yonke —
- ⁵ kepha uma umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaliphatha kanjani ibandla likaNkulunkulu na? —
- ⁶ angabi ngosanda kukholwa, funa ngokukhukhumala ayele ekulahlweni kukaSathane.
- ⁷ Kumelwe futhi ukuba abe nobufakazi obuhle kwabangaphandle, funa ayele esihlambeni nasesihibeni sikaSathane.
- ⁸ Ngokunjalo namadiyakoni kufanele abe nesizotha, angabi ndimimbili, angabi ngabanaka kakhulu iwayini, angahaheli inzuzo embi,
- ⁹ ephethe imfihlakalo yokukholwa kunembeza omhlophe.
- ¹⁰ Nalabo mabaqale bahlolwe, andukuba babe ngamadiyakoni, uma bengasoleki.
- ¹¹ Ngokunjalo nabesifazane mababe nesizotha, abangahlebi, abazithibayo, abathembekayo ezintweni zonke.
- ¹² Amadiyakoni mawabe ngamadoda amfazi munye, abusa kahle abantwana bawo nemizi yawo.
- ¹³ Ngokuba amadiyakoni akhonze kahle azizuzela ukuma kahle nesibindi esikhulu ekukholweni okukuKristu Jesu.
- ¹⁴ Lokhu ngikulobela khona ngithemba ukuza kuwe masinyane;
- ¹⁵ kepha uma ngilibala, khona uyakwazi ukuthi kumelwe ukuba abantu bahambe kanjani endlini kaNkulunkulu eyibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika nesisekelo seqiniso.
- ¹⁶ Kuvunyiwe ukuthi inkulu imfihlakalo yokukhonza uNkulunkulu yokuthi: Owabonakaliswa enyameni, walungisiswa emoyeni, wabonwa yizingelosi, washunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka ezweni, waphakanyiselwa enkazimulweni.

ISAHLUKO 4

- K**epha uMoya usho ngokuchachileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokugcina abanye bayakuhlubuka ekukholweni, benaka omoya abadukisayo nezifundiso zamademoni,
- ² ngokuzenzisa kwabaqamba amanga abashiswe uphawu kunembeza wabo,
- ³ benqabela ukuganana, bethi akuzilwe ukudla akudalayo uNkulunkulu ukuba kwamukelwe ngokubonga yibo abakholwayo nabalaziyo iqiniso.
- ⁴ Ngokuba konke okudalwe nguNkulunkulu kuhle; akulahlwa lutho, uma kwamukelwa ngokubonga,
- ⁵ ngokuba kungcweliswa ngezwi likaNkulunkulu nomkhuleko.
- ⁶ Nxa ubeka lezo zinto kubazalwane, uyakuba yisikhonzi esihle sikaKristu Jesu, wondliwa ngamazwi okukholwa nesifundiso esihle osilandeleyo;
- ⁷ kepha wale izinganekwane ezingcolileyo nezezalukazi. Kepha zijwayeze ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu.
- ⁸ Ngokuba ukujwayeza umzimba kusiza ingcosana, kepha ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kusiza ezintweni zonke, kunesithembiso salokhu kuphila nalokho okuzayo.
- ⁹ Likholekile leli zwi, lifanele impela ukwamukelwa,
- ¹⁰ ngokuba sikhandlekela lokho, siyashikashikeka, ngokuba sithembeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu wabakholwayo.
- ¹¹ Woyala ngalezo zinto, ufundise ngazo.
- ¹² Makungabikho muntu odelela ubusha bakho, kepha yiba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo ngezwi, nangenkambo, nangothando, nangokukholwa, nangokuhlanzeka.

- ¹³ Nakekela ukufunda, nokuyala, nokufundisa, ngize ngifike.
- ¹⁴ Ungasidebeseli isiphiwo esikuwe, owasiphiwa ngezwi lokuprofetha nangokubekwa izandla ngamalunga.
- ¹⁵ Nakekela lezo zinto, ume kuzo, ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kuqhame kubo bonke.
- ¹⁶ Ziqaphele wena kanye nesifundiso, ume kulezo zinto; ngokuba ngokwenza lokho uyakuzisindisa wena nabakuzwayo.

ISAHLUKO 5

Ungayikhaci indoda endala, kodwa yiyale njengoyihlo, namadoda amasha njengabafowenu,

- ² abesifazane abadala njengawonyoko, nabesifazane abasha njengawodadewenu ngenhlanzeko epheleleyo.
- ³ Yazisa abafelokazi abangabafelokazi ngoqobo.
- ⁴ Kepha uma umfelokazi enabantwana noma enabazukulwane, labo-ke mabafunde kuqala ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, babuyisele okufaneleyo kubazali babo, ngokuba kuyabongeka lokho phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
- ⁵ Lowo ongumfelokazi ngoqobo osele eyedwa uthembele kuNkulunkulu, uhlala ekunxuseni nasekukhulekeni ubusuku nemini,
- ⁶ kepha lowo ozinikela ekutamaseni ufile esekhona.
- ⁷ Yala ngalezo zinto, ukuze bangabi nokusoleka.
- ⁸ Kepha-ke uma umuntu engabondli abakubo, kakhulu abakwakhe, ukulahlile ukukholwa, mubi kunongakholwayo.
- ⁹ Makangafakwa esibalweni umfelokazi, uma engaphansi kweminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha, owabe ngumfazi wendoda inye,
- ¹⁰ ebongwa ngemisebenzi emihle, uma ondlile abantwana, uma engenisile izihambi, uma egezile izinyawo zabangcwele, uma esizile abahluphekayo, uma ekhuthalele umsebenzi wonke omuhle.
- ¹¹ Kepha abafelokazi abasha ubenqabe; ngokuba uma sebetamasile bedela uKristu, bafuna ukugana;
- ¹² banokulahlwa, ngokuba bechithile ukukholwa kwabo kokuqala.
- ¹³ Futhi-ke bafunda nokuvilapha, bezula izindlu ngezindlu, bengavilaphi kuphela, kepha behleba, bezigaxa ngokungekwabo, bekhuluma okungafanele.
- ¹⁴ Ngakho-ke ngithanda ukuba abafelokazi abasha bagane, bazale abantwana, baphathe indlu yabo, bangasiniki isitha ithuba lokuthuka.
- ¹⁵ Ngokuba nakalokhu abanye sebechezukele kuSathane.
- ¹⁶ Uma owesifazane okholwayo enabafelokazi, makabasize, ibandla lingasindwa, ukuze lisize abafelokazi boqobo.
- ¹⁷ Amalunga aphatha kahle akuthiwe afanele ukutiswa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu lawo akhuthalela izwi nokufundisa.
- ¹⁸ Ngokuba umbhalo uthi: “Ungayifaki isifonyo inkabi ebhulayo,” futhi: “Isisebenzi siyifanele inkokhelo yaso.”
- ¹⁹ Icala eliqondene nelunga ungalemukeli, kungekho ofakazi ababili noma abathathu.
- ²⁰ Abonayo ubasole phambi kwabo bonke, ukuze nabanye besabe.
- ²¹ Nginyaqinisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu noKristu Jesu nezingelosi ezikhethiweyo ukuba

ulonde lezo zinto ngokungazinqumeli, ungenzi lutho ngokukhetha.

²² Ungasheshi ubeke izandla noma kubani, futhi ungahlanganyeli izono zabanye, uzigcine ube mhlophe.

²³ Ungabe usaphuza amanzi odwa, kepha phuza iwayini eliyingcosana ngenxa yesisu sakho nobuthakathaka bakho obuvamileyo.

²⁴ Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibandulela ekwahlulelweni; kepha abanye ziyabalandela. 5:24 Gal. 5:19.

²⁵ Ngokunjalo nemisebenzi emihle isobala; naleyo engenjalo ingesitheke.

ISAHLUKO 6

Bonke abayizigqila phansi kwejoka mabathi abanumzane babo bafanele ukutuswa impela, ukuze igama likaNkulunkulu nesifundiso kungahlanjalazwa.

² Abanabanumzane abakholwayo bangabadeleli, ngokuba bengabazalwane, kodwa kube yikhona bebakhonza kakhulu, ngokuba bengabakholwayo nabathandekayo labo abasizakala ngomsebenzi wabo. Wofundisa lezo zinto, uyale ngazo.

³ Uma kukhona umuntu ofundisa okwahlukileyo, engawalandeli amazwi aphilileyo eNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu nesifundiso esiya ngokumesaba uNkulunkulu,

⁴ ukhukhumele lowo engaqondi lutho, kumphethe ukubuzana nokuphikisana ngamazwi okuvela kukho umhawu, nombango, nokuhlambalaza, nokuzindla okubi,

⁵ nokuxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele, abamukwe iqiniso, bethi ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yenzuzo.

⁶ Yebo, ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kanye nokwaneliswa kuyinzuzo enkulu,

⁷ ngokuba asilethanga lutho ezweni; kusobala ukuthi singemuke nalutho futhi;

⁸ kepha uma sinokudla nezambatho, asaneliswe yikho.

⁹ Kepha abafuna ukuceba bayela ekulingweni, nasesihibeni, nasezinkanukweni eziningi zobuwula ezilimazayo, ezishonisa abantu ekufeni nasekubhujisweni.

¹⁰ Ngokuba ukuthanda imali kuyimpande yakho konke okubi; abanye ngokuyifisa badukelwa ukukholwa, bazigwaza ngeminjunju eminingi.

¹¹ Kepha wena muntu kaNkulunkulu, balekela lezo zinto; jonga ukulunga, nokumesaba uNkulunkulu, nokukholwa, nothando, nokubekezela, nobumnene.

¹² Yilwa ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa, ubambelele ekuphileni okuphakade owabizelwa kukho, wavuma ukuvuma okuhle phambi kofakazi abaningi.

¹³ Ngiyakuyala phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophilisa konke, naphambi kukaKristu Jesu owavuma ukuvuma okuhle phambi kukaPontiyu Pilatu,

¹⁴ ukuba ugcine umyalo ungenabala, ungenakusoleka, kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu

¹⁵ ayakukubonakalisa ngezikhathi zakhe uSomandla obongekayo, oyedwa, iNkosi yamakhosi, uMbusi wababusi,

¹⁶ yena yedwa onokungafi, ehlala ekukhanyeni okungenakusondelwa kukho, ongazange abonwe muntu, nongebonwe; makube kuye udumo namandla aphakade. Amen.

¹⁷ Yala abacebileyo kuleli zwe lamanje ngokuthi bangakhukhumali, bangathembeli engcebani engemiyo, kepha mabathembele kuNkulunkulu osicebisa ngakho konke, sithokoze ngakho,

¹⁸ benze okuhle, bacebe ngemisebenzi emihle, baphane, babelane,

¹⁹ bezibekelela isisekelo esihle sesikhathi esizayo, ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikho.

²⁰ Thimothewu, londa kahle okubekiweyo kuwe, ugweme ukukhuluma okuyize nokuphikisana kwalokho okuthiwa ukwazi kungesikho,

²¹ okuthi abanye bekuvuma, baduka ekukholweni. Umusa mawube nani.

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