

# 1 THESALONIKA

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## ISAPHLUKO 1

**O**Pawulu, noSilvanu, noThimothewu kulo ibandla labaseTheselonika elikuNkulunkulu uBaba, naseNkosini uJesu Kristu: Makube kini umusa nokuthula.

<sup>2</sup> Sibonga uNkulunkulu njalo ngani nonke, siniphatha emikhulekweni yethu,

<sup>3</sup> sikhumbula ngokungayeki isenzo senu sokukholwa, nomsebenzi wothando, nokukhuthazela kwethemba lenu eliseNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu noBaba wethu,

<sup>4</sup> sikwazi, bazalwane abathandiwe nguNkulunkulu, ukukhethwa kwenu

<sup>5</sup> ukuthi ivangeli lethu alizanga kini ngezwi kuphela kodwa nangamandla, nangoMoya oNgcwele, nangokwethemba okukhulu, njengokuba nazi ukuthi saba ngabantu abanjani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu.

<sup>6</sup> Nani naba ngabalingisi bethu, nabeNkosi senilamukele izwi ekukhathazekeni okukhulu ngokuthokoza kukaMoya oNgcwele,

<sup>7</sup> naze naba yisibonelo kubo bonke abakholwayo eMakedoniya nase-Akhaya.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba udumo lwezwi leNkosi lwaphuma kinina, lwafika, angisho eMakedoniya nase-Akhaya kuphela, kepha ezindaweni zonke lapho ukukholwa kwenu nguNkulunkulu kuphumele khona; ngakho asisadingi ukukhuluma lutho.

<sup>9</sup> Ngokuba bona uqobo balanda ngathi ukuthi kwaba njani ukungena kwethu kinina nokuthi naphendukela kanjani kuNkulunkulu, nishiya izithombe, ukuba nikhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo oweqiniso,

<sup>10</sup> nilindele iNdodana yakhe ivela ezulwini, ayivusa kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlangulisa olakeni oluzayo.

## ISAPHLUKO 2

**N**gokuba niyazi nina bazalwane ukuthi ukungena kwethu kinina akubanga yize.

<sup>2</sup> Kepha noma sasihlushiwe kuqala saphathwa kabi eFilipi, njengokuba nazi, saba nesibindi kuNkulunkulu wethu sokunishumayeza ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ngokulwa okukhulu.

<sup>3</sup> Ngokuba ukuyala kwethu akusikho okokuduka nokokungcola nangenkohliso,

<sup>4</sup> kepha njengokuba sivunyiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuba siphathiswe ivangeli, siyakhuluma ngokunjalo, singenzeli ukuthokozisa abantu kepha uNkulunkulu ovivinya izinhliziyi zethu.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba asizange sibe namazwi okuthopha, njengokuba nazi; asizange futhi sibe nobuqili bokufisa, uNkulunkulu ungufakazi,

- <sup>6</sup> singafunanga nokutiswa ngabantu, nakinina nakwabanye,
- <sup>7</sup> ingani sasingaba namandla okunisinda njengabaphostoli bakaKristu, nokho saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengokuba umdlezane ondla abantwana bakhe.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngokunjalo lokhu besinilangazelele, sasifuna ukuninika kungesilo ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kuphela, kepha nokuphila kwethu uqobo, ngokuba nase ningabathandekayo kithina.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngokuba niyakhumbula, bazalwane, ukukhandleka nokushikashikeka kwethu; sisebenza ubusuku nemini, ukuze singasindi noyedwa kinina, sanishumayeza ivangeli likaNkulunkulu.
- <sup>10</sup> Nina ningofakazi, naye uNkulunkulu, bokuthi sahlala kanjani phakathi kwenu nina enikholwayo ngobungcwele, nangokulunga, nangokungasoleki,
- <sup>11</sup> njengokuba nazi ukuthi saniphatha abanye ngabanye njengoyise ephatha abantwana bakhe,
- <sup>12</sup> siniyala, sinimisa isibindi, sifakazela ukuba nihambe ngokufaneleyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu onibizela embusweni nasebukhosini bakhe.
- <sup>13</sup> Ngalokho nathi sibonga uNkulunkulu singaphezi, ngokuba, kuthe lapho namukela izwi likaNkulunkulu enalizwa ngathi, anilamukelanga njengezwi labantu kepha njengezwi likaNkulunkulu, njengokuba liyilo isibili, elona lisebenza futhi phakathi kwenu nina enikholwayo.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngokuba nina bazalwane naba ngabalingisi bamabandla kaNkulunkulu aseJudiya akuKristu Jesu, ngokuba nani nahlushwa ngabesizwe sakini, njengalokho nawo ahlushwa ngabaJuda
- <sup>15</sup> ababulala neNkosi uJesu nabaprofethi, basixosha nathi, bengamthokozisi uNkulunkulu, bemelana nabantu bonke,
- <sup>16</sup> besivimbela ukukhuluma nabezizwe ukuba basindiswe, ukuze bagcwalise njalo izono zabo; kepha ulaka selufinyelele phezu kwabo ngokupheleleyo.
- <sup>17</sup> Kepha thina, bazalwane, lokhu besahlukanisiwe nani isikhashana ngobuso kungenganhliziyo, kwaba yikhona sikhuthalela kakhulu ukubona ubuso benu ngokunxanela okukhulu.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngakho besithanda ukuza kinina, mina Pawulu ngokwami kanye nakabili, kepha uSathane wasivimbela.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngokuba liyini ithemba lethu, nokuthokoza, nomqhele wokuzibonga phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ekufikeni kwakhe, kungeyinina na?
- <sup>20</sup> Ngokuba nina niludumo lwethu nokuthokoza kwethu.

### ISAHLUKO 3

- N**galokho kwathi singasenakubekezela, sathi kuhle ukuba sisale sodwa e-Athene,
- <sup>2</sup> sathuma uThimothewu umzalwane wethu, isikhonzi sikaNkulunkulu evangelini likaKristu, ukuba aniqinise, anivuse maqondana nokukholwa kwenu
- <sup>3</sup> ukuba kunganyakaziswa muntu ngalezo zinhlopheko; ngokuba niyazi nina ukuthi simiselwe lokho.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba kuthe sisekhona kini, sanitshela ngaphambili ukuthi siyakuhlushwa, njengokuba kwaba njalo, nani nikwazi.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngalokho nami, lapho ngingasenakubekezela, ngathumela ukuba ngiqonde ukukholwa kwenu, ingabe mhlawumbe umlingi unilingile yini, ukukhandleka kwethu kube yize.

- <sup>6</sup> Kepha kalokhu uThimothewu esefikile kithi evela kini, esibikela izindaba ezinhle zokukholwa nothando lwenu, nokuthi nisikhumbula kahle njalo, nokuthi nilangazelela ukusibona, njengokuba nathi silangazelela ukubona nina,
- <sup>7</sup> ngalokho, bazalwane, saduduzeka ngani ngokukholwa kwenu ekusweleni nasosizini lwethu lonke,
- <sup>8</sup> ngokuba kalokhu siyaphila, uma nina nimi niqinile eNkosini.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngokuba ngukubonga okunjani esingakubuyisela kuNkulunkulu ngani ngokuthokoza konke esithokoza ngakho ngenxa yenu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu na?
- <sup>10</sup> Ubusuku nemini sinxusa nokunxusa ukuba sibone ubuso benu, siphelelise okusileleyo ekukholweni kwenu.
- <sup>11</sup> Sengathi uNkulunkulu noBaba wethu uqobo neNkosi yethu uJesu angayiqondisa indlela yethu yokuza kini,
- <sup>12</sup> iNkosi ininike ukwanda nokuchichima othandweni, omumye komunye nakubo bonke, njengokuba sinjalo kinina,
- <sup>13</sup> ukuze iqinise izinhliziyu zenu, zingabi nakusoleka ebungcweleni phambi kukaNkulunkulu noBaba wethu ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu kanye nabangcwele bakhe bonke.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**E**lokugcina-ke, bazalwane, siyaninxusa, siyaniyala ngeNkosi uJesu ukuba njengalokho nakwamukela kithi ukuthi nifanele ukuhamba nokumthokozisa kanjani uNkulunkulu, njengalokho nihamba kanjalo, manivame kakhulu kulokho.

- <sup>2</sup> Ngokuba niyayazi imiyalo esaninika yona ngayo iNkosi uJesu.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu, ukungcweliswa kwenu, ukuba nidede ebufebeni
- <sup>4</sup> ukuba yilowo nalowo kini akwazi ukuhlala nomkakhe ngobungcwele nangokuhlonipha,
- <sup>5</sup> kungabi ngokushisa kwenkanuko njengabezizwe abangamazi uNkulunkulu
- <sup>6</sup> ukuba kungabikho noyedwa omonayo, aphambe umfowabo ngento, ngokuba iNkosi ingumphindiseli kukho konke lokho, njengokuba sanitshela phambili, saqinisa.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngokuba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga amanyala, kepha wasibizela ebungcweleni.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngakho-ke owalayo akali umuntu, kepha wala uNkulunkulu, yena oninika uMoya wakhe oNgcwele.
- <sup>9</sup> Kepha maqondana nothando lobuzalwane anisweli ukuba umuntu anilobele, ngokuba nina uqobo ningabafundisiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuba nithandane;
- <sup>10</sup> nempela niyakwenza lokho kubo bonke abazalwane abaseMakedoniya lonke. Kepha siyaniyala, bazalwane, ukuba nivame nokuvama kulokho,
- <sup>11</sup> nikhuthalele ukuhlala ngokuthula, nokwenza okwenu, nokusebenza ngezandla zenu, njengokuba saniyala,
- <sup>12</sup> ukuze nihambe ngokufaneleyo kwabangaphandle, ningasweli lutho.
- <sup>13</sup> Kepha asithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningabi nakwazi ngabalalayo, ukuze ningadabuki njengabanye abangenalo ithemba.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngokuba uma sikholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa, wavuka, ngokunjalo-ke uNkulunkulu uyakubaletha nabaleleyo kuJesu kanye naye.
- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba lokho sikusho kini ngezwi leNkosi ukuthi thina, esisekhona sisasele kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi, asiyikubandulela nempela abaleleyo,

- <sup>16</sup> ngokuba iNkosi uqobo iyakwehla ezulwini ngezwi lenhlokomo, ngephimbo lengelosi enkulu nangecilongo likaNkulunkulu, nabafileyo kuKristu bayakuvuka kuqala,
- <sup>17</sup> khona thina, esisekhona sisasele siyakuhlwithwa kanye nabo emafwini, sihlangebeze iNkosi emoyeni; kanjalo-ke siyakuba nayo iNkosi njalo.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngakho-ke duduzanani ngalawo mazwi.

## ISAHLUKO 5

- K**epha ngezikhathi nangemizuzu, bazalwane, anisweli ukulotshelwa,
- <sup>2</sup> ngokuba nina uqobo niyazi kahle ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luza njengesela ebusuku.
- <sup>3</sup> Nxa bethi: “Ngukuthula nokuhlala kahle,” khona ukubhujiswa kuyabazuma njengemihelo ifikela okhulelweyo, abasoze baphunyuka.
- <sup>4</sup> Kepha nina bazalwane anikho ebumnyameni, ukuze lolo suku lunifise njengesela,
- <sup>5</sup> ngokuba nina nonke ningabantwana bokukhanya, ningabantwana bemini. Asisibo abobusuku noma abobumnyama;
- <sup>6</sup> ngalokho-ke masingalali njengabanye, kodwa masiqwashe, siqonde.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngokuba abalalayo balala ebusuku, nabadakwayo badakwa ebusuku;
- <sup>8</sup> kepha thina esingabemini masiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba sokukholwa nesothando, isigqoko sibe yithemba lokusindiswa;
- <sup>9</sup> ngokuba uNkulunkulu kasimisela ulaka kepha ukuba sizuze ukusindiswa ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu
- <sup>10</sup> owasifelayo ukuba, noma siqwashile noma silele, siphile kanye naye.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngalokho-ke vuselelanani, nakhane njengokuba futhi nikwenza.
- <sup>12</sup> Kepha siyanincenga, bazalwane, ukuba nibazi abakhandlekayo phakathi kwenu, nabaniphethayo eNkosini, nabanilulekayo,
- <sup>13</sup> nibazisise kakhulu othandweni ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisani ngokuthula.
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha siyanyala, bazalwane, ukuba niluleke abangahambi ngomthetho, nithokozise abadanileyo, nisekele ababuthakathaka, nibabekezelele bonke.
- <sup>15</sup> Qaphelani ukuba kungabikho ophindisela omunye okubi ngokubi; kepha jongani njalo ukwenza okuhle, omunye komunye nakubo bonke.
- <sup>16</sup> Thokozani njalo;
- <sup>17</sup> khulekani ningaphezi;
- <sup>18</sup> kukho konke bongani; ngokuba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu ngani.
- <sup>19</sup> Ningamcimi uMoya;
- <sup>20</sup> ningakudeleli ukuprofetha;
- <sup>21</sup> vivinyani konke, nibambisise okuhle;
- <sup>22</sup> dedani kukho konke okubonakala kukubi.
- <sup>23</sup> Kepha uNkulunkulu wokuthula, yena uqobo, makaningcwelise ngokupheleleyo, kulondolozwe umoya wenu wonke nomphfumulo nomzimba, kungabi nacala ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.
- <sup>24</sup> Uthembekile yena onibizayo, oyakukwenza futhi.
- <sup>25</sup> Bazalwane, sikhulekeleni.

<sup>26</sup> Khonzani kubazalwane bonke ngokwanga okungcwele.

<sup>27</sup> Nginyanifungisa iNkosi ukuba le ncwadi ifundwe kubo bonke abazalwane.

<sup>28</sup> Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu mawube nani.

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