

1 KUTIMOTI



ISAHLUKO 1

UPawulos, umpostile kaYesu Kristu, ngokommiselo kaThixo uMsindisi wethu, neNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, iThemba lethu,

² ubhalela uTimoti, umntwana wakhe kanye ngokwaselukholweni; uthi, Makube lubabalo, inceba, uxolo, oluvela kuThixo uBawo, noKristu Yesu iNkosi yethu.

³ Njengoko ndakuyalayo ukuba uhlale e-Efese, ndakuba mna ndisiya kwelaseMakedoni, ndenjenjalo ukukuyala nangoku, ukuze ubathethele abanye, bangafundisi mfundiso yimbi;

⁴ kananjalo banganyamekeli zintsomi namilibo yakuzalwa engaphele ndawo, izinto ezo ezibanga iimbuzwano, zingahambisi lona ulwakho lukaThixo olungokholo.

⁵ Ke intsingiselo yoyalo iluthando oluphuma entliziyweni ehlambulukileyo, nasesazeleni esilungileyo, naselukholweni olungahanahanisiyo;

⁶ abathe abathile, beziphosile ezo nto, baphambukela ekuthetheni okungento yanto;

⁷ bethanda ukuba ngabafundisi bomthetho, phofu bengaziqiqi izinto abazithethayo, kwanezo bazingqinayo.

⁸ Siyazi ke ukuba umthetho mhle, ukuba umntu uthi awuphathe ngokomthetho;

⁹ ngokwazi oku, ukuba umthetho lo awuwiselwe lungisa, uwiselwe ke abachasene nomthetho, nabangenakululama, abangahloneli Thixo, nabangaboni, abangengcwele, nabahlambeli, ababethiyise nababethi-nina, izigwinta,

¹⁰ abenzi bombulo, amadoda alalanayo, amasela abantu, amaxoki, amafunga-buxoki, nokuba kukho nto yimbi ichasene nemfundiso ephilileyo;

¹¹ ngokweendaba ezilungileyo zozuko lukaThixo osikelelekileyo, endaphathiswa zona mna.

¹² Kananjalo ndinombulelo kowandomelezayo, uKristu Yesu iNkosi yethu, kuba wandibalela ekuthini ndithembekile, endimisela ebulungiselelini;

¹³ nakuba ngaphambili ndandingumnyelisi, nomtshutshisi, nomphathi kakubi; ndesuka ndenzelwa inceba, ngokuba ndakwenza oko ndingazi, ndisekungakholweni;

¹⁴ ke lwanda ngokuncamisileyo ubabalo lweNkosi yethu, lunokholo nothando olukuKristu Yesu.

¹⁵ Lithembekile ilizwi eli, lifanelwe kukwamkelwa konke, eli lokuba uKristu Yesu weza ehlabathini ukuba asindise aboni; endingomkhulu kubo mna;

¹⁶ noko ke ndesuka ndenzelwa inceba ngenxa yoku, ukuze uYesu Kristu akubonakalisele kum, mna ungomkhulu, konke ukuzeka kade umsindo, ndibe ngumzekelo kwabo baza kukholwa kuye, base ebomini obungunaphakade.

¹⁷ Ke kaloku, kuye uKumkani wawo amaphakade, ongenakonakala, ongenakubonakala,

kuThixo olumkileyo yedwa, makubekho imbeko nozuko, kuse emaphakadeni asemaphakadeni. Amen.

¹⁸ Olu yalo ndilubeka phambi kwakho, mntwana wam Timoti, ngokweziprofeto ezandulelayo ngawe, ukuze ulwe ngazo ukulwa okuhle,

¹⁹ unokholo nesazela esilungileyo, ethe inxenye, isigibile, yaphukelwa ngumkhombe mayelana nokholo;

²⁰ inoHimenayo noAlesandire, endabanikelayo kuSathana, ukuze bageqeshwe ukuba banganyelisi.

ISAHLUKO 2

Ndiyavuselela ngoko kuqala kwiinto zonke, ukuba kwenziwe izikhungo, imithandazo, izibongozo, imibulelo, ngenxa yabantu bonke;

² ngenxa yookumkani nabo bonke abasekongameni, ukuze sihlale ngokonwaba nangokuzola, sinokuhlonela uThixo, nokundileka konke.

³ Kuba oku kuhle, kwamkelekile emehlweni oMsindisi wethu uThixo;

⁴ onga yena bangasindiswa bonke abantu, bafikelele ekuyazini inyaniso.

⁵ Kuba manye uThixo; manye nomlamli phakathi koThixo nabantu, umntu uKristu Yesu,

⁶ lowo wazinikelayo ukuba abe yintlawulelo yokukhulula abantu bonke; ubungqina ke obo bokungqinwa ngamaxesha angawabo;

⁷ endithe ndamiselwa bona mna, ukuba ndibe ngumshumayeli nompostile (ndithetha inyaniso ndikuKristu, andixoki), umfundisi weentlanga elukholweni nasenyanisweni.

⁸ Ngoko ndinga angathandaza amadoda kuzo zonke iindawo, ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engenangqumbo, engenantandabuzo.

⁹ Kwangokunjalo mabathi nabafazi banxibe iingubo ezifanelekileyo, beneentloni, benesidima, ingabi kukuphatha iinwele, nokunxitywa kwegolide neeperile, nesambatho esixabiso likhulu;

¹⁰ mabathi (ngokufanele abafazi abathi bahlonela uThixo), bavathe imisebenzi elungileyo.

¹¹ Umfazi, ezolile, makafunde ethobele konke.

¹² Umfazi ke andimvumeli ukuba afundise, nokuba ayilawule indoda; makazole.

¹³ Kuba kwabunjwa uAdam kuqala, kwandula ke ukubunjwa uEva.

¹⁴ Kanjalo akulukuhlwanga Adam; kulukuhlwe umfazi, waba sekugqitheni.

¹⁵ Noko ke wosindiswa ngokuzala, ukuba bathe bema elukholweni, naseluthandweni, nasebungcwaliseni, benesidima.

ISAHLUKO 3

Lithembekile ilizwi eli lithi, Ukuba ubani ungxamele ubuveleli, unqwenela umsebenzi omhle.

² Umveleli ngoko umelwe kukuthi abe ngongenakukhalazelwa, eyindoda yamfazi manye, eyingcathu, enesidima, ezibekile, ebuka iindwendwe, enokufundisa;

³ engageziswa yiwayini, engembethi, engemngxameli wanzuzo imbi. Makabe ngothantamisayo, engalwi, engemthandi wamali;

⁴ eyongamele kakuhle eyakhe indlu, abantwana bakhe bemthobele, benokundileka konke

⁵ (kuba ukuba umntu akakwazi ukuyongamela eyakhe indlu, angathini na ukuphatha

ibandla likaThixo?);

⁶ angabi ngosandula ukungeniswa, ukuze angathiwa lwale likratshi, eyele ekugwetyweni koMtyholi.

⁷ Kanjalo ke umelwe kukuthi abe nobungqina obuhle obuvela kwabangaphandle, ukuze angeyeli engcikovweni nasesibatheni soMtyholi.

⁸ Kwangokunjalo abalungiseleli bamelwe kukuba nokundileka, bangabi ntlolela yombini, bangazinikeli kwiwayini eninzi, bangangxameli nzuzo imbi;

⁹ mababe nemfihlo yokholo esazeleni esihlambulukileyo.

¹⁰ Nabo aba ke mabacikidwe ukuqala; bandule ke ukulungiselela, bengabangenakumangaleleka.

¹¹ Kwangokunjalo abafazi bamelwe kukuba nokundileka, bangabi ngabahlebi; mababe ziingcathu, bathembeke ezintweni zonke.

¹² Abalungiseleli mababe ngamadoda abafazi ngabanye, besongamela kakuhle abantwana nezindlu ezizezabo.

¹³ Kuba abo balungiselele kakuhle, bazizuzela isimo esihle, nokungafihlisi okukhulu ekukholweni, okukuKristu Yesu.

¹⁴ Ezi zinto ndizibhala kuwe, ndithembe ukuba ndiya kuza kuwe kamsinya.

¹⁵ Ukuba ke ndithe ndalibala, ndikubhalela ukuze wazi, ukuba kumelwe kukuthiwani na ukuhanjwa endlwini kaThixo, yona ilibandla likaThixo ophilileyo, intsika nesiseko sayo inyaniso.

¹⁶ Kananjalo, ngokuvunyiweyo, inkulu imfihlelo yona leyo yokuhlonela uThixo: lowo wabonakalaliswa esenyameni, wagwetyelwa esemoyeni, wabonakala kwizithunywa zezulu, wavakaliswa phakathi kweentlanga, kwakholwa kuye ehlabathini, wenyuswa waba sebuqaqawulini.

IS AHLUKO 4

Ke kaloku uMoya uthi ngokucacileyo inxenye iya kumka elukholweni, ngamaxesha asemva, inyamekele oomoya abalahlekisayo, neemfundiso zeedemon;

² imka nohanahaniso lwabathetha ubuxoki, betshiswe isazela sabo ngentsimbi;

³ bengavumi ukuba kuzekwe, nokuba kudliwe izinto ezadalwa nguThixo, ukuze zamkelwe ngombulelo ngabo bakholwayo, bayaziyo inyaniso.

⁴ Ngokuba sonke isidalwa sikaThixo sihle; asiyonto yakulahlwa, ukuba samkelwe ngombulelo;

⁵ kuba singcwaliswa ngalo ilizwi likaThixo nangezibongozo.

⁶ Ukuba uthe ezi zinto wazibeka phambi kwabazalwana, woba ngumlungiseleli omhle kaYesu Kristu, wondliwe ngamazwi okholo, nawemfundiso entle oyilandelayo.

⁷ Ke zona iintsomi ezihlambelayo zamaxhegokazi zimangale. Ziqhelise ukuhlonela uThixo.

⁸ Kuba eyeyomzimba ingqeqesho inceda kancinane; ke kona ukuhlonela uThixo kunceda ngako konke, kunedinga lobomi bakalokunje, nobobo buza kubakho.

⁹ Lithembekile ilizwi elo, lifanelwe kukwamkelwa konke.

¹⁰ Kuba sibulalekela, singcikelwe oko; ngokuba sithembele kuThixo ophilileyo, onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ngokukodwa owabakholwayo.

¹¹ Bathethele ezi zinto, ufundise zona.

¹² Makungabikho namnye ubudelayo ubuncinane bakho; suka ube ngumzekelo

wabakholwayo ngentetho, ngehambo, ngothando, ngokholo, ngobunyulu.

¹³ Nyamekela imfundo, uvuselelo, imfundiso, ndide ndifike.

¹⁴ Ungasihilizeli isipho esingokubabalwa, esikuwe; owasinikwayo ngesiprofeto, kunye nokubekwa izandla yintlanganiso yamadoda amakhulu.

¹⁵ Zinyamekele ezo zinto, hlala kwezo zinto, ukuze ukuhambela kwakho phambili kubonakale kwinto yonke.

¹⁶ Zilumkele wena nemfundiso yakho; hlala uhleli kwezo zinto; kuba ngokwenza oko, wozisindisa wena, ubasindise nabo bakuvayo.

ISAHLUKO 5

¹ Indoda enkulu musa ukuyithethisa kabukhali, yiyale njengoyihlo; amancinane, njengabazalwana;

² abafazi abakhulu, njengoonyoko; abancinane, njengoodade, unobunyulu bonke.

³ Babeke abahlolokazi abangabahlolokazi ngenene.

⁴ Ke ukuba kukho mhlolokazi uthile unabantwana, nokuba ngabazukulwana, ukuqala mabafunde ukuhlonela elabo ikhaya, bababuyekezele umbuyekezo ooninakhulu; kuba oko kuhle, kwamkelekile emehlweni kaThixo.

⁵ Ke yena ongumhlolokazi ngenene, eshiywe yedwa, uthembela kuThixo; uhlala ehleli ekukhungeni nasemithandazweni ubusuku nemini.

⁶ Kodwa yena oxhamla iziyolo ufile, nakuba ngathi udla ubomi.

⁷ Bathethele ezi zinto, ukuze bangabi nakukhalazeleka.

⁸ Ukuba ke umntu akabakhathalele abakhe, ngokukodwa abendlu yakhe, ulukhanyele ukholo, unobubi ngaphezu kongakholwayo.

⁹ Makangabalelwa enanini labahlolokazi umhlolokazi ongaphantsi kweminyaka emashumi mathandathu; owayengumfazi wandoda-nye,

¹⁰ engqinelwe ngemisebenzi emihle, ukuba wondle abantwana, ukuba wamkele iindwendwe, ukuba uzihlambile iinyawo zabangcwele, ukuba ubasizile ababandezelweyo, ukuba usukelene nemisebenzi yonke elungileyo.

¹¹ Ke bona abahlolokazi abatsha bamangale; kuba xa bathe badimala nguKristu, bothanda ukwenda;

¹² benesigwebo sokuba balutshitshisile ukholo lokuqala.

¹³ Kunye noko ke bafunda ukungasebenzi nto, bethungelana nezindlu; banganeli kungasebenzi nto kodwa, basuka kananjalo babe ngamapholopholo, bazifake kwizinto zabanye, bathethe izinto ezingafanelekileyo.

¹⁴ Ngoko ndinga abahlolokazi abatsha bangenda, bazale, babe ngabanikazi-mizi, bangamniki ochasayo nalinye ithuba lokutshabhisa.

¹⁵ Kuba inxenye iseyiphambukele emva koSathana.

¹⁶ Ukuba kukho ikholwa, nokuba likholwakazi, elinabahlolokazi, malibasize, lize ibandla lingasindwa, ukuze lona lisize abangabahlolokazi ngenene.

¹⁷ Amadoda amakhulu, awongamela kakuhle, makabalelwe ekuthini afanelwe yimbeko ephindwe kabini, ngokukodwa lawo abulalekayo elizwini nasemfundisweni.

¹⁸ Kuba sitsho isibhalo ukuthi, Uze ungayibophi umlomo inkomo ibhula; nokuthi, Umsebenzi uwufanele umvuzo wakhe.

¹⁹ Ukumangalelwa kwendoda enkulu musa ukukwamkela, kungabangakho mangqina mabini nokuba mathathu.

- ²⁰ Abo bonayo, bohlwaye emehlweni abantu bonke, ukuze nabanye aba babe nokoyika.
- ²¹ Ndiyakuqononondisa emehlweni kaThixo, neNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, nezithunywa zezulu ezinyuliweyo, ukuba uzigcine ezi zinto ungaqali ugwebe, ungenzi nto ngokwayama bani.
- ²² Ungangxami ubeke izandla phezu kukabani, kanjalo ungadlalani nabanye ngezono zabo; zigcine nyulu.
- ²³ Musa ukuba sasela manzi; sela intwana yewayini, ngenxa yesisu sakho, nobulwelwe bakho obufuthi.
- ²⁴ Izono zabanye abantu zisekuhlani kanye, ziyandulela ukuya emgwebeni; abanye ke ziyabalandela nokubalandela.
- ²⁵ Kwangokunjalo nemisebenzi emihle isekuhlani kanye, naleyo ingenjalo ayinako ukufihlakala.

ISAHLUKO 6

- O**nke ke amakhoboka aphantsi kwedyokhwe, ndinga ke angababalela abaniniwo ekuthini, bafanelwe yimbeko yonke, ukuze igama likaThixo nemfundiso inganyeliswa.
- ² Lawo ke ankosi zikholiweyo, makangazideli ngakuba zingabazalwana; makube kukhona azikhonzayo, ngokuba zingamakholwa, ziziintanda ezingamadlelana ngomsebenzi wokusiza. Bafundise ezi zinto, ubavuselele.
- ³ Ukuba umntu ufundisa mfundiso yimbi, angavumani namazwi aphilileyo angaweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, nemfundiso engokokuhlonela uThixo:
- ⁴ uthiwe lwale likratshi, engazi lutho kakuhle; ufa kukukhanuka iimbuzwano namaphike amazwi, ekuthi kwezo nto kuphume umona, iinkani, izinyeliso, izirhano ezingendawo,
- ⁵ iimpikiswano zochuku lwabantu abonakele iingqiqo, abahluthwe inyaniso, beba ukuhlonela uThixo kukusekeleza inzuzo.
- ⁶ Ke kona ukuhlonela uThixo, kundawonye nokwanela, kusekeleze inzuzo enkulu.
- ⁷ Kuba sibe singangenanga nanto ehlabathini; kuyabonakala kananjalo ukuba asinakuphuma nanto.
- ⁸ Sinento ke edliwayo neyambathwayo, masanele zezo zinto.
- ⁹ Ke abo banga bangaba zizityebi, beyela ekuhendweni, nasesibatheni, nasezinkanukweni ezininzi ezibubudenge ezenzakalisayo; zona zibatshonisayo abantu ekonakaleni, nasekutshabalaleni.
- ¹⁰ Kuba ukuthanda imali yingcambu yeento zonke ezimbi: abathe abathile, ngokuzolulela kuko, balahlekana nokholo, bazibhodloza ngobuhlungu obuninzi.
- ¹¹ Ke wena, mntu kaThixo, zibaleke ezo zinto; phuthuma ke ubulungisa, ukuhlonela uThixo, ukholo, uthando, unyamezelo, ubulali.
- ¹² Wuzame umzamo omhle wokholo; bubambe ubomi obungunaphakade, owabizelwa nokubizelwa kubo, waza waluvuma uvumo oluhle emehlweni amangqina amaninzi.
- ¹³ Ndiyakuthethela emehlweni kaThixo, ozidlisa ubomi zonke izinto, nasemehlweni kaKristu Yesu, owangqina wavuma uvumo oluhle phambi koPontiyo Pilato,
- ¹⁴ ukuba uwugcine umthetho lo, ungabi nabala, ungabi nakukhalazelwa, kude kufike ukubonakala kweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu,
- ¹⁵ aya kukubonakalisa ngawakhe amaxesha; lowo usikelelekileyo, ukuphela konamandla, uKumkani kakumkani, uNkosi kankosi;
- ¹⁶ okuphela konokungafi, ehleli ekukhanyeni okungenakusondelwa; ekungekho namnye

kubantu owakha wambona, nonako ukumbona; kuye makubekho imbeko namandla angunaphakade. Amen.

17 Abazizityebi kweli phakade langoku bathethele bangakratshi, bangathembeli butyebini bungagqalekiyo; mabathembele kuThixo ophilileyo, obeka phambi kwethu izinto zonke ngokobutyebi, ukuba zidliwe;

18 benze okulungileyo, babe zizityebi zemisebenzi emihle, babe nokwaba kakuhle, babe nobudlelane;

19 baziqwebele isiseko esihle, base exesheni eliza kuza, ukuze babubambe ubomi obungunaphakade.

20 Wa, Timoti, loo nto uyiphathisiweyo yigcine, uphambuke ezintethweni ezingezizo, ezihlambelayo, nakwiinkcaso zokwazi, okubizwa njalo kuxokwa;

21 abasuke abathile, bethe banako oku kwazi, baluphosa ukholo. Ubabalo malube nawe. Amen.

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