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INKCAZELO

Le ncwadi yavela ezweni laseFransi ngomnyaka we-1732. Yaziswa ngegama lokuthi “Sisibono sentliziyo ngoMoya,” okanye “Incwadi yeNtliziyo.” Ngenxa yenyano enzulu yezibhalo nexabiso layo soloko yafuneka, yaye isafuneka kuzo zonke iilwimi zaba Mhlophe. Ifundwa ngabantu bazo zonke iindidi neenkolonkole.

Ngendlela emfutshane elungelelene nentlalo nokucamanga kwaBantu, ingenile ezindlwini nasezintliziyweni zaBantu. Ngale ndlela baninzi abayivileyo inyaniso yesithembiso sikaThixo eMnqophisweni oMdala, ethe ke yazalisekiswa kuMnqophiso oMtsha. “Ndininike intliziyo entsha, ndininike umoya omtsha ongaphakathi kwenu.” (Hez. 36:26). “Ndiya kuthi ndiyibeke imithetho yam engqondweni yabo, ndiyibhale ezintliziyweni zabo.” (Heb. 8:10). Ngoko ke abaninzi banamandla okumelele bathi, “Ngokuba waxhelwa wasithenga ukuba sibe ngabakaThixo ngalo igazi lakho, siphuma kuzo zonke izizwe, neelwimi, nabantu neentlanga.” (Isity. 5:9). Kulungile ukuba nonke nina enifundayo nincedisane nathi ekubeni babe baninzi abayifumanayo le ncwadi bayifunde.

J.R.G.

Kwezi ziqendwana zingaphantsi kubhalwe ngesiNgesi nesiBhulu ngokufutshane kusenzelwa abo bafunda ngezo lwimi.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This pamphlet with its illustrations originated in France in 1732. It is known as the “Spiritual Heart Mirror,” or “Heart Book,” and owing to its deep scriptural truth and value, it has been, and still is in circulation in many languages, and is being read by all classes of people and all creeds.

In abbreviated form this little booklet has found its way into the homes and hearts of the world so that many have experienced the truth of God’s promise in the Old Testament, which has been fulfilled in the New, “A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you.” – Ez. 36:26; Heb. 8:10.

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**Indlu kaThixo okanye inqaba kaSathana.
(Yoh. 3:4-10)**

Kubafundi,

Le ncwadana ayintsha. Yaqala ukuvela eFransi kwisithuba esingaphezu kwama-200 eminyaka egqithileyo, yaza yeza nentsikelelo kumawaka emiphefumlo. Ibe sisibonelo abathe kuso abantu babona imeko yabo ngokwasemoyeni, ngohlobo ayibona ngalo uThixo. Baninzi abathe bakubona imifanekiso yeentliziyo zabo kule ncwadi, baguquka bafumana iintliziyo ezintsha nomoya ngaphakathi kwabo.

Ekuyifundeni kwakho le ncwadi hlala usazi ukuba isisibonelo oya kuthi ngaso uzibone ngokwakho. Nokuba ungongakholwayo nokuba ungumKristu, nokuba ulahlile uya kuwubona apha umfanekiso wakho, ngohlobo awubona ngalo uThixo. UThixo akakhethi mntu. Ukhangelela ezintliziyweni zabantu.

USathana nguyise wabo bonke ubuxoki, itshawe lobumnyama nesinqulo seli lizwe. Usuka azenze isithunywa sokhanyo, kodwa akasosithunywa sokukhanya. Baninzi abamcingela ukuba usisithunywa sokukhanya, baye bethanda ukumcingela ukukhathazeka kwakhe akubona umfanekiso wakhe uboniswa ngolona hlobo lwawo kanye. Njengoko kwakunjalo mandulo kusenjalo nanamhla. Baninzi abafundisi bobuxoki, abasebenzi benkohliso abazenza abafundisi bakaKristu. Akusimanga kunje, kuba uSatana ngokwakhe uzenza isithunywa sokukhanya, (2 Kor. 11:13-14). USathana, inkosi yeli lizwe, ukhohlisa amehlo nengqondo yabantu, ukuze bangabinakho ukulubona uthando lukaThixo, ubungcwalisa nobungangamsha bakhe. Baye bengenakho bengasayi kuze bambone uMkhululi wabo iNkosi uYesu Kristu. (2 Kor. 4:4). Bonke aboni nabangakholwayo bafile baye beziimfama ngakuThixo. Balawulwa ngumoya wesijora seli hlabathi. (Efeso 2:2). Ngaphandle kokuba avuleke amehlo abo ngandlela ithile ekulahlekeni kwabo,



INTLIZIYO ENENKOHLISO

baya entshabalalweni engunaphakade. Othi, “Andinasono” uyazilahlekisa.

Wakuba uyifundile le ncwadi waqwalasela imifanekiso ekuyo, uya kuba nakho ukuyibona intliziyo yakho. Zivume izono akho ungazikhanyeli ngokuthi azikho. Kuba ilizwi likaThixo lisixelela lisithi, “Ukuba sithi asinasono, siyazilahlekisa nenyano ayikho kuthi, kodwa ukuba siyazivuma izono zethu, uthembekile elilungisa lokusixolela zonke izono zethu, asihlambulule kuko konke ukungalungisi.” (1 Yoh. 1:1-10). Igazi likaYesu Kristu uNyana kaThixo liyasihlambulula kuzo zonke izono.

Ulawulwa nguSatana okanye ulawulwa nguThixo? Ulikhoboka lesono okanye isicaka sikaThixo? Ukuba isono siyakulawula musa ukukhanyela. Kulunge ukuba ukhale kuThixo osoloko elungele ukukukhulula ngaye uYesu Kristu owezayo ehlabathini ukuza kusindisa aboni. Weza ukuze awaphule amandla kaSatana nesono kuthi. ‘Ulusindiso lwethu. Usoloko uphambi koThixo ongcwele ozibonayo zonke iimfihlelo, iingcamango ezifihlakeleyo nezenzo zobomi bakho. Kungenkankulu ukuba uzifihle wena nezenzo zakho kuThixo. Lowo wabumba indlebe akasayi kuva na? Lowo wenza iliso akasayi kubona na? “Ngokuba uYehova amehlo akhe esinga-singa emhlabeni wonke, ukuba azomelezele abantliziyo ziphelele kuye.” (2 Kronike 16:9).

“Kuba amehlo akhe aphenzu kweendlela zomntu, uyawabona onke amabanga akhe. Akukho bumnyama, akukho thunzi lakufa, ukuba basithele kulo abenzi bobutshinga.” (Yobi 34:21,22).

“Ke yena uYesu akaziyekelelanga kubo, ngenxa yokuba ebazi bonke.” (Yoh. 2:24).

Ngako oko “Hayi uyolo lwakhe olukreko luxolelweyo osono siselelweyo. Hayi uyolo lomntu angabubaleliyo uYehova kuye ubugwenxa, ekungekho kukhohlisa emoyeni wakhe!” (Indumiso 32:1,2). (Funda nakwiNdumiso yama-51). UYesu usabiza nakaloku: “Yizani kum nina nonke nibulalekayo nisind-

wayo ngumthwalo, ndoninika ukuphumla.” (Mat. 11:28-30).

INKCAZO YEMIFANEKISO

Lo mfanekiso utyhila intliziyo yomntu womhlaba oqaqadeki-leyo oyindoda nokuba ngumfazi, ekuthiwa eziBhalweni ngu-moni, oko kukuthi, olawulwa ngumoya wehlabagathi nayim-inqweno neenkanuko zenyama. Lo ke ngumfanekiso othe nqo wentliziyo, jengoko uThixo ayibona ngako Ezo njongolo zamaqhula amehlo zixela ubunxila njengako buchazwa kwi-miZekeliso 23:29-33. “Ungokabani na uyeha? Ungokabani na uyo? Zinabani na lingxabano? Inabani na inkalazo? Anabani na amaxeba angenasizathu? Anabani na amehlo anozizi? Anabo balibala ewayinini, abangena bayiminyelele iwayini ephithikeziweyo. Musa ukuyikhangela iwayini xa izenza in-gqombela, xa ibengezelayo endebeni, xa ihla kamnandi. Uk-uphela kwayo iluma njegenyoka, ihlaba njengonqinishe. Ame-hlo akho aya kubona iinto zasemzini; intliziyo yakho ithethe impenduka.”

Phantsi kwentloko yalo mfanekiso intliziyo yomntu, ibonwa in-entlaninge yezilo ezalatha intlaninge yeentlobontlobo zeezono entliziyweni yomntu. Kaloku intliziyo yindawo yokuhlala ne-sigquku sezono zethu. UThixo usixelela ngomlomo wompro-feti wakhe uYeremiya ukuthi. “Intliziyo inenkohliso ngaphezu kweento zonke, isisifo esibi. Ngubani na onokuyazi?” UYesu uyakungqina oku ngokwakhe “Kuba ngaphakathi kuyo intlizi-yo yomntu kuphuma izicamango ezibi, okukrexeza, omibulo, okubulala, obusela, okubawa, okungeendawo, inkohliso, ubu-reletya, umona, ukunyelisa, ukukratsha, ukuswel’ ukuqonda. Zonke ezi zinto ezingeendawo ziphuma ngaphakathi, zimenze inqambi umntu.” (Marko 7:21-23).

1. Impangele. – Ekubeni ubuhle bempangele bunconywa ngabo bonke, kodwa ke apha entliziyweni yomntu yalatha isono sekratshi. ULusifa, iKerubhi ethanjisiweyo, owayefu-da esisithwala-ndwe, isithunywa sikaThixo, wawa ngekratshi waba ke ngoko lutshaba lukaThixo — uMtyholi. (Isaya 14:9-17; Hez. 28:12-17).

Ikratshi liphuma kuwo umhadi wesihoko, liyazibonakalisa ngeendlela ezininzi. Abanye bazidla ngobutyebi, bambi ngokuphakama kwemfundo yabo, bambi ngezinxibo ezimbejembeje abathi ngazo babonise imizimba yabo ngokungenazintloni. Bavatha ngezihombo ezikhenkcezo, ozacholo, omisesane, njalo-njalo, njengoko kucaciswayo kulsaya 3:17-24. Bambi bazidla ngomlibo wabo, mhlawumbi ngobuzwe, mhlawumbi ngenkcubeko, mhlawumbi ngemidlalo njalo-njalo. Bayalibala ukuba uThixo uyabachasa abanekratshi, abababale ke abathobileyo. (1 Pet. 5:5). UThixo ulithiyile ikratshi nokukhukumala. (Imize 8:13). Ikratshi likhokela intshabalalo; ukuzidla kukhokela ukukhubeka. (ImiZe. 16:18).

2. Inja. – Sisilo esinukayo esimanyala. Yona ko yalatha iinkanuko zenyama, ukungazoyisi, umbulo, ukukrexeza. Ezi zono zibaliweyo zezi mini zokugqibela zandile, kangangokuba masibuvume ubunyaniso bamazwi kaYesu xeshikweni, wathethayo kwiminyaka ekuma-2000 eyadlulayo esithi, iimini zokugqibela ziya kufana neemini zeSodom neGomora. Lo moya ukhoyo awuthanga ubambe amadoda nabafazi kodwa, koko utyhutyhe nemizi yabakholwayo, namaziko emfundo. Utyhuthye nezikolo neendawo zokugcinakala. Kodwa le mbewu yonakalisayo ihlwayelwa ngokungenazintloni, nangobuqhokolo bobulumko ezintliziyweni zabantu. Ihlwayelwa ngezindlu zemifanekiso (bayaskopu), ngezindlu zababonisi midlalo, ngeencwadi ezibolileyo, nangezinye iindlela ezininzi. Oko athi uThixo sisono kuthiwa sisimbo esitsha. Izigidi zabantu abancinane zibonela zenze ezi zinto zizibonela kule mifanekiso ihambayo neencwadi ezibubuvuvu. Suka ke ngokwenjenjalo abantwana bazifumane besezinkathazweni, nasehlazweni, nokuzisola ngezenzo zabo. Abadlalisi kwanabadlalisikazi abazimo zisangeneyo suka babe yimbasa yomlisela nomthinjana. Izindlu zokuxhentsa kwasemLungwini nazo zikhohise ukuba ziindawo zeempembelelo zokungacoceki. Amagora kaThixo amele ubunyulu njengoYosefa (Genesis 39) nabanye abanjalo, abasajongwe njengomzekelo. Inyange lakwaZulu elibe limbulala umkrexezi nomkrexezikazi lingasifundisa ulutho thina sizukulwana sizingca ngenkcubeko. Lingasuka lime lisihlaze

ngemini yomgwebo. UThixo usixelela ukuba singadlali nombulo, kodwa masiwubaleke. “Zonke izono, athe wazenza umntu, zingaphandle komzimba; ke lowo wenza umbulo wona owakhe umzimba. Anazi na ukuba umzimba wenu uyitempile yoMoya oyingcwele ongaphakathi kwenu, eninaye evela kuThixo, nokuba ke aningabenu?” (1 Kor. 6:18,19). “Ukuba umntu uyayonakalisa itempile kaThixo, uThixo womonakalisa lowo. Kuba itempile kaThixo ingcwele, ninjalo ke”. (1 Kor. 3:17).

3. Ihangu yalatha izono zokunxila nokunyoluka. Sisilo esingcolileyo, esitya yonke into esidibana nayo entle nembi. Ngokunjalo intliziyo enezono iginya zonke ezimbi, iintetho ezimbi, imifanekiso emibi, iincwadi ezimbi njalo-njalo. Umzimba omiseleke ukuba ube yitempile yoThixo ophilileyo ungcoliswa kukutya okungcolileyo, nemikwa esecaleni efana nokutshaya, nokuhlafuna icuba, ukusebenzisa umya neminye imichiza enengozi njalo-njalo. Umkhwa wokutshaya icuba nomya uwabambe nkqi amadoda nabafazi. Ngamandla kaThixo kuphela angakhulula iintsizana zecuba namakhoboka oMtyholi. Nakuba abantu abaninzi abakholiweyo bengekhe batshaye endlwini yenkonzo, kuba besithi oko kukuswela intlanelo-Thixo, kodwa abakucingeli nto ukungcolisa imizimba yabo ngalo mthi unukayo eli xa iyitempile kaThixo. “Anazi na ukuba imizimba yenu yitempile yoMoya oyingcwele, nokuba osukuba ewonakalisa umzimba, uThixo uya kumonakalisa.” (1 Kor. 3:16,17; 6:18,19).

Idlakudla liyintshontsho ebusweni bukaThixo. Sitya ukuze siphile. Asiphilele ukutya. Iphango lingathonyalaliswa ngokutya ukutya okunencasa, kodwa inkanuko yosoloko isithi, “Phinda, phinda.”

Inkanuko ayize yaneliswe, ingasayi kuze ihluthe. Ngokwezibhalo eziDala idlakudla nenxila belixulutywa ngamatye lide life, (Dut. 21:18-21). “Kuba isela wayini nedla-kudla liyahlwempuzeka; nokozela kwambesa amajacu. Mphulaphule uyihlo lowo wakuzalayo.” (ImiZe 23:21; 28:7). Khumbula ukuba indoda ethile esityebi, idlakudla nekhoboka leenkanuko zayo,

yafa yaza yaphakamisa amehlo ayo esihogweni ithuthunjelwa ngokuncamisileyo. Ububi bentselo akunakuthethwa nto ngabo. Kwaziwa kakhule, kungefumane kuthethwe ngabo. UThixo usixelela ngokucacileyo elizwini lakhe ukuba akukho nxila liya kubudla ilifa ubukumkani bukaThixo. Abo benza bathengise ngotywala bakwanetyala ngokufanayo phambi koThixo. Kuba uThixo uthi, “Yeha abangamagora okusela owayini; abangamadoda akrotele ukuphithikeza isiselo esinxilisayo.” (Isaya 5:22). “Yeha wena useza ummelwane wakho, usongezelela ubushushu bakho kuye, umnxilisa nokumnxilisa, ukuze ubondele ubuze bakhe!” (Hab. 2:15). “Ibe luhadi nomrube, ingqongqo nogwali, newayini emgidini wabo, ke wona umsebenzi kaYehova abawubeki, nezenzo zezandla zakhe abaziboni.” (Isaya 5:12). “Musani ukulahlekiswa. Abenzi bombulo, abakrexezi, nezifebe namasela, nabaphangi abayi kubudla ilifa ubukamkani bukaThixo.” (1 Kor. 6:9,10). Izono zobuntu bethu bomhlaba ziselubala. Nanzi inxalenye yazo: “Ukungcola, ubureletyo, ukunqula iminyanya, ukukhafula, iimbambaniso, izahlukaniso, amakhwele, imisindo, amayelenqe, omona, okubulala, okunxila, obutshivela. Abazenzayo izinto ezinjalo abayi kubudla ilifa ubukumkani bukaThixo.” (Gal. 5:19-21). “Musani ukunxila yiwayini, ekukhoyo kuloo nto uku-zibhubhisa. Manizaliswe nguMoya oyingcwele.” (Efeso 5:18). UYesu wenza esi simemo kwabaxaniweyo: “Ukuba kukho othi anxanwe makeze kum asele emanzini obom ngesisa.” (Yoh. 7:37,38). “Wenani nonke nina ninxaniweyo yizani emanzini nabangenamali; yizani thengani nidle, yizani thengani iwayini namasi ningenani, ningenamali.” (Isaya 55:1). “Ke yena othe wasela kuwo amanzi, endiya kumpha wona mna akasokuze anxanwe naphakade. Aya kusuka amanzi endiya kumpha wona abe ngumthombo kuye wamanzi ampompozela ebomini obungunaphakade.” (Yohane 4:14).

4. UFudo lwalatha ubunqenera, ukulibazisa nobutshijolo. Ukungakholwa ngwa nobutshijolo. “Umnqweno wevila uyalibulala; kuba izandla zalo azivumi kusebenza. Imini yonke linqwena linqwenile.” (ImiZe. 21:25,26). UYehova wathi kubantwana bakaSirayeli, “Maningandibazi ukulithabatha ilizwe elo.” Imveli yomntu iyanqena ityhafile ukwenza izinto zikaThixo. UYesu

wathi, “Ngenani ngesango elimxinwa.” (Luka 13:24). “Ubukumkani bamazulu buyagonyamelwa, bathi abagonyemeli babuthimbe.” (Mat. 11:12).

Ukunqena ukwenza izinto zosindiso lomoya kukhokelela ekuhlekeni. Kuyasithintela ekuthandazeni nasekuphengululeni izinto ezinzulu zikaThixo. Kuyasiqanda ekubeni sifumane indyebo yezipho ezikhulu zikaThixo. Kusikhokelela entshabalalweni. Xeshikweni uThixo athethileyo kuwe, ekuqhuba ukuba umnike intliziyo yakho namhla, uMtyholi ukuxelela ukuba wokwenza oko ngengomso. Mhlawumbi usuka athi wobuya uyenze loo nto nangomhla omnye, suka ke loo mhla ungaze ufike. Suka ke ufe ungasindiswanga ungenaye uKristu. UThixo uthi, “Namhla ukuba niyaliva ilizwi lakhe, ningazenzi lukhuni iintliziyo zenu.” (Heb. 3 :7,8). Bangaphi na abantu abatshabaleleyo ngenxa yokusoloko bembaxa elusindisweni belindele imini ebalungeleyo engaze ifike? Amanqondo asiwakho. Iqokobhe lofudo lidla ngokusetyenziselwa amaqwili ngabaNtsundu boMzantsi Afrika. Ufudo ke lungumqondiso wesono sokuthembela ekukhwitseni, ukuvumisa nosiyazi, endaweni yokuthemba uThixo ophilileyo. Siyalwa ukuba sibizele kuThixo osoloko elindele ukusinceda, ngokodwa ngamaxeshazilingo, nezifo, neenkathazo, nokulahlekelwa. Masingathembeli kuqashi-qashi kuba, “Amanyathela omfo aqiniswa nguYehova.” (Ndumiso 37:23). “Ngokuba ugwebo aluveli empumalanga nasentshonalanga, nasentlango yeentaba. NguThixo ogwebayo.” (Ndumiso 75:6,7). UThixo waluyalela usapho lukaSirayeli, wathi, “Zekungafunyanwa namnye kuni ucandisa unyana wakhe nentombi yakhe emlilweni, novumisayo, nolitola, nohlaba izihlabo, nokhafulayo, nobuza, koneshologu, nosiyazi nexwele. Kuba balisikizi kuYehova bonke abenza ezo nto.” (Dut. 18:10-12). “Ngaphandle zizinja, nabakhafuli, nabenzi bombulo, nababulali, nabakhonzi bezithixo, nabo bonke ababuthandayo ababenzayo ubuxoki.” (Isityh. 22:15). “Musani ukubheka kwabanemishologu; musani ukubafuna osiyazi, ukuze nenziwe inqambi ngabo. NdinguYehova uThixo wenu.” (Lev. 19:31). “Xa bathe kuni, Quqelani kwabaneshologu nakosiyazi abalozayo, abadumzelayo yithini, Abantu mabanguquqeli kuThixo wabo yini na? Ngenxa ya-

baphilileyo mabaquqele kwabafileyo na? Bekani esiyalweni esingqinweni! Ukuba bathe, abathetha ngokwelo lizwi boba abanasifingo.” (Isaya 8:19,20).

Xeshikweni ufunda le ncwadana, uThixo uyakubiza ukuba uguquke ezonweni zakho uzinikele kuye. Kodwa umoya wofudo osentliziyyweni yakho umana ukuzalisa intliziyo yakho ngoloyiko. Umana usithi, “Azi abantu bakowethu nezihlobo, nelizwe baya kuthini na ukuba ndijike ndaba ngumKristu? Kuya kuthini na xeshikweni ndingasaxhentsiyo, ndingasayi ezisuseni naselugayini?” Endaweni yokuba ubone ubutye-bi obungenambaliso kuYesu Kristu, noxolo lwakhe, ubomi baphakade obuzele lulonwabo, suka ubone zonke izinto oza kulahlekana nazo uzincame wakuba umvumele uKristu ukuba angene entliziyyweni yakho. Ngalo lonke eli xesha ukoyika abantu nokoyika ukufa kukubophelele, ebukhobokheni bukaMtyholi. Kodwa ke uKristu weza kuhlanguka bonke abathe ngokoyika ukufa bangamakhoboka bonke ubomi babo. (Heb. 2:15). Umoya wobumbaxa uyenza lukhuni intliziyo yakho ide ibe lukhuni njengoqweqwe lofudo.

5. Ingwe sisilo esinengcwangu nesikhohlakeleyo. Intiyo, ingqumbo nomsindo zidla ngokongamela intliziyo yomntu, kunjalo nje zikholisa ukumqhubela ekubulaleni. Ungalinga, ungade ube nakho ukuwoyisa umsindo wakho, ude uphuphume kakubi. Kulunge ukuba uvume ukuba usentliziyyweni yakho, umcele uYesu ukuba akuhlangule. “Musani ukuba buhlungu.” (Gen. 45:5). “Lahla umsindo, ushiye ubushushu. Musa ukuzivuthisa ngomsindo, kuba oko kusingisa ekwenzeni ububi kuphela.” (Ndum. 37:8). “Ubujora bunobushushu, umsindo sisiphango, nekwele ngubani na onokuma phambi kwalo?” (ImiZe. 27:4). “Musa ukukungxamela ukuqumba ngomoya wakho, ngokuba ingqumbo ilala esifubeni sezidenge.” “Yisuse ke ingqumbo entliziyyweni yakho, ubudlulise ububi enyameni yakho, ngokuba ubutsha nobudala bungamampunge.” (ImiZe. 7:9; 11:10). “Ke ngoku kulahlani oku konke: ingqumbo, umsindo, ulunya, ukunyelisa, ukuthetha amanyala kungabikho emlonyeni wenu.” (Kolosa 3:8). Bambi bazama ukuthomalalisa ingqumbo yabo ngokusela okanye ngempindezelo, kodwa,

“Buhlungu benyushu iwayini yabo, yinyongo enobujora yamaramba.” (Dut. 32:33). Impindezelo iyayinandiphisa intliziyo yomoni. Kodwa uThixo ngumphindezeli wethu. UYesu wathi, “Thanda ummelwane wakho njengoko uzithanda ngakho.” Wabuya wathi, “Thanda iintshaba zakho.” UThixo wathembisa ukuxolela izono zethu ukuba siyabaxolela abasonayo thina. Umntu ontshingi-ntshingi uyingqambi phambi koThixo. Inkanuko ekhohlakeleyo yokuphalaza igazi ngemfazwe isentliziyweni yomntu. Kungako ke kufuneka kulawule uxolo lwenene entliziyweni yomntu.

6. Inyoka yamkohlisa uEfa emyezweni waseEden, yaza ngokwenjenjalo yabutshabalalisa ubudlelane nemvisiswano yomntu noThixo. USathana sisithunywa esawayo esihlalweni saso, waza ke waqhutywa likwele lokukhwelezela uAdam noEfa. Wayekhweleta kuba ebona ukuba banikelwe ubukhosi phezu komhlaba, baye behleli ngemvisiswano noThixo. Ngokwenjenjalo bathabatha indawo kaLusifa. USathana ke waceba ukubatshabalalisa ngenxa yekhwele lakhe. Waphumelela ke ekuchitheni imvisiswano nobudlelane noThixo. Kwalona elo khwele nomona entliziyweni yomntu liyakuchita ukonwaba ezintliziyweni zabanye xeshikweni babona abanye bonwabile behleli kamnandi. “Ubukhwele bunje ngelezithunzela ukuba lukhuni.” (Ingoma 8:5). Ikhwele lifaka imicanmango emibi entliziyweni, ukuze litshabalalise ukonwaba kwabanye. Kunjalo nje likhokelela ekubulaleni. Le nto ide icace kakhulu kwezinye izindlu zamadoda nabafazi. Kwimizi yamashishini nakweminye imisebenzi lenza ubunzima nentiyano. Ngokunjalo nabasebenzi abangamaKristu, abangabashumayeli nabafundisi abasindile ekuhlaselweni likhwele. Ngoko ke bayatyapha ukusoloko belindile nokuzaliswa luthando olunyulu lukaThixo. Uthando olugalelwe ezintliziyweni zethu nguMoya oyingcwele. Oku kwenzelwa ukomelezwa kwabo emsebenzini kaThixo, ukuze bangadyobeki ngumoya wekhwele kaMtyholil, xeshikweni uThixo athe wasebenzisa esinye isicaka sakhe ngaphezu kwabo.

7. Isele litya umhlaba laye ke apha lisalatha isono soku-njoluka. “Ukuthanda imali yingcambu yeento zonke ezimbi.”

(1 Tim. 6:10). Amasele athile ngapha eKongo akhe abonwe ebimbiliza amakhulukhulu eembovane ade agqabhuke afe. Umntu onyolukileyo akazimisele ukuvula isandla sakhe ancede amahlwempu nabasweleyo. Suka endaweni yoko azame nangayiphi na indlela elungileyo nengalungileyo ukuziqwebela ubutyebi balo mhlaba. Kanti ke bungenelwa ngumhlwa nenundu bonakale. UYesu ngokwakhe uthi, “Ningaziqwebeli ubutyebi balo mhlaba apho inundu nomhlwa zonakalisayo, nalapho amasele agqobhoza ebe. Kodwa ziqwebeleni indyeb ezulwini, apho kungangeni nundu namhlwa wonakalise, nalapho amasele angenakugqobhoza ebe. Kuba apho ingqwebo yakho ikhona, nentliziyo yakho yoba lapho.” (Mat. 6:19). UAnanias nendlu yakhe batshabalala kuba wayethanda igolide, nesilivere, namatye anqabileyo, nezambatho. (Yoshuwa 7). UYudas Iskariyoti, umfundi kaYesu wazikrwitsha, ngokuba uthando lwemali lwamenza, ukuba ayingcatshe iNkosi noMongameli wakhe. Asiyiyo imali engcolileyo, asiyiyo negolide, kodwa luthando lwemali oluthe nca entliziyweni yomntu. Amawaka-waka amadoda nabafazi endidi zonke nezizwe ayazibhubhisa kunye neentsapho zawo ngenxa yomnqweno wokufuna ubutyebi ngephanyazo. Obu butyebi ke bufunwa ngokwenza amaqashiso ngeemali ezinkulu elugqatsweni lwamahashe, nezinja njalo-njalo. Umnqweno wokutyeba lula ukhokelela ebuseleni, nobugebenqa, nokuzibulala. Uthando lwemali nokunyoluka lunabalingane balo abaninzi abanje ngokuthanda udumo, namandla. Mhlawumbi kungaba ngamandla ombuso ukuze alawule abanye; mhlawumbi amandla obutyebi ukuze acinezele amahlwempu. Mhlawumbi uthanda amandla kwezokholo, esoloko elilisela ngegama lenkonzo ethile endaweni yokuzukisa uThixo. Ubuya agwebe nayiphi na ingcwele ezama ukulandela uKristu, ngaphandle kokuba ingene kuloo nkonzo yakhe (Marko 9:38). UYesu wathi, “Lumkani nizilinde ngasekubaweni; ngokuba ubomi bomntu abumi ngabuninzi bempahla yakhe.” (Luk. 12:15). Nali ibali lesityebi esisiyatha: “Umhlaba womntu othile osityebi wachuma kakhulu. Wayecamanga phakathi kwakhe, esithi, “Ndiya kuthini na, ngokuba andinandawo ndiya kuzihlanganisela kuyo iziqhamo zam? Wathi, Nantsi into endiya kuyenza; ndiya kubawisa phantsi ovimba bam, ndakhe abangaphezulu kwabo; ndiz-

ihlanganisele khona zonke izilimo nezinto zam ezilungileyo. Ndithi kumphefumlo wam, Mphefumlo unezinto ezininzi ezilungileyo ezibekelwe iminyaka eminninzi; phumla, yitya, sela, yiba nemihlali. Uthe ke uThixo kuye, Msweli-kuqonda ngobu busuku umphefumlo wakho uya kubizwa kuwe. Ziya kuba zezikabani na ezo nto uzilungisileyo? Unjalo lowo uziqwebela ubutyebi engenabutyebi kuThixo.” (Luka 12:16-21). “Kuba komncenda ntoni na umntu ukuba uthe walizuzwa ihlabathi liphela, waza wonakalelwa ngumphefumlo wakhe?” (Marko 8:36). “Musani ukubuxhalela ubomi benu, ngokuthi ningatya ntoni na, kwanomzimba ngokuthi ningambagtha ntoni na Ubomi bukhulu kunokutya,, nomzimba kunento yokwambatha. Qondani ngonomyayi aba, ngokuba abahlwayeli, abavuni. Kubo akukho qonga navimba, kanti noko uThixo uyabondla. Nina ke nibekephi na ukuzigqitha iintaka! Nguwuphi na kuni ongathi ngokuxhala ongeze ebukhulwini bakhe ikubite ibe nye? Ukuba ke ngoko aninakho ukwenza neyona nto incinane, yini na ukuba nizixhalele ezinye? Qondani ngeenyibiba ukuhluma kwazo, azibulaleki, azisonti nokusonta; ndithi ke kuni, naye uSolomon kubo bonke ubunewunewu bakhe wayengavathanga nanje nganye yazo ezi. Ukuba ke ingca leyo isendle, ethi namhla ibekho, ize ngomso iphoswe eziko, wenjenjalo uThixo ukuyambesa, wobekaphi na ke kuni, bantundini balukholo luncinane? Nani nize ningafuni ukuthi ningatya ntoni na; nisele ntoni na, kanjalo nize ningathingazi. Ngokuba zonke ezo nto zingxanyelwe ziintlanga zehlabathi, uYihlo ke uyazi ukuba niziswele ezo nto. Funani ubukumkani bukaThixo nina tanci, zaye zonke ezo nto ziya kongezelelwa kuni. Musani ukoyika mhlambi mncinane; ngokuba kukholekile kuYihlo ukuninika ubukumkani. Thengisani ngeempahla zenu, nilize ngazo; zenzeleni ingxowa yemali engagugiyiyo, ubutyebi obungagugiyiyo emazulwini, apho kungasondeliyo sela, kungonakalisiyo nanundu. Kuba apho bukhona ubutyebi benu yoba lapho nentliziyo yenu.” (Luka 12:22-34).

8. USathana, uyise wamaxoki nabo bonke abaxokayo, ufika apha aphembelele ezi ntlobo-ntlobo zezono. Nguye olawula intliziyo. UYesu wathi, “Nina ningaboyihlo uMtyholi, neenk-anuko zoyihlo niyathanda ukuzenza. Yena wayesibulala-mntu

kwasekuqaleni, akemi enyanisweni ngokuba akukho nyaniso kuye. Xa sukuba ethetha ubuxoki, uthetha okukokwakhe; ngokuba ulixoki noyise wawo.” (Yoh. 8:44). Ukuxoka kancinane kuyalingana nokuxoka kakhulu. Bukho ubuxoki obuthethwa ngomlomo, bukho obubhalwayo, bukho obulinganiswayo. Umhanahanisi lixoki kuba ngenyaniso uzenza into angeyiyo. UThixo akanakuxoka—ngokunjalo nomKristu. (Tito 1:2). “Ukuba sithi sinobudlelane naye, sibe sihamba emnyameni, soba siyaxoka asiyenzi inyaniso.” (1 Yoh. 1:6). “Ngaphandle ke zizinja, nabakhafuli, nabenzi bombulo, nababulali, nabakhonzi bezithixo, nabo bonke ababuthandayo ababenzayo ubuxoki. (Isityh. 22:15). UThixo ulithiyile ingqina lubuxoki kwakunye nexoki. (ImiZe. 6:19).

9. Inkwenkwezi yalatha unkwintshana entliziyweni yomntu ngamnye. Apha ke lumnyama, lungcolile lubi, mhlawumbi lufile ngokusoloko lufuthaniselwa zizono. Luyimfama lulahleki-siwe lungabi nakho ukucalula izenzo zalo. Olu nkwintshana lukhohlakeleyo lungathi ngamanye amaxa luzole, maxa wambi ludubeke. Suke ke lukhalaze apho lunge luyekile, luze luyeke apho lunge lukhalazile. Mhlawumbi lungaba lushwabene nje-gento erangulwe yintsimbi lwaza lwaphelelwa yingcamango nemvo ngokushiya ukholo, ngokusabela imimoya elahlekisayo neemfundiso zoMtyholi; luthetha ubuxoki ngokuhanahanisa. (Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 10:22).

10. Iliso lika Thixo libona yonke into eqhubekayo entliziyweni. Akukho nto inokusithela kwiliso lakhe elingumbane. Kungoko ke azaziyo ezibona zonke iimfihlelo zeengcamango neenjongo zentliziyo. (Kulo mfanekiso iliso likwafana nembonakalo yolusu lomntu).

11. Iilwinyana zomlilo ezirawule intliziyo zimele uthando lukaThixo olujikeleze intliziyo enezono. Nakuba uThixo esithiyile isono, uyamthanda umntu, engakuthandi ukufa komoni, kodwa uthanda ukuba aguquke aphile. UYesu weza kusindisa aboni. Likhulu uvuyo ezulwini ngomoni omnye oqukileyo. Ezi lwinyana zibuya zalathe igazi likaJesu Kristu, “IMvana kaThixo esusa isono selizwe.”

12. Isithunywa simele iLizwi likaThixo. UThixo ufuna uku-thetha kwindoda nomfazi osindwa ngumthwalo wezono, ukuze aguquke avulele ukukhanya nothando lukaThixo lungene entliziyweni yakhe.

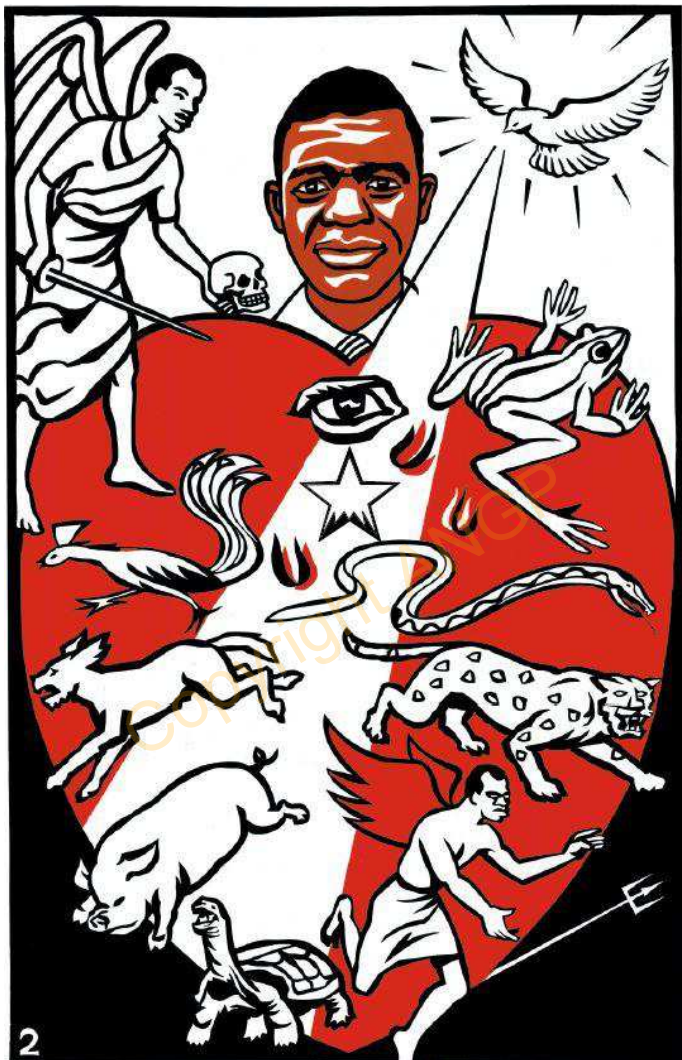
13. Ihobe lingumqondiso woMoya oyingcwele, umoya wenyaniso, omenza umntu asibone isono, nobulungisa, nomgwebo. Apha ke umoya kaThixo ungaphandle kwentliziyo yomntu. Awunakuhlala apho kulawula isono.

Ukuba ngaba umfanekiso wale ntliziyo ungqinelana nento esentliziyweni yakho, khala eNkosini, mvulele intliziyo yakho. Vumela ukukhanya kweLizwi lakhe kukhanyise ngaphakathi. “Kholwa kwiNkosi uYesu Kristu uya kusindiswa.” UThixo uyavuma, ewe, uthembisile ukuyiguqula intliziyo yakho. Uthem-bisile ukukunika intliziyo entsha nomoya omtsha ngaphakathi. Oku ke kubonisiwe kumfanekiso wesibini.

UMFANEKISO WESIBINI

Lo mfanekiso ubonisa intliziyo eguqukayo neqala ukumfuna uThixo. Isithunywa siphethe ikrele eliliLizwi likaThixo. “Kuba ilizwi likaThixo liphilile, lisebenza libukhali ngaphezu kwamakrele onke antlangothi mbini. Lihlaba liphumele lide lahlule umphefumlo kwanomoya, amalungu kwanomongo. Ligweba iingcingane nezicamango zentliziyo. (Heb. 4:12). Ilizwi lika Thixo limkhumbuza ukuba “umvuzo wesono kukufa,” noku-ba “ke kwanjengokuba abantu bemiselwe ukuba bafe kube kanye, ize ke emveni koko ibe ngungwebo.” (Heb. 9:27). Isabelo saboni nabangakhulwayo siya kuba sedikeni lomlilo wesalfure namaty.

Ngesinye isandla isithunywa siphethe ukakayi. Oko kuku-mkhumbuza umoni ukuba sonke simelwe kukufa. Imizimba yethu esiyithanda kunene, siyambesa, siyondle, siyinyamekele ngakho konke, ukuze sanelise iinkanuko neminqweno yayo, iza kufa idleke. Amanundu aya kuyidla, ekubeni imiphefumlo nemimoya iya kuphila ngonaphakade, ize ngamini ithile ime phambi kwesihlalo sokugweba sikaThixo.



INTLIZIYO EGUQUKAYO

Apha ke sibona umoni eqala ukunyamekela udaba lukaThixo. UMoya oyingcwele uyaqala ukukhanyisa entliziyweni emnyama, enesono. Ukhanyiso lukaThixo lungena etempileni ukuze lugxothe bonke ubumnyama. Ekungeneni kokukhanya kukaThixo, ubumnyama buyashenxa. Isono; esimelwe ziintlobo-ntlobo zezilo, siyabaleka. Ngoko ke, mfundi othandekayo, mvumele uYesu okukuKhanya kwehlabathi angene entliziyweni yakho. Ubu mnyama nemisebenzi yobumnyama mabuphume entliziyweni njengoko kuboniswayo kulo mfanekiso. UYesu wathi, “Ndilukhanyiso lwehlabathi, lowo undilandelayo akasayi kuhamba ebumnyameni.” (Yoh. 8:12). Akusayi kuze uphumelele ukugxotha ubumnyama entliziyweni ngemizamo yakho, ngokulumka kwakho, mhlawumbi ngokulumka kwabantu. Inye eyona ndlela ilula, iqinisekileyo, ekhawulezayo nefezekileyo, yeyokuba ungenise ukukhanya, ugxothe ubumnyama obusisono. Inyanga neenkwenkwezi zingathi zisincede ebusuku obumnyama: Kodwa lakuphuma ilanga suka ubumnyama nezikhanyiso ezincinane zithi shwaka. UYesu lilanga lokulunga. Xeshikweni wangena etempileni eYerusalem, wabagxotha ababethengisa ngeenkomo, nezimvu, namahobe, wayiphalaza imali yabananisi, esithi, “Kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Indlu yam kuya kuthiwa yindlu yokuthandaza, ke nina niyenze umqolomba wezihange.” (Mat. 21:13). Intliziyo yakho imiselwe ukuba ibe yindlu kaThixo—itempile kaThixo. Ufuna ukuhlala kuyo, ayicokise, ayizalise ngokukhanya, uthando, novuyo. UYesu akezanga kusixolela izono kodwa koko weza ukuze asikhulule emandleni nolawulo lwesono. “Ukuba uNyana uthe wanikhulula, niya kukhululeka kanye.” (Yoh. 8:36).

UMFANEKISO WESITHATHU

Lo mfanekiso usibonisa isimo sentliziyu yomoni oguquke ngo kwenene. Ngoku uyabubona ubukhulu nokoyikeka kwezono zakhe ezininzi awazifelayo uYesu emnqamlezweni. Akondela umnqamlezo, otyhilwe sisithunywa esiliLizwi likaThixo, usuka uyityumze intliziyo yakhe ezisolayo ngoku. Suka azive enokuzisola kwentliziyu, nobuhlungu obungagthethekiyo ngazono zakhe ezininzi. Suka kaloku alubone uthando olukhulu



INTLIZIYO ETYUMKILEYO EHLANJULULWEYO

lukaThixo olutyhilwe kuYesu Kristu. Olu thando luyayinyibil-
ilkisa intliziyo yakhe, ngokukodwa akuqala ukuqqa okokuba
uYesu Kristu kaThixo weza ukuze asuse izono zakhe ezininzi
okuya wavumayo ukumfela emthini wehlazo.

Inyaniso yokuba uYesu watyakatywa, wathwaliswa isitsaba
sameva, wabethelwa ngezikhonkwane ezibuhlungu ezandle-
ni nasezinyaweni zakhe, efela izono zethu emnqamlezweni,
isuke ngoku icace kanye kumoni oguqukayo. Le nto ke iyayi-
jika intliziyo nobomi bakhe. Ekufundeni kwakhe iLizwi likaTh-
ixo, apho azibona njengoko azibona esibukweni, usuka aqike
ngaphezulu nangaphezulu, umgama awuhambileyo wokush-
enxa kuThixo nokugqitha kwakhe imithetho yakhe. Suka ke
angenelwe lusizi nokuzisola. Athi ke akuyiphalaza intliziyo
yakhe phambi koThixo ngeenyembezi nesikhalo esikrakra,
uYesu asondele kuye. Uthando noxolo lukaThixo lungena
entliziyweni yakhe, akuqala ukuqonda ukuba “igazi likaYesu
Kristu uNyana kaThixo liyasihlambulula ezonweni.” (1 Yoh.
1:7). “Usondele uYehova kwabantliziyo zaphukileyo; abasindise
abamoya utyumkileyo.” (Ndumiso 34:18). Kwakhona iLizwi
likaThixo lithi, “Ndibeka kulo, kolusizana, komoya waphukileyo,
kogubhayo ngelizwi lam.” (Isa. 66:2). UMoya oyiNgcwele um-
sebezela amazwi kaYesu athi, “Nyana (mhlawumbi ntombi),
yomelela; izono zakho zixolelwe.” Ekubeni esakhangele em-
nqamlezweni nasegazini likaYesu elaphalala emnqamlezweni,
ekholwa ukuba oku kwenzelwa yena, usuka aqale ukuqonda
ukuba umthwalo wesono ususiwe. Kuba uYesu uzithabathele
kuye izifo zethu, wathwala iintlung zethu. Nokuba “uhlathywa
ngenxa yezikreko zethu, watyunyuzwa ngenxa yezenzo zethu
ezigwenxa.” Nokuba “ubetho lukuba sibe noxolo beluphezu
kwakhe.” (Isaya 53).

Ukukhanya koMoya oyiNgcwele ngoku kuzalisa intliziyo ebi-
fuda inyama, ingcolile. Kukaloku nje ihlanjiwe yamhlophe
ngegazi likaYesu. (Isaya 1:18). UMoya Oyingcwele uyangqina
emoyeni wakhe ukuka uxolelwe, waza ngofefe waba ngumnt-
wana kaThixo. (Roma 8:16).

Ngoku uyaqiniseka ukuba “lowo ukholwayo kuYesu akasayi-

kutshabalala, wodla ubomi obungunaphakade.” (funda 1 Kor. 6:10,11). Kuba kuYesu “esinayo sikuye inkululeko ngokuhlawulelwa ngegazi lakhe, ukuxolelwa ke kweziphoso zethu, ngokobutyebi bobabalo lwakhe.” (Efeso 1:7). Iinkanuko zenyama zishenxiswa ngumnqweno onzulu wokuphila ngobuThixo nokumkhonza “Lowo wasithanda tanci.” Endaweni yokuthanda ilizwe nezinto zalo, uthanda uThixo nezinto zakhe.

Kulo mfanekiso ke sifumana izilo ezingumqondiso wesono zingaphandle kwentliziyo yakhe. Noko ke uSathana akancami ukuyishiya indlu yakhe. Umana ekhangela ngasemva ngokuthemba ukufumana ithuba lokubuya angene. Yiyo loo nto iNkosi uYesu wasiyalayo ukuba silinde sithandaze; nokuba simvalele uMtyholi ukuze emke kuthi.

UMFANEKISO WESINE

Lo mfanekiso uthetha ngomKristu ofumene uxolo nenkululeko kanye ngenxa yedini leNkosi noMsindisi uYesu Kristu. “Mandingakhe ndiqhayise nganto, ingenguwo umnqamlezo weNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, ekuthe ngaye ihlabathi kum labethelwa emnqamlezweni, ndathi nam kwihlabathi ndabethelwa emnqamlezweni.” (Gal. 6:14). “Owathi ngokwakhe izono zethu wazithwala ngomzimba wakhe emthini, ukuze sithi, sifile ngakwizono, siphilele ebulungiseni.” (1 Pet. 2:24). UmKristu othe kulo ihlabathi wabethelwa emnqamlezweni. “Ke kaloku ndithi hambani ngokoMoya, naningasayi kuthi ke niyizalise inkanuko yenyama.” (Gal. 5:16,25).

Kulo mfanekiso wentliziyo kukho isiboniso sentsika leyo bayibophelela kuyo iNkosi uYesu bakuba beyihlubile iingubo zayo. Iinziniya ziyabonakala kwakunye neetambo zokuthuthumbisa abathi ke bamtyabula ngazo kakubi, ngokuba “ubetho lokuba sibe noxolo beluphezu kwakhe.” Wabethelwa ngenxa yezono zethu. UHerode nerola lakhe ladlala ngaye. Bathi bakukhov’ukumtyabula bamthi wambu ngengubo ebomvu. Bathi bakuba baluke isitsaba sameva basithi hlo entloko yakhe, endaweni yokuba bamvathise ngesitsaba segolide. Bamfumbathisa ingcongolo esandleni sakhe sokunene, enda-

Sibethelwe kunye
naye nje, ma
singakhonzi
sono.

Lowo ufileyo
ukhululwe
esonweni.
Ufile ngakwisono
uphile kuThixo
ngaye uYesu
Kristu.



INTLIZIYO EZINIKELEYO

weni yomsesane wobukhosi. Suka ke bawa phambi kwakhe behlekisa ngaye, besithi, “Aa Kumkani wamaYuda!” Bamshicela, babuya bayithabatha ingcongolo bambetha ngayo entloko. Emveni kokuba behlekisa ngaye ngale ndlela iziintloni nekhohlakeleyo, benjenjeya naye ke ukuya kumbethela emnqamlezweni.

Maninzi amaKristu athandaza ezicaweni, asondele esithebeni seNkosi, avume iingoma zikaThixo, kanti ngezenzo zawo asoloko embethela uMsindisi wawo mihla le. “Asingabo bonke abathi kum, Nkosi, Nkosi abaya kungena ebukumkanini bamazulu; ngulowo uyenzayo intando kaBawo.” (Mat. 21:27).

Kulo mfanekiso sibuya sifumane ingxowa yemali kuYudas Iskariyoti owangcatsha iNkosi uYesu wayithengisa ngamaqhosha esilivere amashumi mathathu. Ngokuba uthando lwe-mali lwayithimba intliziyo yakhe, lwayimfamekisa ingqondo yakhe. Isibane nemixokelelwano njalo-njalo ziinto ezasetyenziswa ngamabutho awambambayo uYesu ngobusuku. Amabutho enza amaqashiso ngamacwecwe ngeengubo zakhe. Ngale ndlela azalisekisa isiprofeto sokuthi, “Babelana ngeengubo zam, isambatho sam basenzela amaqashiso.” (Ndumiso 22:18). Bamphanga konke uYesu, kodwa yena bamlahla besithi, “Asifuni kulawulwa ngulo mntu.” Uluntu olu luyafuna ukwamkela zonke iintsikelelo ezivela kuThixo. Luyayifuna imvula, lulifuna nelanga, kodwa alufuni kuzinikela elulawulweni lukaThixo. Kubantu abaninzi uThixo ufuneka xeshikweni kukho iinkathazo nokuphelelwa. Amabutho amhlaba ngentshuntshe ecaleni nasentliziyweni, “kwaza kwaphuma igazi namanzi.” (Yoh. 19:33-37). Ingekalili inkuku uPetros wasel’ emkhanyele kathathu phambi kwentwazana,, kodwa kamva waguquka ngeenyembezi ezikrakra.

Uyamvuma na uYesu ngokuthetha nangokwenza? Okanye uneetloni na ukwenjenjalo phambi kwabantu? “Wonke umntu ngoko oya kundivuma phambi kwabantu, ndiya kumvuma nam phambi koBawo osemazulwini. Osukuba ke eya kundikhanyela phambi kwabantu ndiya kukhanyela nam phambi koBawo osemazulwini.” (Mat. 10:32,33). UYesu wabuya wathi,

“Nongawuthabathiyo umnqamlezo wakhe alandlele emva kwam, akandifanele mna.” (Mat. 10:38). Banenyhweba abo bem i kwiliwa eling uYesu Kristu:

“Wakrazulwa ngenxa yami,
Liwa laphakade,
Kuze ndizifihle kuwe.
Amanzi negazi,
Elaphalala ecaleni lakho
Makahlambe isono.
Mandihlanjululwe.
Etyaleni namandla aso.”

UMFANEKISO WESIHLANU

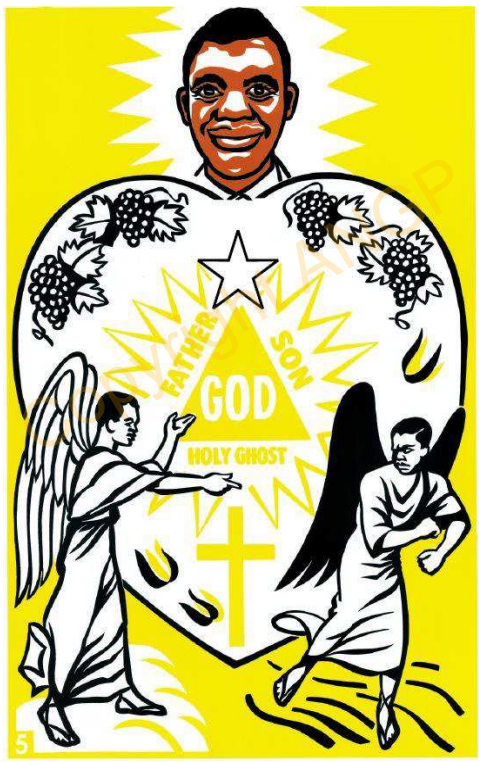
Lo mfanekiso ubonisa intliziyo yomoni ecokisiweyo yangcwaliswa, yasindiswa lufefe nenceba kaThixo engenambaliso. Ngoku iyitempele kaThixo uYise, noNyana, noMoya oyiNgcwele ngokwesithembiso sikaYesu Kristu sokuthi, “Ukuba umntu uyandithanda woligcina ilizwi lam; wothi uBawo amthande, size kuye sihlale naye.” (Yoh. 14:23). UThixo uyamzukisa amsekelele amphakamise umntu ngoYesu Kristu. (Luka 1:52).

Intliziyo ngoku iyitempile kaThixo ngenene. Isono sigxothiwe. Endaweni yeziiwanyana eziphethwe nguSatana, uyise wobuxoki, sibona uMoya oyiNgcwele, uMoya weNyaniso uhleli entliziyweni. Ekubeni intliziyo ibiyindawo enyelekileyo yenyama, isuke ngoku yangumthi nomyezo omhle oxakatha iziqhamo. Ivelisa iziqhamo zoMoya ezinje ngothando, uvuyo, uxolo, into-beko, ukuzeka-kade-umsindo, ubulali, ukulunga, ukholo, ululamo ubungcathu, nezinye inzito ezimkholisayo uThixo nabantu. Ngoku ulisebe eliqhamayo loMdiliya weNyaniso iNkosi uYesu Kristu. Imfihlelo yezi ziqhamo kukumila kuYesu Kristu. UKristu namazwi akhe ahleli kuye, (Yoh. 15:1-10). Ekubeni ezaliswe waphhlelelwa nguMoya Oyingcwele, unmandla okuyoyisa inyama neenkanuko zayo, abubethele ubuntu obudala. Ngamandla oMoya oyiNgcwele unakho ukuhamba ngokoMoya, kungekuko okwenyama. Akasaphili ngakubonayo nakuvayo,

Intobeko, uvuyo
unyamezelo,
ubulali.

Ukholo, ukulunga
ukululama,
ubungcathu,
ubungcwele.

Yise, Nyana,
Moya oyiNgcwele.



ITEMPILE KATHIXO

kodwa uphila ngokholo. Kuba ukholo kuye uYesu Kristu lu-loyiso olukhahlela ihlabathi. Uphila ngethemba eliqinisekileyo, waye esomelezwa lithemba eliqinisekileyo lokubuya kweNkosi uYesu Kristu msinyane. Uphila ngothando lukaThixo, olumi ngonaphakade.

“Banenyhweba abanyulu ngentliziyo, kuba baya kumbona uThixo bona.” (Mat. 5:8). Kubo bonke ubutyebi nokoyisa kwakhe iintshaba zangaphandle, ukumkani uDavide wayesazi ukuba ikho imfazwe enkulu eliwayo entliziyweni yakhe, eyiqonda into efuneka ngaphakathi waza wathandaza esithi, “Dala intliziyo enyulu ngaphakathi kwam, Yehova, uhlaziye umoya oqinisekileyo ngaphakathi kwam.” (Ndumiso 51:10).

Akukho mntu ungazihlamba intliziyo, mhlawumbi adale intliziyo entsha ngaphakathi kwakhe, ngaphandle kokuba aguquke ngokwenene eze kuThixo, njengoko uDavide wenza ngako, amcele uThixo ukuba adale intliziyo entsha ngaphakathi kwakhe. UThixo ungxamele ukwenza into entsha ebomini bakho. Ukuzama kwakho ukubekela amadlavu akrazukileyo eengubo zobulungisa bakho, uwabekela ngamampunge ezithembiso nezibhambathiso, akusayi kuyenza intliziyo yakho ifaneleke ukuhlala uThixo. Yena usoloko ekulungele ukukunceda. Kuba nguye owathembisa ngokuthi, “Ndinitshize ngamanzi amhlophe, nohlambuluka; ndinihlambulule kubunqambi benu bonke, nakwizigodo zenu zonke. Ndininike intliziyo entsha, ndininike umoya omtsha ongaphakathi kwenu. Ndiyisuse intliziyo elilitye enyameni yenu, ndininike intliziyo eyinyama. Ndiwufake umoya wam ngaphakathi kwenu, ndinenze nihambe ngemimiselo yam, niwagcine amasiko am niwenze.” (Hez. 36:25-27). UMNqophiso Omtsha uthetha le nto: athe uThixo wayitywina ngegazi loNyana wakhe uYesu Kristu.

Kulo mfanekiso sibuya siphawule isithunywa sibuya sibonakala: Izithunywa zimiselwe ukulungiselela abo abaya kubudla ilifa ubomi obungunaphakade, zaye zihlala zibarawule abamoyikayo yena. (Ndum. 34:7; 18:10; Izenzo 5:19; 12:7-10). UMyholi ubonakala kulo mfanekiso emi kufuphi nentliziyo, ngathi ukhangelana ithuba lokubuyela endlwini yakhe yokuqala. Kun-

goko ke sicetyiswa ukuba silinde sithandaze, kuba “utshaba lwethu, uMtyholi, uhamba-hamba njengengonyama egqumayo, efuna lowo angamqwengayo.” (1 Pet. 5:8). Futhi-futhi uzenza isithunywa sokukhanya, ekhohlisa iingcwele ezingahlalanga ekulindeneni ngeenkanuko zalo mhlaba. Xa limbi ude alahlekise nabanyulwa ngobuchule bakhe. Noko ke ukuba siyamlwa uMtyholi uya kusaba kuthi. (Yakobi 4:7).

UMFANEKISO WESITHANDATHU

Lo ngumfanekiso olusizi womkreji. Elinye iliso liyaqala ukucimela. Loo nto yalatha ukuba uyaqala ukuphola noko-zela ebukristwini bakhe, kanti elinye iliso liyabheka-bheka ezithandekisa elizweni. Ukukhanya kwangaphakathi kufiphele. Imiqondiso esentliziweni yakhe, ebonisa ukuba ukulungele ukubandezeleka noKristu inciphile ingasagqibelele. Uphalwe zizilingo amana ukuzivumela kancinane endaweni yokuzichasa. Endaweni yokuba aphulaphule ilizwi likaThixo, uyaqala ngoku ukuphulaphula izinto ezithethwa ngumhedi nezithembizo ezingamampunge. Noxa angaba usazihamba iinkonzo, efihla izinto zakhe zelizwe ngengubo yokholo, uthando lukaThixo selubanda entliziweni yakhe. Ngoku ungunxa-zonke ombaxa. Uyaqala kaloku ukulingqaka ilizwe, kodwa esazenza omthandayo uThixo. Inkwenkwezi esentliziweni yakhe elunkwitshana iyafiphala. Umnqamlezo akasawuthwali ngemihlali, kukaloku umnqamlezo usuke wangumthwalo onzima ongasanqweneleki nganto. Luyaqala ukholo lwakhe luyaxenga-xenga kaloku. Kukaloku nje akasadlelani noThixo ngomthandazo. Suka ke abe litshijolo elingakhathalele simo santliziyo yalo. Suka kaloku kancinane amvulele indawo umhendi othe nca ngaphandle kwentliziyo yakhe. Uthanda iziyunguma zelizwe ngaphezu kokudlelana nabakholwayo ngenene.

Umoya wempangele owalatha ikratshi, uqale ufune isango lokungena. Mhlawumbi sel' elibele ukuba wasindiswa ngobabalo kuphela, suka ke abe ngumKristu onesindandani. Ubunxila bunkqonkqoza emnyango, bufuna ukungena. Kwesi sithuba solu nkqonkqozo mhlawumbi uphakathi kweqela lezihlobo zakhe zelizwe kwitheko elithile. Ke ngoku uneentloni



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ukuba acingelwe ukuba ulinxaxha netholo-tholo elingaqhelekiyo. Apho ke uMtyholi umxelela ukuthi esi sihlandlo sinye asisayi kumenzakalisa kwathini ebomini bakhe basemoyeni. Suka ke ingcamango neenkanuko zenyama zivuke phantsi. Mhlawumbi aqale angene ezincokweni ezisecaleni. Suka kaloku angadinwa ukukhangela imifanekiso esingelwe phantsi ethabathekile. Aqale kaloku angene kwabo bazimo zikrazukileyo. Aqale kaloku abe ngumntu wamabhotwe okuxhentsa asemLungwini, nezinto zokuzonwabisa ezingaqondakaliyo. Suka kaloku abaze iindlebe kwiintetho ezikhohlakeleyo zikaMtyholi emxelela ukuba oku kuyimveli asinto itheni, nokuba isonwana esinye asisono.

Ngenene asinakho ukuzinceda iintaka zenkohlakalo nokungcola xeshikweni ziphapha phezu kweentloko zethu, kodwa sinetyala sakuzivumela ukuba zichophe phezu kwethu, zakhe izindlu zazo ezintliziyweni zethu, zide ziqandusele izenzo zazo ezikhohlakeleyo. Ukuba uMtyholi simnika ucikicane, akuthandabuzeki ukuba uya kusithi xhamfu sonke isandla aqweqwedise umphefumlo nomoya uye kutsho esihogweni. Yiyo ke loo nto uThixo asiyala nzima ukuba sizibaleke iinkanuko zobutsha singadlali nesono, nokuba silingwa ngaluphi na uhlobo. Balekela kuYesu uMhlanguli neMbalara.

Lo mntu nimbona emfanekisweni ehlaba intliziyo ngekrele walatha abagxeki nabachasi bobuKristu. Ngeelwimi nemilomo yabo bahlaba bangxwelere iintliziyo zamaKristu. Intliziyo embaxa ayinakho ukumelana nokuhlasela kwabo. Suka ngoku oyike abantu ngaphezu koThixo. Suka ke athi ngokoyika into eya kuthethwa neya kwenziwa ngabantu, abe likhoboka labantu, atenxe kuThixo. Suka ingqumbo nomsindo zizibonakallise ngexesha leenkathazo nokudaniswa, zithi dyulukudu zingene. Laa nyoka ikhohlakeleyo yekhwele, ebonakala xeshikweni abanye benempumelelo bebheka phambili ngaphezu kwakho, yorubuluza ingene ungaqondanga. Ukuba uthe wayinika ithutyana nje, iya kuvulela ikratshi nentiyo ucango.

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Kulula ukuba uthando lwemali lunyebelezele ezintliziyweni zethu, ngaphandle kokuba sinonelele iziyalo zeNkosi uYesu xa athi, “Lindani ke ngoko nithandaze ukuze ningangeni ekulingweni.” (Mat. 26:41). “Ngoko ke oba umi makalumke angawi.” (1 Kor 10:12). “Xhobani sonke isikrweqe sikaThixo, ukuze nibe nakho ukumisa nibuchase ubuqhinga boMtyholi.” (Efeso 6:11-18).

UMFANEKISO WESIXHENXE

Lo mfanekiso utyhila imeko yentliziyo ekreqileyo yomntu. Emva kokuba ekhanyiselwa waza wasingcamla isipho sezulu, waza wabelwa isipho soMoya oyiNgcwele, uwile. Lo mfanekiso ubuya ubonise isimo somntu ongazanga aguquke nongazanga azinikele kuThixo. Enjalo nje soloko eshunyayezwa inyaniso yeVangeli ekuthiwa ziiNdaba ezilungileyo ityhilwa kuye. Umntu oyenza lukhini intliziyo yakhe xeshikweni uThixo ambonisayo, uya kusuka anzonze ngokunzonza eli xa azama imigudu yokuzibumba engamncedi nto.

INTLIZIYO EKREQILEYO

Ngokusingisele kumkreji, uYesu ngokwakhe wayicacisa into ayiyo okuya wathi, “Xa umoya ongolileyo uthe waphuma, emntwini, ucanda eendaweni ezingenamanzi, ufuna ukuphumla, uze wakuba ungakufumani, usuke uthi, ‘Ndiya kubuyela endlwini yam endaphuma kuyo.’ Uthi wakufika uyifumane itshayelwe ivathisiwe. Wandule ke ukuya kuthabatha abanye omoya abasixhenxe abangcolileyo kunawo, bangene ke bahlale khona, lize ke ikamva laloo mntu libe libi kunesiqalo.” (Luka 11:24-26). “Bahlelwe ke ngokomlinganiselo oyinene othi: Inja ibuyele emhlanzweni wayo, nehangukazi eyahlanjwayo iye ekuzityikatyikeni eludakeni.” (2 Pet. 2:22).

Ezi ziBhalo ziyichaza kakuhle intliziyo yomkreji okanye yomoni ongaguqukanga. Isono nenkohliso yaso yonke size kuhlala silawule intliziyo. Kanti kuyaphawuleka ukuba nobuso



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obu bakhe butyhila isimo sentliziyo. Suka ke kubonakale ukuba uMoya oyiNgwele, elo hobe lithambileyo, unyanzelekile ukuba umke. Kungenkankulu ukuba intliziyo ibe yitempile kaThixo ize kwayona ibe ngumqolomba kaSatana. Isithunywa esiliLizwi likaThixo simka ngosizi, sisakhangelana ngasemva, sisenethemba lokuba lowo angabuya aguquke njengonyana wolahleko, obenqwenela ke ukuzalisa isisu sakhe ngeengxam ezabe zityiwa ziihangu; bekungekho mntu umphayo. Ke kaloku ukuba nokuziqonda wathi, “Ndiya kusuka ndiye kubawo, ndithi kuye, Bawo ndonile kulo izulu nasemehiweni akho. Andisafanele kubizwa ngonyana wakho.” (Luke 15:18). Uthe uyise akumbona unyana wakhe ozisolayo, wamxolela wambuyisela.

Kodwa ke kulo mntu ukulo mfanekiso, akukho nto ibonisa inguquko yenene. Akukho kuguqukela kuThixo, nakufuna luxolo ezinyaweni zikaYesu. Suka kubonakale ngathi unkwintshana lwakhe lurangulwe ngentsimbi eshushu lwabulawa. Uneendlebe kodwa akanakuliva ilizwi likaYesu limbongoza. Unamehlo kanti akanakho ukubona umhadi onzulu wesihogo ukhamisile ezinyaweni zakhe. Akasenazintloni ukuzingisa ezonweni zakhe. USathana uze kulawula entliziyweni yakhe, ehleli njengokumkani esihlalweni sake. Kungenzeka ukuba usazigasa ngembonakalo yangaphandle endilekileyo. Mhlawumbi usenembonakalo yobukholwa, njengengcwaba eliqatyiweyo, “kodwa ngaphakathi bubugoxo bamathambo abantu abafileyo nako konke ukungcola.” (Mat. 23:27).

Uyise wobuxoki uhleli endaweni yoMoya weNyaniso. Isilo ngasinye esimele isono ngasinye sipelekwe yidemoni ethile nomoya ongolileyo ohleli entliziyweni. Nakuba engathanda ukuzikhulula kwaba bathuthumbisi basimo siphantsi, bamgcine ngokumbophelela. “Umntu obegiba okaMosisi umthetho, ubebulawa kungekho taru, ngezwi lamangqina amabini nokuba mathathu. Niba wobekaphi na ke ukufanelwa kukubethwa okubi ngakumbi lo umnyathele phantsi uNyana kaThixo, walibalela ekuthini liyinqambi igazi lomnqophiso athe wangcwaliswa ngalo, wangxeka uMoya wobabalo?” (Heb. 10:28; 2 Pet. 2:1-14).

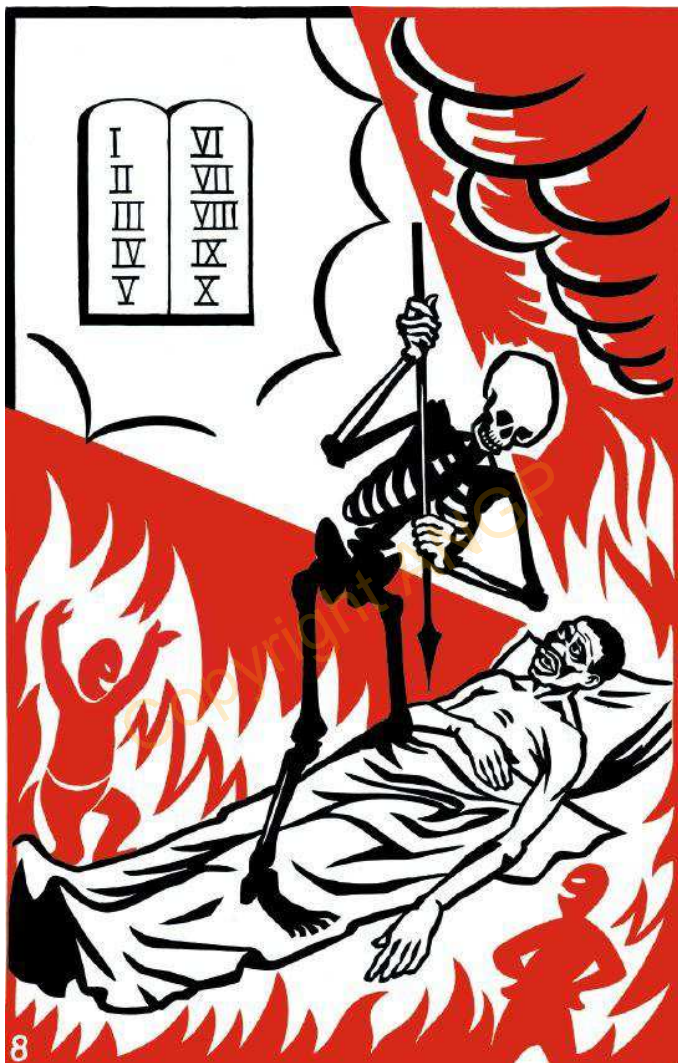
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Ukuba lo mfanekiso ungqinelana nesimo sentliziyo yakho sihlobo esithandekayo, khala kuThixo ngaphandle kokulibazisa, usukela ezantsi entliziyweni yakho. “Unakho ukusindisa nakangakanani na.” Unakho evuma ukuzixolela zonke izono, ukuba uthe weza ngomoya wenguquko yenene. Unakho ukumbophelela uMtyholi ndawonye nemikhosi yakhe yobumnyama, ayilahlele ngaphandle kwentliziyo yakho, ukuba uyavuma kuphela ukuba makenjenjalo. Yiza njengoneqhenqa oweza kuYesu wathi, “Ukuba uyathanda, ungandihlambulula.” UYesu waphendula wathi, “Ndiyathanda; hlambuluka.” (Marko 1:40,41). Kodwa ukuba uyakuzingisa ukuyenza lukhuni intliziyo yakho, uthande ubumnyama kunokhanyo, akukho themba kungekho naluncedo. Kuba kaloku nguwe ozinyulele ukufa endaweni yobom, “ukuba umvuzo wesono kukufa.” (Roma 6:23).

UMFANEKISO WESIBHOZO

Apha sifumana umoni ozibambezeleyo ekwangumkreqi esondela ekufeni. Umzimba wakhe ungaba uneentlungu, nomphefumlo wakhe uzele luloyiko. Ukufa (loo mathambo uwabonayo) kumfikele engakulindele nangexesha abengalifuni. Kaloku imihlali yeenkohliso zesono idlule, nenyano eyoyikekayo yomvuzo omkhulu wesono uza kudibana nawo. Iintlungu ezingathethekiyo zesihogo ziphathelele kuye. Nakuba ngoku ephongomele ukuthandaza, usuka afumane ukuba akanandlela yokudibana noThixo oluthando walucekisoyo kudala. Izihlobo zakhe ziyoyika ukusondela ngasesililini sakhe, namazwi angamampunge akanakumnceda ngoku. Ubutyebi abuqwebe mhlawumbi ngendlela engeyiyo abunakho ukumolulela ubomi, nakusindisa bomi bakhe, nakuthomamalisa iintlungu zakhe. Suka kaloku afumane engenakho ukuzimisela kuThixo, ngokuba uMtyholi akamniki thuba lokwenjenjalo.

Nto yonke abeyithanda ekuphileni kwakhe, suka ngathi iyamhleka, nogxa wakhe ongakholekanga mhlawumbi engaguqukanga akanakho ukumnceda. Suka kaloku kuse kuye ukuba



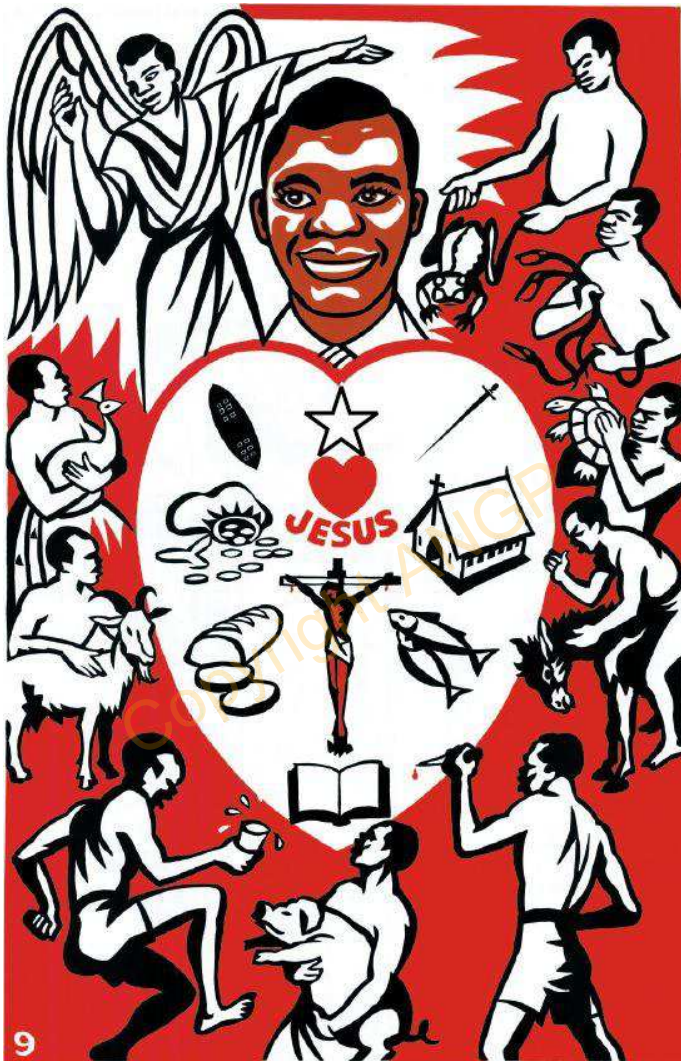
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“kuyoyikeka ke ukuwela ezandleni zoThixo ophilileyo.” (Heb. 10:31). Wayethembe ukuba wolilungisa ityala lakhe kuThixo ngamini ithile eya kumlungela, mhlawumbi elukhukweni lwakhe lokufa. Ngoku ke ufumanisa ukuba selidlulile ixesha. Amawaka abantu afa ngebhaqo, engafumananga thuba lakufumana Thixo ezinkukweni zokufa. Kuyimfuneko ke ngoko ukumfuna uThixo xeshikweni asenokufunyanwa. Endaweni yokuba eve amazwi ammandi asindisayo kaThixo, suka lo moni ubhubhayo, owalahla ufefe lukaThixo ngexa lokuphila kwakhe, ngoku eve izwi lomgwebi, endaweni yelizwi loMsindisi wakhe, lisithi, “Mka kum, wena uqalekisiweyo, uye emlilweni waphakade, olungiselelwe uMtyholi nezithunyuwa zakhe.” (Mat. 25:41). “Ke kwanje ngokuba abantu bemiselwe ukuba bafe kube kanye, ize ke emveni koko ibe ngumgwebo.” (Heb. 9:27).

UMFANEKISO WESITHOBA

Lo mfanekiso ubonisa umKristu enyamezela esoyisa phakathi kwezilingo nezihendo ezishushu. Nakuba elingwa ngeenxa zonke, usuka athi ngo anyamezele kude kube sekupheleni egqithisele ukoyisa ngaye uYesu Kristu. Akathanga angene elugqatsweni lobuKristu kodwa, koko ulubaleke ngomonde nyameko. Akabheki ngasekhohlo nangasekunene, koko “kuYesu imbangi nomgqibelelisi wokholo lwethu.” (Heb. 12:1,2).

USathana nomkhosi wakhe uphela uyayirawula intliziyo, elinga kodwa engaphumeleli ukulahlekisa umntwana kaThixo. Ikratshi, uthando lwemali, unomgogwana wokungacoceki, nentaphane yezinye izono zibonisiwe. Endaweni yengwe sifika ngoku sibone undlebe-nde, kuba kaloku isono siza kuthi ngalumbi uhlobo, sizifihle ngangubo nagama limbi. Kodwa umKristu olindayo uyasibhaqa isono nokuba side size ngen-gubo yokholo, nokuba siza njengesithunyuwa sokhanyo. Kuba ilizwi likaThixo noMoya weNyaniso umkhokelela kuyo inyaniso. Ngaphandle kwezilwanyana ezi, uya kubona umntu exhentsa, kwesinye isandla ethe qhiwu indebe yewayini ukuze alinge umKristu ngeziyolo zalo mhlaba. Noko kunjalo ke, ayinamandla kumKristu ongcwalisiweyo, ethe nje wafa esonweni nomhlaba kunye noKristu. Umntu wesibini oboniswa kulo



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mfanekiso, ugwaza umKristu ngekrele. Ukuthetha kakubi, ukukreya, ukuhlekisa, nezisongelo eziphuma kwiintshaba zikaThixo, zikhohlisa nokuphuma kwabo kuthiwa kambe ngabakhohlwayo, zosoloko ziyihlaba intliziyo yekholwa lenene. Kodwa ke ufile ngakwinto ethethwa ngabantu, kuphela ukhathalele oko kuthethwa nguThixo. Ukhumbula amazwi kaYesu okuthi, “Ninenyhweba nina xeshikweni abantu beya kuningcikiva benitshutshisa, baze bathethe zonke izinto ezimbi ngani bexoka, ngenxa yam. Gcobani nimemelele, kuba mkhulu umvuzo wenu emazulwini.” (Mat. 5:11,12). Isono, inyama, (oko kukuthi isiqu sakho) noMtyholi zisoloko zilinga ngako konke ukwahlula umKristu eluthandweni lukaThixo. Kodwa ngovuyo olukhulu usuka eme ngenyaniso enkulu ethi, “Ngubani na oya kusahlula eluthandweni lukaKristu? Yimbandezelo na, luxinaniso na, yintshutshiso na, yindlala naë bubuze na, yingozi na, likrele na?” (Roma 8:35). “Kanti ke kwezo zinto zonke sisuke soyise sigqithisele ngaye owasithandayo.” (Roma 8:37). Ekubeni ke wambatha isikrweqe sikaThixo, unakho ukumelana nemini yobubi, azoyise zonke izilingo ngaye uYesu Kristu owazoyisayo zonke iinkathazo, nezilingo, ukuze sithi ngaye sibe nakho ukwamkela isitsaba sozuko.

Inkwenkwezi elunkwintshana lwakhe icacile iqaqambile. Intliziyo yakhe izele lukholo, yabuya yazaliswa nguMoya oyiNgcwele. Isithunywa esimi phezu kwakhe siliLizwi likaThixo, simkhumbuza izithembiso ezinqabileyo, ezenziwa kwabo boyisayo banyamezele kude kube sekupheleni. “Lowo weyisayo ndiya kumnika kumthi wobomi ophakathi komyezo kaThixo. Lowo weyisayo akayi kukhe oniwe kukufa kwesibini. Lowo weyisayo ndiya kumnika ukuba atye kuyo imana efihlakeleyo, ndimnike ilitye elimhlophe, elityeni apho ke igama elitsha libhaliwe ngokuthi, “Lowo weyisayo, lowo uyigcinayo imisebenzi yam, ade ase ekupheleni, ndomnika igunya phezu kwazo iintlanga.”

“Lowo weyisayo uya kuthiwa wambu ngeengubo ezimhlope; andisayi kulicima igama lakhe encwadini yobomi; ndiya kulivuma igama lakhe emehlweni kaBawo, naphambi kwezithunywa zakhe zasezulwini.” “Lowo weyisayo ndiya kumenza in-

tsika etempileni yoThixo wam, akayi kuba saphuma phandle.” Lowo weyisayo, ndiya kumvumela ukuba ahlale nam esihlalweni sam, njengokuba nam ndeyisayo, ndaza ndahlala phantsi koBawo esihlalweni sakhe.” (Isityh. 2:7,11,16; 3:5,12,21).

Ingxowa yemali evuliweyo ibonisa ukuba asiyntliziyi yakhe kuphela, koko nemali yakhe uyinikele emsebenzini kaThixo. Endaweni yokudlala ngempahla yakhe yasemhlabeni, unceda amahlwempu, enikela izishumi zakhe, (isahlulo seshumi kwingeniselo yakhe) kwakunye neminikelo, mhlawumbi konke anakho kuThixo; esebenzisa yonke into yakhe ukuze kuzukiswe uThixo.

Iqhekeza lesonka nentlanzi lixela ukuba uphila ubomi obumsulwa ekwa yingcathu. Akazingcolisi ngeziselo ezinxilisayo mhlawumbi ngobubende, mhlawumbi into ekrwitshiweyo, noku-ba kokuphi na ukutya okumdaka. Akadlali ngemali yakhe, engawungcolisi umzimba wakhe (oyitempile kaThixo) ngokuhlafuna nokutshaya icuba, nangaluphi na uhlobo. Akasebenzisi maqwili namayeza anengozi, koko utya ukutya okuhlwabisayo kumsulwa kunesondlo. Intliziyi yakhe iyindlu yomthandazo. linkonzo uzihamba gqolo ngentobeko, nokuba izulu linjani na, nokuba kutheni na. Uyawuthanda umthandazo, nokuba kusendlwini yomthandazo, nokuba kusendlwini yakhe, nokuba kusengontsini yakhe. Kaloku uyazi ukuba umKristu akanakho ukuphumelela ngaphandle kokudlelana noThixo ngomthandazo.

Incwadi evuliweyo yalatha ukuthi isiBhalo siyinto evulekileyo kuye. Uyasifunda asiphengulule yonke imihla. Ngokwenjalo ufumana ubulumko namandla, ubomi nokukhanya, ewe, kwanobutyebi kuso. Sisibane seenyawo zakhe, nekrele oyisa ngalo utshaba. Sisonka semihla ngemihla somphfumlo wakhe. Amanzi akunxanwa, iqula lokuzihlamba, nesibono apho angazibona khona.

Uyathanda ukuthwala umnqamlezo, kuba esazi ukuba akukho sitsaba ngaphandle komnqamlezo. Ekubeni esazi nje ukuba uvukele ebomini obutsha kunye noKristu, ufuna izinto zan-

gaphezulu, izinto ezingabonwayo. Uzilungiselele ukuhlangabeza uThixo, ufana nomthi otyalwe ngasemlanjeni, onika iziqhamo ngexesha lazo. Njengesebe loMdiliya weNyaniso unika isiqhamo esininzi. Akakoyiki nganto ukufa. Kaloku intliziyo yakhe izaliswe nguMoya oyiNgcwele, nothando lukaThixo olufezekileyo.

UMFANEKISO WESHUMI

UYesu wathi, “Ndim uvuko, ndim ubom: lowo ukholwayo kum nokuba ubethe wafa, wodla ubom. Bonke abadla ubom bekholwa kum, abasayi kufa naphakade.” (Yoh. 11:25,26). “Lowo ulivayo ilizwi lam akholwe kuLowo wandithumayo, unobom obungunaphakade, akezi ekugwetyweni uphume ekufeni, wangena ebomini.” (Yoh. 5:24). Ukufa akunasothuso nantlungu kumKristu. “Ukufa kufincelwe eloyisweni. Luphi na kufa ulwavila lwakho? Luphi na ngcwaba uloyiso lwakho? Makubulelwe kuThixo osinikayo uloyiso olo ngayo iNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu.” (1 Kor. 15:54-57).

Umntu obehla ehamba noThixo akakoyiki ukufa. Lakufika ixesha lokunduluka kwakhe, uhamba ngovuyo njengoko umpostile uPawulus esithi, “Ndinawo umnqweno wokunga ndingaduluka ndiye kuba noKristu; kuba kukhona kulungileyo kakhulu oko.” (Filipu 1:23).

UmKristu ulangazelela ukubona ubuso bukaYesu, owamfelayo wamkhulula emnqamlezweni. Umoya oyiNgcwele ubuya umkhumbuze ngamazwi kaYesu athi, “Intliziyo yenu mayingakat hazeki; kholwani kuThixo nikholwe nakum. Endlwini kaBawo zininzi iindawo zokuhlala. Ndiya kubuya ndize ndinamkelele kum ngokwam; ukuze apho ndikhona mna, nibe khona nani.” (Yoh. 14:14). “Izinto ezingabonwanga liso, nezingaviwanga ndlebe, nezingathanga qatha entliziyweni yomntu, zizo uThixo awazilungiselela abo bamthandayo.” (1 Kor. 2:9). Akukho lulwimi lufezekileyo apha emhlabeni, angathi ngalo umntu achaze ubungcwaliswa beendawo zaphezulu, ezilungiselelwe abo bahamba emkhondweni weNkosi uYesu Kristu bese-lapha emhlabeni. Endaweni yobugoxo bamathambo (ukufa)



kubonwa isithunywa sikaThixo kulo mfanekiso wokugqibela. Silindele ukuthwala umoya wokulunga siwuse kuThixo. Umphfumlo nomoya uyakhululwa ezimbophelelweni zalo mzimba ufayo. Nanko ephapha esiya esifubeni saLowo wathandwa ngumphfumlo wakhe; Yena Lowo oweza ukuze amfele emhlabeni. Ulwankelo lovuyo lumlindele phambi koThixo. Amazwi okumyaleza kweNkosi moMongameli wakhe amhlangabeza ngokuthi, “Ngxatsho ke, wena sicaka silungileyo sithembekileyo ngena eluyolweni lweNkosi yakho.” (Mat. 25:21). USathana akasenamandla phezu kwakhe kuba “kunqabile emehlweni kaYehova ukufa kwabakhe benceba.” (Ndumiso 116:15). “Ndeva izwi liphuma ezulwini, lisithi kum, Bhala, uthi Banoyolo abafi abo bafela eNkosini kuthabathela apha; ewe, utsho uMoya, ukuba baphumle ekubulalekeni kwabo; imisebenzi yabo ke ilande ana nabo.” (Isityh. 14:13).

Mfundi othandekayo wesi “Sibono seNtliziyo,” wanga uThixo angakunceda ukuba unikele intliziyo yakho kuye okuthandayo. Kuba uyakubongoza ngoku, esithi, “Nyana wam (ntombi yam) ndinike intliziyo yakho.” (ImiZe. 23:26). Nikela uYesu intliziyo yakho ediniweyo, nedanileyo, nebuhlungu, Yena wokunika intliziyo entsha nomoya omtsha ngaphakathi. Musa ukukhohiswa yintliziyo yakho enenkohliso, ulandele iminqweno yayo, kuba “okholosa ngeyakhe intliziyo usidenge: ke yena ohamba ngobulumko uya kusinda.” (ImiZe. 28:26). “Kuba umvuzo wesono kukufa; ke sona isibabalo sikaThixo bubom obungunaphakade kuKristu uYesu iNkosi.” (Rom. 6:23).

Nina ke enithe nabunikela kuThixo ubomi benu, qinisani ukubamba amazwi anesonti elukholweni naseluthandweni olukuKristu uYesu, kwangenxa yoko uPawulos uthi ku-2 Tim. 1:12, “Kuba ndiyamazi endikholiweyo nguye, kanjalo ndithi ndeyisekile ukuba anakho ukuyigcina into endimphathisileyo esekuloo mini.” Zakhele elukholweni olungcwele kunene, thandaza kuye uMoya oyiNgcwele, zigcine eluthandweni lukaThixo. Khangela kuYesu, iNdlela, iNyaniso noBomi iNkosi yethu eya kubuya kamsinya ize kwamkela abayo—“Ukumkani wokumkani, iNkosi yeenkosi.”

“KuLowo ke unakho ukunilondoloza ningabi nakukhubeka, nokunimisa phambi kokuqawuli bakhe ningenabala, nigcoba, kuThixo olumkileyo yedwa uMsindisi wethu, makubekho uzuko nobukhulu, amandla negunya, nangokokude kuse nasemaphakadeni onke. Amen.” (Yuda 24,25).

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