1. **Ukwethulwa koMthetho:**
   * **Abamukela uMthetho (Eksodusi 19:1-8)**
     + Kungani uNkulunkulu ayekhiphe u-Israyeli eGibhithe? Ukumkhonza ( Eks. 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3 ). Ngokwenza njalo, babezothola izinzuzo ezinkulu (kuhlanganise lezwe laseKhanani).
     + Ngenyanga yesithathu ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe bamisa inkamba eduze lentaba yaseSinayi. Lapho kwabekwa izisekelo zokudalwa kwesizwe sakwa-Israyeli. UNkulunkulu wenza isivumelwano labo, base besamukela (Eks. 19:1-8).
     + Ngokwamukela isivumelwano, u-Israyeli wayezaba yini ( Eks. 19:5-6 )?

(1) ABANTU ABANGCWELE: Babezazinikela kuNkulunkulu, futhi bembule isimo Sakhe

(2) UMBUSO WABAphristi: Babezaxhumanisa abanye abantu loNkulunkulu, futhi babafundise imithetho yakhe

(3) INCEBO EKHETHEKILEYO EVELA KUNKULUNKULU: UNkulunkulu wayezakwenza u-Israyeli abe umzila wokukhanyisela izwe ngolwazi Ngaye

* + **Umniki-mthetho (Eksodusi 19:9-25)**
    - Ukwethulwa koMthetho kaNkulunkulu eSinayi kwakuyinto enhle kakhulu leyesabekayo ( Heb. 12:18-21 ). Akekho olungiselwe into efana laleyo. Ngakho-ke, abantu kwakudingeka bazihlanze kusengaphambili futhi bagcine ibanga elifaneleyo ukuze bangadliwa yinkazimulo yaphezulu ( Eks. 19:10-12 ). Kungani kwakudingeka ukulunguiselela okunjalo?
    - Amazwi uNkulunkulu ayezawakhuluma kubo ayeyikubonakaliswa kwesimo Sakhe uqobo. Ukuyilalela kuyikuphila; ukungazilaleli kuyikufa. U-Israyeli kwakufanele aqaphele ngokugcweleyo ukuqakatheka lokubaluleka “kwamazwi esivumelwano, iMithetho Elitshumi” ( Eks. 34:28 ).
    - Lanxa kungahle kubonakala kusesabisa ukwethulwa kwawo, uMthetho ubonisa okuhle kakhulu kwesimo sikaNkulunkulu: uthando ( Roma 13:10 ).
  + **Imithetho Elitshumi ( Eksodusi 20:1-17 )**
    - Unkulunkulu wethula umthetho ngokwenza umsebenzi wawo ucace : “Ngikuhlengile esonweni, ngakho-ke, lokhu lokhu yikho okumele ukwenze kusukela manje ukuqhubekela phambili” (Eks.20:2 Ukugcina, umthetho kithina, kuwukusabela ekuhlengweni.
    - “Uthando yikugcwaliseka komthetho” (Roma 13:10)

(1) Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu ( Dut. 6:5; Eks. 20:3-11 ): Ukudumisa lokumphakamisa uNkulunkulu ngokumbeka kuqala ekuphileni kwethu; ukudumisa uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kokummisa ngaloma yisiphi isithombe; ukuhlonipha igama likaNkulunkulu, indumela, lesimo sakhe; ehlonipha usuku lwaKhe lokuphumula lokukhonza, iSabatha

(2) Thanda umakhelwane wakho ( Lev. 19:18; Eks. 20:12-17 ): Hlonipha abazali bakho; hlonipha impilo; hlonipha umtshado; hloniphani impahla yabantu; hlonipha indumela labanye; zihloniphe ukuze kungabikhona izifiso zobugovu ezingcolisa isimilo sakho

1. **Incazelo yoMthetho:**
   * **Umsebenzi woMthetho.**
     + Yiphi eminye yemisebenzi yoMthetho? Isivikela ebubini (IHu. 119:104); Isinika ukuhlakanipha ( Dut. 4:6 ); isinika inkululeko ( Jakobe 2:12 ); isinika ukuthula ( IHu. 119:165 ); isinika ukuchuma ( Josh. 1:8 ); ikhomba isono ( Rom. 7:7 ); iholela kuKristu ( Gal. 3:24 )
     + Insindiso ayikho phakathi kwemisebenzi yayo (Gal. 2:16). UMthetho ufana lesibuko lapho izono zethu zibonakaliswa khona (Jakobe 1:23-25).
     + Ukuphula isibuko akususi amabala; ukukweza izaba akukwenzi futhi. Kodwa ngaphandle “kwesibuko” [umthetho] besingeke sazi ukuthi singcolile [ngesono], lokuthi sidinga “ilembu” [uKristu] ukuze asihlanze.
     + IBhayibheli licacile: UMthetho muhle ( Roma 7:12 ); ukuzindla ngayo kuyathokozisa ( IHu. 1:2 ). “O, yeka indlela engiwuthanda ngayo umthetho wakho, ngizindla ngawo usuku lonke” (IHu. 119:97).
   * **Umthetho njengesithembiso.**
     + Wamemezela kini isivumelwano sakhe aliyala ukuba lisenze, AMAZWI ALITSHUMI, wawaloba ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe” ( Duteronomi 4:13 , isiHebheru sokuqala).
     + NgesiHebheru, izikhathi ezintathu iMithetho Elitshumi okukhulunywa ngayo, ibizwa ngokuthi “amagama alitshumi” ( Eks. 34:28; Dut. 4:13; Dut.``` 10:4 ).
     + Ake sicabange ngalokhu. Sisuke sitsho ukuthini uma sithi komunye umuntu, “Ngikunika izwi lami”?
     + Eqinisweni, asikuniki lutho; sikwenzela isithembiso. Siyakuqinisekisa ukuthi sizokwenza okuthile okuphathekayo.
     + Ngakho, igama lesiHeberu elithi “dabar” lingahunyutshwa ngokuthi “izwi” loba “isithembiso.” Isibonelo: “Akuphuthanga lezwi elilodwa [dabar] kuzo zonke izithembiso zakhe ezinhle azithembisa ngenceku yakhe uMose” (1 AmaKhosi 8:56).
     + Imithetho Elitshumi iyizithembiso eziyitshumi uNkulunkulu azenza kithi, ezihloselwe ukusiqondisa endleleni efaneleyo
   * **Umthetho njengesiphetho.**
     + Igama elithi “ukuphela” elisetshenziswe emthethweni kaPawulu kwabaseRoma 10:4 lithi “telos.” Ithini incazelo yaleli gama?
     + Incazelo eyinhloko ithi: umcijo osetshenziswe njengomkhawulo loba inhloso. Ngencazelo (izincazelo zesibili): isiphetho, ukucina, umpumela, inhloso. Incazelo yawo ethile kufanele inqunywe ngumutsho esetshenziswe kuwo.
     + Uma sihumutsha lokhu ngokuthi “I-Chirst ingukuqedwa komthetho,” awusekho umthetho kusukela ekufeni kukaJesu. Ngakho-ke, asikho isono. UPawulu wayezabe eziphikisa (Roma 7:7).
     + Uma sihumutsha “uKristu uyindawo umthetho okhomba kuyo,” uPawulu akaguquguquki, ngoba umthetho usasebenza, futhi usiholela kuKristu (Roma 3:31; Gal. 3:24).