

A Udaba lobubi

Abolwazi lokucubungula ngoluntu lembali bembula ukuthi inkolo yaseKhanani yayiyilokho kanye iBhayibheli elikutshoyo: ubuthakathi, ubusanuse, ukuxhumana labafileyo, ukusebenzelana lemimoya... lokunikela ngabantwana! (Dut. 18:9-12). Ukwenezela kulokhu kwakungumkhuba “wobufefe obungcwele”—owayengahlangene kangako lezinto ezingcwele—owenziwa yibo bobabili abapristi labapristikazi.

- ❖ Langokuba le mikhuba yayisivamile kakade ngesikhathi sika-Abrahama, uNkulunkulu wabanika iminyaka engaphezu kuka-400 ukuba balungise ukuziphatha kwabo.
- ❖ Ekugcineni, le mikhuba ephambeneyo, eyehlisa isimilo sabantu futhi ikhuthaza yonke inhlobo yobubi, kwadingeka iqedwe. Ukubhujiswa kwamaKhanani kwakuyovimbela—okungenani isikhathi esithile—ukuwohloka kokuziphatha koluntu.

B Indaba yokulungisa okulokuthula

- ❖ Uthando lokulungisa luyisisekelo sesimo sikaNkulunkulu. Lokhu kumenza abe ngumahluleli olokulunga longakhethiyo, ophangisisa isijeziso ukuze isoni siguquke, kodwa ongeke abekezelele ububi kuze kube phakade.
- ❖ Impi yokunqoba iKhanani ayizange ilwe ngenxa yezizathu zenqubomgomo yokwelula amandla lomthelela wezwe ngokusebenzisa ukukhulumisana loba amandla ezempi, kodwa ngomyalo waphezulu wokukhipha isijeziso esasifanele izakhamuzi zakhona ezimbi.
- ❖ Isifiso sikaNkulunkulu kwakuyikumisa uhulumeni olokulunga kuleyo ndawo, owayezoba isibonelo kuzo zonke izizwe, uzitshukumisele ukuba ziphakamise imiqondo yazo yokuziphatha, ngaleyo ndlela zifinyelele isimo sokuthula lokulungisa ngokuthula emhlabeni wonke (Duteronomi 4:5-6).

C Umqondo weBhayibheli ngempi

- ❖ Ngokwebhayibheli, izimpi kwakumele zibe lezimo ezithile kuphela futhi zichazwe nguNkulunkulu uqobo Lwakhe. Le imithetho eyayibusa izimpi ezivunyelwe nguNkulunkulu:
 - Ibutho elifundisiweyo lalingavunyelwa
 - Amasotsha ayengakhokhelwa futhi ngezinye izikhathi ayengakwazi ngitsho lokweba
 - Impi yayivunyelwe kuphela ukunqotshwa loba ukuvikela iZwe Lesithembiso ngaleso sikhathi somlando
 - Babeholwa ngabaprofethi ababephefumulelwe uNkulunkulu (njengoMose loba uJoshuwa)
 - Ukulungiselela okungokomoya kwakudingeka ngaphambi kwempi
 - loba nguphi umIsrayeli owayengayilandeli imithetho yempi wayekhangelwa njengesitha
 - Ezikhathini eziningi, uNkulunkulu wangenela ngokuqondile kule mpi

D Babhidlizwa yikukhetha kwabo

- ❖ Izwe lonke laseKhanani kwathiwa liyisiqalekiso, okuyikuthi, linikelwe ekubhujisweni. Konke okuphilayo kwakuzakufa (Dut. 20:16-18; Josh. 10:40). Ngalokho, kwakukhona okuhlukileyo:
 - Labo ababemiselle ukubhujiswa abalalela uNkulunkulu babengaphila (isib., uRahabi)
 - Ama-Israyeli angazange amlalele uNkulunkulu ayezabulawa (isib., u-Akani).
- ❖ Phambi kukaNkulunkulu, amaKhanani lama-Israyeli ayebukwa ngokulinganayo: ngokungakhethi. Umehluko wawuyikuthi abanye bakhetha ukuphikelela ekuhlubukeni kwabo kuNkulunkulu, kuyilapho abanye bekhetha ukumlalela.
- ❖ Manje, isinqumo kusesengesethu. Lapho uJesu efika, sizosindiswa loba sibhujiswe ngokukhetha kwethu.

E Funa ukuthula

- ❖ UJesu ubizwa ngokuthi “iNkosi yokuthula” (Isaya 9:6). Uzele ukuletha ukuthula, futhi uzabusa ngokuthula (Johane 14:27; Isaya 60:17). Kodwa kuze kube yilapho umbuso wakhe wokuthula uba ngokoqobo, sihlala endaweni ezungezwe yimpi, sicwile engxabanweni ye-cosmic phakathi kokuhle lokubi.

- ❖ Lapho ibutho laseSiriya livimbezela iDothani ukuze libambe umprofethi u-Elisha, akazange acele uNkulunkulu ukuba athumele ibutho lasezulwini elimzungezile libhubhise amaSiriya. Kunalokho, wacela ukuhola ibutho laseSiriya elaliphuphuthhekile aliyise eSamariya ukuze, lapho selikhona, alethe ukuthula phakathi kwezizwe ezimbili ezilwayo (2 AmaKhosi 6:12-23).
- ❖ Lesi isibonelo uJesu asifundisa sona: ukufuna ukuthula njalo lapho kuphikisana. Ukunqoba okubi ngokuhle (Roma 12:20-21).
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