

A Ukudumisa Ngaphambi Kokunqoba:

❖ Ukuvuselelwa kwesivumelwano (Joshua 5:1-9)

- Lanxa kwase kudlule iminyaka engaphezu kuka-40 ephuma eGibhithe, ama-Israyeli ayengakangeni eZweni Lesithembiso. Manje, inyawo zabo zaziwunyathela. Kwase kuyisikhathi sokususa “ukuhlambalazwa kwaseGibhithe” futhi bevuselele isivumelwano loNkulunkulu (Josh. 5:9).
- Ngaphambi kokuba badle iPhasika lokuqala, abesilisa bama-Israyeli babesokwa, ngoba akekho umuntu ongasokile owayengalidla (Eks. 12:48). Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi bala ukungena eKhanani okokuqala, isivumelwano saphulwa, futhi akekho umIsrayeli owasokwa ehlane (Josh. 5:5).
- Ukuvuselela isivumelwano, kwakudingeka ukuphinda lesi sibonakaliso senyama (Gen. 17:10). Lesi senzo sabeka okwakubalulekile kuqala. Kithi, kuyisibonelo okufanele sisilandele: “Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, khona konke lokhu kuyakuphiwa lina” (Mt. 6:33).

❖ IPhasika lokuqala eKhanani (Joshua 5:10-12)

- Ukusuka eGibhithe kusiya eKhanani, u-Israyeli walandela inqubo ethi “chiastic”, ephinda izenzakalo ngokulandelana kwazo: Egypt => Ukusoka kanye lePhasika => Ukuwela uLwandle Olubomvu => Inkangala => Ukuwela iJordan => Ukusoka kanye lePhasika => iKhanani .
- IPhasika lokuqala lwaluluphawu lokukhululwa eGibhithe. IPhasika lesibili, elijatshulwa yisizukulwane esitsha, lwaluluphawu lokuthatha kwaso iZwe Lesithembiso.
- Ngaphambi nje kokubethelwa kwakhe, uJesu wapha lumkhosi incazelo entsha, elezimpawu ezintsha: iwundlu laba yisinkwa, futhi igazi laba iwayini.
- Manje zimpawu zomzimba legazi loMhlengi wethu, owasikhipha eGibhithe. (okuyikuthi, ukuphuma esonweni sethu), futhi kusiletha eZweni Lesithembiso (1Kor. 11:23-26).

B Ukukhonza phakathi kwezintaba:

— I-Lathi lokukhulekela (Joshua 8:30-31)

- UMose wayeyale ukuthi uma bengena eKhanani, kwakhiwe i-lathi eNtabeni i-Ebali, futhi udumo kufanele luphiwe uNkulunkulu (Dut. 27:5-7). Kungani eNtabeni i-Ebali hhayi eGerizimu?
- Kokubili i-lathi lemithetho okwakumele ilotshwe etsheni lesikhumbuzo futhi ifundelwe abantu kwakuhambelana lezibusiso leziqalekiso (Dut. 27:12-13). Isibusiso samenzezelwa eGerizimu, lesiqalekiso phezu kuka-Ebali.
- UJesu waba yisiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ukuze sithole isibusiso (Gal. 3:13-14). Leli ilathi, kithi, lingumfanekiso ocacileyo womhlatshele kaJesu ngenxa yethu.
- Phakathi lokunqoba, u-Israyeli wafuna isikhathshana sokuzinikezela kakutsha kuNkulunkulu. Lesi isimemo sokuba silingise isibonelo sabo, sizinikele kakutsha kuNkulunkulu, hhayi nje ngabanye, kodwa lanjengabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu.

❖ Khumbula umthetho (Joshua 8:32-35)

- Ngemva kokwakha i-lathi eNtabeni i-Ebali, uJoshua wamisa amatshe wawanameka ngodaka. Wase bhala kuwo umthetho [Duteronomi, eyayihlanganisa iMithetho Elitshumi lemithetho ehlukeneyo, kanye lezibusiso leziqalekiso] (Josh. 8:32; Dut. 27:2-3).
- Ekugcineni, umthetho wafundelwa abantu, wahlukaniswa waba zingxenywe ezimbili—enye ohlangothini ngalunye lwentaba (Josh. 8:33-35). Ngale ndlela, isivumelwano phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu bakhe savuselelwa.
- Lolu lubizo lakithi. Njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu abaseleyo, kumele ngezikhathi ezithile sivuselele isivumelwano sethu Laye, sikhumbule ukuthi usihole kanjani kuze kube manje kanye lezibusiso asiphe zona.
- Ngaphezu kokuvuselelwa kwethu siqu, iSidlo esiNgcwele siphinde sisinikeze lesi sikhathi esikhethekileyo sokwenziwa kakutsha njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu.

C Indawo ekhethekile yokukhonza:

❖ Ukuphakamisa iNdawo Engcwele (Joshua 18:1)

- Izwe lalinqotshwe ngu-Israyeli. Le ndawo yayihlukaniselwe izizwe ezaziwayo, langoba izizwe eziyisikhombisa zazingakasitholi isabelo sazo. Amaqhawe akwaRubeni, loGadi, lenxenywe yesizwe sakwaManase athunyelwa kokwakuzathujwa ngaphesheya kweJordan.
- Ngaphambi kokuba izizwe zihlukane, kwenziwa isenzo esikhethekileyo lesibalulekileyo: ukumiswa kweTabernakele, isikhungo sokukhonza kukalIsrayeli (Josh. 18:1).
- INdawo Engcwele, njengendawo kaNkulunkulu yokuhlala ebonakalayo, yayiyindawo yobunye lapho bonke babehlangana khona ekukhulekeleni. Ngaphandle kobukhona bukaNkulunkulu, ukuba lezwe kwakungatsho lutho.
- Lamuhla, lapho kuselezinsinde zamanje kanye lezamuva okufanele siyinqobe, kubaluleke kakhulu ukuthi sigxile eNdaweni Engcwele yaseZulwini, lapho uJesu esinxusela khona.