

A Ukwethembeka kukaNkulunkulu (Joshuwa 21:43-45)

- ❖ UNkulunkulu wayenike u-Israyeli “lonke ilizwe” (Josh. 21:43 NIV) futhi wayenikele ezandleni zabo “zonke izitha zabo” (Josh. 21:44 NIV), ngakho “kwagcwaliseka konke” (Josh. 21:45).
- ❖ Ukusetshenziswa ngokuphindaphindiweyo kwegama elithi “bonke” kugcizelela ukwethembeka kukaNkulunkulu ekugcwaliseni izithembiso zakhe. Izitha zakhe zazingqotshwe nguNkulunkulu. Babengahlala ezweni ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelidle. Babengaqiniseka ngokuthi babezoqeda ukuxosha amaKhanani ayesahlala kulelo zwe ngoba uNkulunkulu wayezigcinile izithembiso zakhe kuze kube manje futhi wayezoqhubeka ezigcina lasesikhathini esizayo.
- ❖ Konke lokhu kuyasisebenzela. UNkulunkulu uhlala ethembekile (Dut. 7:9; IHu. 117:2; IsiLilo 3:22-23). Uthembise ukusisindisa futhi asinike umhlaba njengefa, futhi uyosigcwalisa lesi sithembiso (Fil 1: 6; 1 Pet. 1: 5; IHu. 37: 29).

B Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzileyo lalokho azokwenza (Joshuwa 23:1-5)

- ❖ Esikhulumweni sakhe kubadala, uJoshuwa uqala ngokubatshelela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayeseyenzi futhi lokho ayesazokwenza:
 - Walwa lezizwe (Joshuwa 23:3)
 - Uhlukanise izwe phakathi kwezizwe (Joshuwa 23:4)
 - Uzoqeda izizwe eziseleyo (Joshuwa 23:5)
- ❖ Konke lokhu (lokho okwakwenza kanye lalokho okwakusamele kwenziwe) kwakuncike esimweni esisodwa e-Israyeli: ukuhlonipha imiyalo (Joshuwa 23:6).
- ❖ Imbali yakwa-Israyeli iyisifundo kithi namuhla. UNkulunkulu usenqobile isono futhi usinike isitifiketi sokusindiswa ngokuzinikela kukaJesu (Kolose 2:15).
- ❖ Kuncike kithi ukuqhubeka lempi, lokuthembele kuMoya oNgcwele ukuze siphile impilo yokunqoba (2 Korinte 10:3-5; Efe 6:11-18).

C Umvuzo wokuthembeka (Joshuwa 23:6-10)

- ❖ Umvuzo wokuthembeka kuka-Israyeli kwakuyoba yikunqoba okupheleleyo lokuphelela phezu kwazo zonke izitha zabo (Joshuwa 23:6, 10).
- ❖ Ngokwecala lokunqoba kweKhanani, ukuthembeka kuNkulunkulu kwakufanele kuvezwe ngezindlela ezintathu ezithile kakhulu:
 - Ungatshadi labahlali baleli zwe (Joshuwa 23:7a)
 - Ungatsho amagama ezithixo zabo (Joshuwa 23:7b)
 - Ungakhonzi ezithixo zabo (Joshuwa 23:7c)
- ❖ Kwadingeka ukuthi bagcine ubuqotho bakomoya. Uma betshada lezakhamuzi zendawo, babezaqala ukukhuluma ngezindlela zabo zenkolo, futhi ekugcineni babe sebebakhulekela. Ngakho-ke kwaqala ukuphambuka kukaSolomoni (1 AmaKhosi 11:4).
- ❖ Ngakho-ke thina amaKrestu sinelulekwa ukuthi silandele izeluleko ezifanayo, futhi singatshadi labangakhulwayo (2 Korinte 6:14-16).

D Okumele sikwenze (Joshuwa 23:11-14)

- ❖ Singatsho ngaphandle kokuthandabuza ukuthi isiqokoqela senkulumo kaJoshuwa sitholakala ezwini 11: ukuthanda uNkulunkulu.
- ❖ Izwe lakhe kwadingeka libonise uthando lwaso ngokungathandi onkulunkulu abanye, okwakuzoletha umonakalo omkhulu kulo (Joshuwa 23:12-13). Ngaphezu kwalokho, uJoshuwa uphakamisa isikhuthazo sokukhulisa lolo thando: ukuqina kukaNkulunkulu (Joshuwa 23:14).
- ❖ Namuhla silesikhuthazo esikhulu kakhulu: isibonelo sikaJesu (Johane 13:34). UNkulunkulu ufisa ukungena ebudlelwaneni obuseduze lobungokwakhe lomuntu wonke ophendula othandweni lwakhe.
- ❖ Ngenxa yalokho, uthando lwakhe kubo bonke luyisisekelo sokuboniswa kothando lwethu oluzithandelayo lolusizanayo.

E Isijeziso sokungathembeki (Joshuwa 23:15-16)

- ❖ UJoshuwa uphetha inkulumbo yakhe ngezixwayiso eziqinileyo mayelana lempumela yokungalaleli: ukuhlupheka ngenxa yomona kaNkulunkulu (Joshuwa 23:15-16).
- ❖ Njengoba izithembiso zikaJehova zazigcwaliseka ngokuthembeka mayelana lesibusiso saba-Israyeli, lezono zesivumelwano lazo zaziyoqiniswa uma ama-Israyeli ayephula.
- ❖ Uthando olufanayo olwaholela uNkulunkulu ekunikeni iNdodana Yakhe ngenxa yethu yilona eliveza intukuthelo kulabo abahlala bephikelela esonweni (Johane 3:16; KwabaseRoma 2:5).
- ❖ ISrayeli yahlulwa futhi yahlawuliswa. Thina lamhlanje silethuba lokubhala indaba ehlukileyo: ukuhlalisana lokuthembeka lokuhlala othandweni lwakhe (Johane 15:9).