

# **Ivangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo**

*Yiyo isisombululo!*

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uBukumkani bukaThixo likhothwe kwihlabathi lonke  
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**. "Ingcuka iya kuhlala kunye nembiwana ... Azisayi  
kwenzakalisa okanye kutshabalalisa kulo lonke intaba  
yam engewe, Kuba umhlaba uya kuzala kulwazi  
lweNkosi Njengamanzi agquma ulwandle." (Isaya 11:6,9)**

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# 1. Ingaba uluntu lunazo izisombululo?

Ihlabathi lijongene neengxaki ezininzi.

Abantu abaninzi bayalamba. Abantu abaninzi bayacinezela. Abantu abaninzi bajongene nentlupheko. Iintlanga ezininzi zikwityala elikhulu. Abantwana, kuquka nabangekazalwa, bayaxhatshazwa. Izifo ezinganyangekiyo ngamachiza zixhalabisa oogqirha abaninzi. Izixeko ezikhulu zemizi-mveliso zinomoya ongcolileyo kakhulu ukuba ungalungela impilo. Oosopolitiki abohlukeneyo basongela ngemfazwe. Uhlaselo lwabanqolobi luyaqhubeka lusenzeka.

Ingaba iinkokeli zehlabathi zingazilungisa iingxaki ezijongene noluntu?

Abaninzi bacinga njalo.

## I-Ajenda Entsha yeHlabathi Jikelele

Ngomhla wama-25 kuSeptemba 2015, emva kwentetho engundoqo kaPopu Francis waseVatican, amazwe ali-193 oMbutho weZizwe eziManyeneyo (UN) avotele ukuphumeza "iinjongo ezili-17 zoPhuhliso oluZinzileyo" zento ebizwa ngamanye amaxesha ngokuba yi*New Universal Agenda*. Nazi iinjongo ezili-17 ze-UN:

Injongo 1. Kupheliswe ubuhlwempu kuzo zonke iindlela zayo kuyo yonke indawo

Injongo 2. Kupheliswe indlala, kufezekiswe ukhuseleko lokutya kunye nokutya okunempilo okwandisiweyo kwaye kukhuthazwe ezolimo ezizinzileyo

Injongo 3. Ukuqinisekisa ubomi obusempilweni nokukhuthaza impilontle kubo bonke abantu kuwo onke amanqanaba obudala

Injongo 4. Ukuqinisekisa imfundo esemgangathweni ebandakanyayo nelungeleleneyo nokukhuthaza amathuba okufunda ubomi bonke kubo bonke

Injongo 5. Fikelela ukulingana ngokwesini kwaye womeleze bonke abafazi namantombazana

Injongo 6. Ukuqinisekisa ukufumaneka nolawulo oluzinzileyo lwamanzi nococeko kubo bonke

Injongo 7. Ukuqinisekisa ukufikeleleka kwamandla afikelelekayo, athembekileyo, azinzileyo kwaye anamhlanje kubo bonke

Injongo 8. Ukukhuthaza ukukhula kogoqosho okuqhubekayo, okubandakanyayo nokuzinzileyo, ingqesho epheleleyo nevelisayo kunye nomsebenzi oncomekayo kubo bonke

Injongo 9. Yakha iziseko ezingundoqo ezomeleleyo, khuthaza ukuveliswa kwezimboni okubandakanyayo nokuzinzileyo kwaye ukhuthaze izinto ezintsha

Injongo 10. Ukunciphisa ukungalingani ngaphakathi nakwamanye amazwe

Injongo 11. Yenza izixeko neendawo zokuhlala zabantu zibandakanye wonke umntu, zikhuselekile, zomelele kwaye zizinzile

Injongo 12. Qinisekisa iindlela zokusetyenziswa nokuveliswa ezizinzileyo

Injongo 13. Thatha amanyathelo angxamisekileyo okulwa utshintsho lwemozulu kunye neempembelelo zalo

Injongo 14. Kulondolozwe kwaye kusetyenziswe ngendlela ezinzileyo iilwandle nezibonelelo zaselwandle ukuze kuphuhliswe ngendlela ezinzileyo

Injongo 15. Khusela, buyisela nokukhuthaza ukusetyenziswa okuzinzileyo kweenkqubo zendalo zomhlaba, ulawule amahlathi ngendlela ezinzileyo, ulwe nokuguquka komhlaba ube yintlango, kwaye umise uze ubuyisele umva ukonakaliswa komhlaba nokulahleka kweentlobo ngeentlobo zezinto eziphilayo

Injongo 16. Ukukhuthaza uluntu olunoxolo nolubandakanyayo lophuhliso oluzinzileyo, ukubonelela ngokufikelela kubulungisa kubo bonke kunye nokwakha amaziko asebenzayo, anoxanduva kwaye abandakanyayo kuwo onke amanqanaba

Injongo 17. Ukomeleza iindlela zokuphunyezwa nokuvuselela intsebenziswano yehlabathi jikelele yophuhliso oluzinzileyo

Le ajenda kufuneka iphunyeziswe ngokupheleleyo ngonyaka ka-2030 kwaye ikwabizwa ngokuba *yi-Ajenda ka-2030 yoPhuhliso oluZinzileyo*. Ijolise ekusombululeni iingxaki ezijongene noluntu ngolawulo, imfundo, kunye nentsebenziswano yamazwe ngamazwe neyama-ukholo ahlukene. Nangona uninzi lweenjongo zayo zilungile, ezinye zeendlela zayo neenjongo zayo zimbi (thelekisa noGenesis 3:5). Le ajenda, ikwabonakala iyahambelana ne-encyclical kaPopu Francis ongasekhoyo *ethi Laudato Si*. UPapu Leo XIV naye wenza iingxelo ezixhasa le ajenda ka-2030.

I-"Ajenda eNtsha yeHlabathi Jikelele" ingabizwa ngokuba yi-"Ajenda eNtsha yamaKatolika" njengoko igama elithi "catholic" lithetha "yehlabathi jikelele." UPapu Francis wabiza ukwamkelwa okwamkelwa kwale ajenda "njengophawu olubalulekileyo lwethemba."

Njengokulandelela isivumelwano se-UN, kwabakho intlanganiselo eParis ngoDisemba 2015 (enegama elisemthethweni *elithi iNkomfa yama-21 yamaQela kwiSivumelwano esiSiseko se-UN sokuTshintsha kweMozulu*). uPapu Francis naye wancoma eso sivumelwano samazwe ngamazwe waza wacebisa amazwe "ukuba alilandele ngononophelo indlela engaphambili, kunye nomoya wobumbano ohlala ukhula."

Phantse zonke izizwe zehlabathi zavumelana ngezi zivumelwano zaseParis, ezazineenjongo ezithile zokusingqongileyo kunye nezibophelelo zemali. (Emva koko uMongameli wase-US uBarack Obama watyikitya uxwebhu lokuzibophelela i-USA koku ngo-2016, kodwa ngo-2017, uMongameli wase-US uDonald Trump wachaza ukuba i-United States AYIZUKUZE yamkele izivumelwano zaseParis ezavunyelwana ngazo kwaye wakhupha i-USA kuyo. Oku kwabangela umsindo wamazwe ngamazwe kwaye kuncede

ekwahluleni i-US kwiYurophu nakwezinye iindawo ezininzi zehlabathi.) UPapa Francis wathi uluntu "luza kutshona" ukuba aluzenzi iinguqu zakhe ezinxulumene nemozulu.

Nangona kungekho mntu ufuna ukuphefumla umoya ongcolileyo, ukulamba, ukuba ngumhlwempu, ukuba sesichengeni, njl., ingaba iinzame zabantu zokufezekisa iinjongo ze-ajenda ka-2030 yeZizwe eziManyeneyo kunye/okanye izivumelwano zaseParis ziya kuzisombulula iingxaki ezijongene noluntu?

### **Irekhodi Lomanyano Lwamazwe**

Izizwe eziManyeneyo zasekwa ngomhla wama-24 ku-Okthobha 1945, emva kweMfazwe yesiBini yeHlabathi, ngenjongo yokuthintela enye ingxabano enjalo nokuzama ukukhuthaza uxolo ehlabathini. Ekusekweni kwayo, i-UN yayinamazwe amalungu angama-51; ngoku kukho ama-193.

Kuye kwakho amakhulu, ukuba asizizo iinkulungwane, ezingxabano kwiHlabathi jikelele ukusukela oko kwakhiwa iZizwe eziManyeneyo, kodwa asikabini nalo nto inokuchazwa njengeMfazwe yeHlabathi yesithathu.

Abanye bakholelwa ukuba intsebenziswano yamazwe ngamazwe efana naleyo iZizwe eziManyeneyo ezithi iyayikhuthaza, idityaniswe nohlobo lwe-ajenda yentsebenziswano yeenkolo neyecawa leyo uPopu uLeo XIV nezinye iinkokeli zonqulo ezininzi ezizama ukuyikhuthaza, iza kuzisa uxolo nempumelelo.

Nangona kunjalo, imbali yokwenza oku yiZizwe eziManyeneyo ayihambi kakuhle. Ukongeza kwiingxwabangxwaba ezininzi ezixhobileyo ukusukela oko zaqalisa, zikho izigidi ezininzi zabantu abalambileyo, abangababaleki, kunye/okanye abahluphekileyo ngokugqithisileyo.

Kwiminyaka engamashumi adlulileyo, iZizwe eziManyeneyo yazisa ukuphunyezwa *kweeNjongo zayo zoPhuhliso lweNkulungwane*. Yayine "injongo zophuhliso" ezisibhozo, kodwa oku akuphumelelanga, nkqu nangokwe-UN ngokwayo. Ngoko ke, ngo-2015, kwamkelwa oko kubizwa ngokuba "ziiNjongo zoPhuhliso oluZinzileyo ezili-17". Abanye banethemba. Abanye bakuthatha njengento enqwenelekayo engayi kwenzeka.

Ngokuphathelele kwiparadesi, ngomhla we-6 kuMeyi 2016, uPopu uFrancis wangoko wathi wayephupha ngeparadesi yaseYurophu enobuntu, enokuba icawa yakhe incede loo lwazi ukuba luyifumane. Noko ke, elo phupha likaPopu liza kuba ngumphupha-ngothuso (thelekisa noTyhilelo 18).

### **Kusenokubakho Intsebenziswano Nempumelelo, Kodwa ...**

*IsiBhalo sikaMerriam Webster* sithi i-utopia "yindawo ecingwayo apho urhulumente, imithetho, kunye neemeko zentlalo zigqibeleleyo." IBhayibhile ifundisa ukuba uluntu alunakuzicombulula iingxaki zalo ngokwalo:

<sup>23</sup>Nkosi, ndiyazi ukuba indlela yomntu ayikho kuye; Akukho mntu ohambayo onokulawula iinyathelo zakhe. (Yeremiya 10:23, i-NKJV kuyo yonke indawo ngaphandle kokuba kubonisiwe ngenye indlela)

IBhayibhile ifundisa ukuba intsebenziswano yamazwe ngamazwe iza kusilela:

<sup>16</sup> Intlangano nentlungu zikwiindlela zabo; <sup>17</sup> Yaye indlela yoxolo abayazi. <sup>18</sup> Akukho loyiko lukaThixo phambi kwamehlo abo. (Abaroma 3:16-18)

Noko ke, abantu abaninzi basebenzela umbono wabo wentlalo epheleleyo kwaye ngamanye amaxesha bazama nokubandakanya inkolo. Kodwa phantse akukho namnye okulungeleyo ukulandela iindlela zoThixo omnye wokwenene. Asikokuba akusayi kubakho nkqubela phambili kuyo nayiphi na injongo yeZizwe eziManyeneyo okanye yaseVatican. Kuza kubakho ezinye (kwaye ezininzi zeenjongo zilungile), kunye neengxaki ezithile.

Enyanisweni, kwaye mhlawumbi emva kongqzulwano olukhulu, uhlobo lwesivumelwano sezizwe ngeziphelo soxolo luya kuvunyelwana ngaso kwaye luqinisekise (Danieli 9:27). Xa oko kusenzeke, abaninzi baya kukholelwa ngobuxoki ukuba uluntu luya kuzisa uluntu olunoxolo ngakumbi nolupheleleyo.

Abaninzi baya kuhlangukiswa yile 'nkqubela ipheleleyo' yamazwe ngamazwe (thelekisa noHezekile 13:10) kunye nezibonakaliso nemimangaliso eyahlukeneyo (2 Abathesalonika 2:9-12). Kodwa iBhayibhile ithi uxolo olunjalo aluzukuhlala luhleli (Daniyeli 9:27; 11:31-44), nokuba iinkokeli zingathini na (1 AbaseTesalonika 5:3; Isaya 59:8).

Ingcinga yokuba, ngaphandle kukaYesu (thelekisa noYohane 15:5; Mateyu 24:21-22), uluntu lunokuzisa imeko epheleleyo yokulunga kweli 'xesha langoku elikho lobubi' yivangeli yobuxoki (Galati 1:3-10).

Ukuba uluntu lodwa alunakukwazi kwaphela ukuzisa imeko epheleleyo yokulunga, ingaba nayiphi na imeko enjalo inokwenzeka?

Ewe.

Ubukumkani bukaThixo buza kwenza le planethi, kwaye kamva yonke enyanini, ibe ngcono ngendlela emangalisayo.

## 2. Yeyiphi iVangeli awayivangela uYesu?

IBhayibhile ifundisa ukuba uluntu olungenazisongelo, olubizwa ngokuba yuBukumkani bukaThixo, luza kuthatha indawo karhulumente babantu (Danieli 2:44; ISityhilelo 11:15; 19:1-21).

Xa uYesu waqala inkonzo yaKhe esidlangalaleni, waqala ngokushumayela ***iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani bukaThixo***. Nantsi into eyabikwa nguMarko:

<sup>14</sup> Ke emva kokuba uYohane efakwe entolongweni, uYesu weza eGalili, eshumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani bukaThixo,  
<sup>15</sup> esithi, "Lifikile ixesha, nobukumkani bukaThixo busondele. Guqukani, nikholwe kwiindaba ezilungileyo." (Marko 1:14-15)

Igama elithi ivangeli livela kwigama lesiGrike elithi *euangelion*, kwaye lithetha "umyalezo olungileyo" okanye "iindaba ezilungileyo." KwiTestamente eNtsha, igama lesiNgesi elithi "ubukumkani," elinxulumene nobukumkani bukaThixo, likhankanywe malunga namaxesha ali-149 kwi-NKJV nakwi-151 *kwiBhayibhile yaseDouay Rheims*. Livela kwigama lesiGrike elithi *basileia* elibonisa ulawulo okanye ubukumkani bobukhosi.

Iimbuso zabantu, kunye nobukumkani bukaThixo, zinokumkani (ISityhilelo 17:14), zigubungela indawo ethile (ISityhilelo 11:15), zinemithetho (Isaya 2:3-4; 30:9), kwaye zinezakhamuzi (Luka 13:29).

Nantsi imfundiso yokuqala kaYesu esingumphakathi, ebhalwe nguMateyu:

<sup>23</sup> Waza uYesu wajikeleza eGalili yonke, efundisa kwiindlu zesikhungo, ushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani, (Mateyu 4:23)

UMateyu ukwabhala:

<sup>35</sup> Waza uYesu wajikeleza zonke izixeko neelali, efundisa kwiindlu zabo zesikhungo, ushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani, (Mateyu 9:35)

IsiTestamente eNtsha ibonisa ukuba uYesu uya kulawula ngonaphakade:

<sup>33</sup> Kwaye uya kulawula indlu kaYakobe ngonaphakade, norhulumente wakhe akayi kuphelelwa. (Luka 1:33)

**ULuka ubhala ukuba injongo yokuthunywa kukaYesu yayikukushumayela uBukumkani bukaThixo.** Qaphela into afundisayo uYesu:

<sup>43</sup> Wathi kubo, "Kufuneka ndishumayeke iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani bukaThixo nakwezinye iidolophu, kuba ndithunyiwe ngenxa yaloo nto." (Luka 4:43)

Wakhe wayiva loo nto ishumayelwa? Wakhe waqonda na ukuba injongo kaYesu yokuthunywa kwakhe yayikukushumayela uBukumkani bukaThixo?

ULuka ukwabhala ukuba uYesu waya yaye wabhengeza uBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>10</sup> Kwaye iintumwa, zakubuya, zamxelela yonke into ebeziyenzile. Wabathatha ke, wabakhupha, waya ngasese kwindawo ethe cwaka, ekumzi obizwa ngokuba yiBethsaida. <sup>11</sup> Kodwa izihlewele zakusiva oko, zamlandela; waza wamkela, wathetha nazo ngobukumkani bukaThixo. (Luka 9:10-11)

UYesu wafundisa ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo kufuneka bube yeyona nto iphambili kwabo baza kumlandela:

<sup>33</sup> Kodwa khangela kuqala ubukumkani bukaThixo nobulungisa baKhe, (Mateyu 6:33)

<sup>31</sup> Kodwa ke, phendleni ubukumkani bukaThixo, kwaye zonke ezi zinto ziya kongezwa kuni. <sup>32</sup> Ningoyiki, lwe lwamhlambi oluncinci, kuba kuyinto entle kuBawo ukunipha ubukumkani. (Luka 12:31-32)

AmaKristu kufuneka KUPHELA uBukumkani bukaThixo. Bakwenza oku ngokwenza oku kube yeyona nto iphambili kubo ngokuphila njengoko uKristu enqwenela baphile nangokujonge phambili ekubuyeni kwaKhe nelizwe laKhe. Noko ke, uninzi lwabo bazivuma ukuba nguKristu, abakufuni kuqala uBukumkani bukaThixo, kwaye abazi nokuba liyintoni na. Abaninzi

bakholelwa ngobuxoki ukuba ukuzibandakanya kwezopolitiko zehlabathi yile nto uThixo ayilindeleyo kumaKristu. Ngokungakuqondi ubukumkani bukaThixo, abayi

baphile ngoku njengoko kufanelekile okanye baqonde isizathu sokuba uluntu lunamaphutha kangaka.

Qaphela kwakhona ukuba ubukumkani buza kunikwa umhlambi omncinci (thelekisa noRoma 11:5). Kufuna ukuzithoba ukuba ulungele ukuba yinxalenye yomhlambi omncinci wokwenene.

### **Ubukumkani bukaThixo abukabekho eMhlabeni**

UYesu wafundisa ukuba abalandeli baKhe mabathandazele ukuba ubukumkani buze, ngoko ke abakabunanga:

<sup>9</sup> Nkosi, Thixo wethu osezulwini, malungiswe igama lakho. 10 Makuze umbuso wakho. Makwenziwe ukuthanda kwakho (Mateyu 6:9-10)

UYesu wathumela abafundi baKhe ukuba baye kushumayela uBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>1</sup> Wabiza abafundi baKhe abalishumi elinambini, wabanika amandla nogonyamelo phezu kwazo zonke izithunywa ezimbi, nokuphilisa izifo. <sup>2</sup> Wabathumela ukuba baphathele ubukumkani bukaThixo. (Luka 9:1-2)

UYesu wafundisa ukuba ubukho baKhe bodwa yayingeliyo umbuso, kuba umbuso wawungekamiselwanga eMhlabeni ngelo xesha, yiyo loo nto wangaxothi iziporho egameni laKhe ngelo xesha:

<sup>28</sup> Kodwa ukuba ndigxotha iidemon ngoMoya kaThixo, ngokuqinisekileyo ubukumkani bukaThixo bufikile kuni. (Mateyu 12:28)

Ubukumkani bokwenene bukwxesha elizayo—hayi ngoku njengoko uMarko ebonisa:

<sup>47</sup> Kwaye ukuba iliso lakho likwenza wenze isono, likhuphe. Kungcono kuwe ungene kubukumkani bukaThixo uneliso elinye, kunokuba ube nameliso amabini, ulahlwe ... (Marko 9:47)

<sup>23</sup> UYesu wajonga waya kuthi kubafundi bakhe, "Hayi indlela ekunzima ngayo kwabo banobutyebi ukungena kubukumkani bukaThixo!" <sup>24</sup> Abafundi bakhe bamangaliswa ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa uYesu waphinda wathi kubo, "Bantwana, hayi indlela ekunzima ngayo kwabo bathembele kwizinto ezixabisekileyo ukungena kubukumkani bukaThixo!" <sup>25</sup> Kulula ukuba ikamela ingene ngeengono yenaliti kunokuba umntu osisityebi angene kubukumkani bukaThixo." (Marko 10:23-25)

<sup>25</sup> Inyaniso ndithi kuni, andisayi kuphinda ndisele isiqhamo somdiliya de kube lusuku lwelo ndisele sona sitsha kubukumkani bukaThixo." (Marko 14:25)

<sup>43</sup> UJosefu wase-Arimathea, ilungu elibalaseleyo lebhunga, naye owayelindele ubukumkani bukaThixo, weza, waba nesibindi ... (Marko 15:43)

UYesu wafundisa ukuba ubukumkani abukho ngoku kweli hlabathi langoku:

<sup>36</sup> Waphendula uYesu wathi, "Ubusukumkani bam asibobeliwe leli hlabathi. Ukuba ubusukumkani bam bebobeliwe leli hlabathi, abakhonzi bam bebengalwa, ukuze ndingazange ndinikwe amaJuda; kodwa ngoku ubusukumkani bam abusuka apha." (Yohane 18:36)

UYesu wafundisa ukuba umbuso uza kufika emva kokuba ebuyile njengoKumkani wawo:

<sup>31</sup> "Xa uNyana woMntu eza kwindlu yakhe yobungangamsha, nabo bonke abangelosi abangcwele bekunye naye, uya kuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi bakhe bobungangamsha. <sup>32</sup> Ziya kuqokelelwa phambi kwakhe zonke iintlanga, aze azahlule, enjengomelusi owahlula iimvu zakhe kwiimbuzi. <sup>33</sup> Aze abeke iimvu ngasekunene kwakhe, iimbuzi ngasekhohlo. <sup>34</sup> Uya kuthi ke uKumkani kwabo basekunene kwakhe, 'Yiyani, nina bantu

abasikelelekileyo boYise, nithathe ilifa lombuso enililungiselelweyo ukususela ekusungulweni kwehlabathi.' (Mateyu 25:31-34)

Ngenxa yokuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bungekafiki, asizukubona iparadesi yokwenene de busekwe. Ngenxa yokuba abaninzi bengabuziqondi ubukumkani bukaThixo, bayasilela ukuqonda indlela olusebenza ngayo ulawulo lwaKhe olunothando.

Ubukumkani bukaThixo abuyi kuza "kude kungene isigcwaliseko samaZizwe" (Roma 11:25)—kwaye loo nto ayikenzeki okwangoku.

### **UYesu wathetha ukuba ulwalathiso lunjani?**

UYesu wanika iinkcazelo ezithile malunga nokuba uBukumkani bukaThixo linjani:

<sup>26</sup> Wathi ke, "Ubukumkani bukaThixo bungathi ngumntu otyabula imbewu emhlabeni, <sup>27</sup> alale ebusuku avuke emini, imbewu ke imile ikhule, akazi naye ukuba kunjani. <sup>28</sup> Kuba umhlaba uzivelisela izityalo ngokwawo: kuqala ikhula, emva koko intloko, emva koko ingqolowa egqibeleleyo entloko. <sup>29</sup> Kodwa xa ingqolowa sele ivuthile, akhawuleze afake isikere, kuba isivuno siye safika." (Marko 4:26-29)

<sup>18</sup> Wathi ke, "Lunjani ulwalathiso lukaThixo? Ndingaluthelekisa nantoni? <sup>19</sup> Lunjengembewu yomastade, awayithatha umntu wayifaka egadini yakhe; yakhula yaba ngumthi omkhulu, kwaza iintaka zasezulwini zakha iindlwane ezikhwekhwezini zawo." <sup>20</sup>Waphinda wathi, "Ndiyifanisa nantoni na ubukumkani bukaThixo? <sup>21</sup>Lifana nesivuno, esathathwa ngumfazi wase , wasifihla kwimilinganiselo emithathu yomgubo, side sanyibilika sonke." (Luka 13:18-21)

Ezi zafobe zibonisa ukuba, ekuqaleni, uBukumkani bukaThixo buncinci kakhulu, kodwa buya kukhula bube bukhulu—ekugqibeleni buya kuba phezu kwendalo yonke engenamda.

ULuka ukwabhale wathi:

<sup>29</sup> Baza kuvela empuma nasentshona, emantla nasemazantsi, baze bahlale phantsi ebukumkani bukaThixo. (Luka 13:29)

Ngoko ke, uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kuba nabantu abavela kwihlabathi lonke. Akusayi kuba ngabo kuphela abanobuzali baseSirayeli okanye amaqela ethontsi athile. Abantu, abavela kuyo yonke indawo, baza kuhlala kweli bucumkani.

## **ULuka 17 noBukumkani**

ULuka 17:20-21 iyabhidanisa abanye. Kodwa phambi kokuba sifike apho, qaphela ukuba abantu baya kutya ngokwenene kuBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>15</sup> "Oyena unethamsanqa lowo uya kutya isonka kubukumkani bukaThixo!" (Luka 14:15)

Ngenxa yokuba abantu baza kutya (kwixesha elizayo) kuBukumkani bukaThixo, ayisiyonto nje abayibeke ecaleni ezintliziyweni zabo ngoku, nangona kukho iinguqulelo ezingachanekanga/ukungakuqondi kakuhle kweLuka 17:21 okubonisa okwahlukileyo.

Inguqulelo ye-AFV yaseLuka 17:20-21 inokunceda abanye baqonde:

<sup>20</sup> Ngoku xa amaFarisi embuza ukuthi ulawulo lukaThixo luza nini, waphendula wathi kubo, "Ulawulo lukaThixo alufiki ngokubonwa;

<sup>21</sup> Kwaye abayi kuthi, 'Nantsi lulapha!' Okanye, 'Nantsi lulapho!' Kuba nantsi, ulawulo lukaThixo luphakathi kwenu." (Luka 17:20-21, AFV; bona kwakhona iinguqulelo zeNASB neESV)

Qaphela ukuba uYesu wayethetha namaFarisi angaguqukanga, abanyama, nabahanahanisayo. UYesu "wabaphendula," — ngamaFarisi ababuza uYesu lo mbuzo. Bakwala ukumqonda.

Ingaba babenecawa? Hayi!

UYesu wayengathethi ngecawa eyayiza kumiselwa kungekudala. Kwaye wayengathethi ngeemvakalelo zengqondo okanye zentliziyo.

UYesu wayethetha ngoLOLABA Lwakhe! AmaFarisi ayengambuzeli ngecawa. Ayengazi nto ngayo nayiphi na icawa yeTestamente eNtsha

eyayiza kuqaliswa kungekudala. Ayebuzanga ngoluhlobo lweemvakalelo ezintle.

Ukuba umntu ucinga ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo yiCAWA — kwaye uBukumkani bukaThixo babuse "ngaphakathi" kwabaFarisi — ingaba iCAWA ibingaphakathi kwabaFarisi? Ngokuqinisekileyo akunjalo!

Isiphetho esinjalo siyahlekisa, akunjalo? Nangona ezinye iinguqulelo zamaProtestanti ziguqulela inxalenye yevesi kaLuka 17:21 njengathi "uBukumkani bukaThixo "bungaphakathi kwenu"" (NKJV/KJV), kwanencwadi ye*Bhayibhile* yamaRoma Katolika i*New Jerusalem* iyiguqulela ngokuchanekileyo njengathi "ubukumkani bukaThixo busiphakathi kwenu."

UYesu wayenguye owayephakathi kwamaFarisi—wayeza kuba yiKumkani yaloo Mbuso. Ngoku, amaFarisi ayecinga ukuba ayilindele uBukumkani bukaThixo. Kodwa bakuqonda gwenxa. UYesu wacacisa ukuba obu bukumkani abuzukuba bubukumkani bendawo, okanye obunqabileyo bobuYuda bodwa, njengoko babebonakala becinga (kwaye bungeyiyo icawa njengoko abanye bekholelwa ngoku). Ubukumkani bukaThixo babungayi kuba bubunye nje obuninzi babukumkani babantu obubonakalayo abantu abanokubonisa okanye babone, baze bathi, "Nantsi, apha" okanye "lobu Bukumkani, phaya."

UYesu ngokwakhe wazalelwa ukuba abe yiKINGI yaloo Mbuso, njengoko watsho ngokucacileyo kuPilato (Yohane 18:36-37). Qonda ukuba iBhayibhile isoloko isebenzisa amagama athi "ukumkani" kunye "nombuso" ngokutshintshisanayo (umz. Daniyeli 7:17-18,23). UKumkani wolawulo oluzayo lukaThixo wayemi, ngelo xesha nangaloo ndawo, ecaleni kwamaFarisi. Kodwa abangamazi njengoKumkani wabo (Yohane 19:21). Akubuya, ihlabathi liza kumtyhola (ISityhilelo 19:19).

UYesu waqhubeka, kwiziphelo ezilandelayo kuLuka 17, echaza ukubuya kwakhe kwesibini, xa uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kulawula UMHLaba WONKE (kusetyenziswa inguqulelo kaMoffatt):

<sup>22</sup> Kwabafundi bakhe wathi, "Kuza kuza iintsuku eniya kuthi nilangazelele kakhulu ukubona usuku olunye loNyana woMntu,

kodwa aniyikubona. <sup>23</sup> Abantu baya kuthi, 'Nantso, ulapha!' 'Nantsi, ulapha!' 'Nantsi, ulapha!' kodwa ningaphumi ningabaleki emva kwabo, <sup>24</sup> kuba njengombane obengezela ukusuka kwelinye icala lomzulu usiya kwelinye, kothi njalo noNyana woMntu abe ngosuku lwakhe. <sup>25</sup> Kodwa kufuneka angqine iintlungu ezinkulu kuqala, aze alahlwe sisizukulwana esikhoyo. (Luka 17:22-25, Moffatt)

UYesu wabhekisa ekubengezeleni kwentsimbi, njengoko kuMateyu 24:27-31, echaza ukubuya kwaKhe okwesibini ukuze ALawule ihlabathi lonke. UYesu akatsho ukuba abantu baKhe abazukukwazi ukumbona xa ebuya— bazakumbonile (thelekisa neZenzo 1:11).

Noko ke, uninzi lwabantu aluzukumazi njengoKumkani wabo (ISityhilelo 11:15) kwaye luya kulwa naye (ISityhilelo 19:19)! Abaninzi baya kucinga ukuba uYesu umele uMkhanyiselisi. UYesu wayengatsho ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bungaphakathi kwabo bafarisayo—wabaxelela kwenye indawo ukuba abayi kungena eBukumkanini ngenxa yobunyaniseki babo obungekho (Mateyu 23:13-14). Kwaye uYesu wayengatsho nokuba iCawa iya kuba nguBukumkani.

Ubukumkani bukaThixo yinto abantu abaza kusukuze bakwazi ukungena kuyo — njengakwivuka kwabafileyo babulungisa! Noko ke, nkqu noAbraham nabanye ooyise abakhulu abakafiki apho (thelekisa neHebhere 11:13-40).

Abafundi babesazi ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo babungekho kubo buqu ngelo xesha, kwaye kwakufuneka buvele ngolu hlobo lulandelayo, njengoko oku kulandelayo, okwenzeka emva kweLuka 17:21, kubonisa:

<sup>11</sup> Bakuva ke ezi zinto, wathetha omnye umfuziselo, kuba wayesondele eYerusalem kwaye babecinga ukuba ubukumkani bukaThixo buza kuvela kwangoko. (Luka 19:11)

### **Umbuso wawucacile ukuba uselokuzayo**

Ungayazi njani ukuba uBukumkani bukufuphi? Njengexalenye yokuphendula loo mbuzo, uYesu waludwelisa iziganeko zokuprofeta (Luka 21:8-28) waza wafundisa:

<sup>29</sup> Khangela umthi wefike, nemithi yonke. <sup>30</sup> Xa sele ikhupha amagqabi, nibona nize nazi ngokwenu ukuba ihlobo selikufuphi. <sup>31</sup> Nani ke, **xa nibona ezi zinto zisenzeka, yazi ukuba isibuso sikaThixo sikufuphi.** (Luka 21:29-31)

UYesu wayefuna abantu baKhe balandele iziganeko zonqonqo ukuze bazi ukuba uBukumkani buza kufika nini. Enye indawo uYesu waxelela abantu baKhe ukuba balumke baze banikele ingqalelo kwiziganeko zonqonqo (Luka 21:36; Marko 13:33-37). Nangona kunjalo, ngamazwi kaYesu, abaninzi abazihoyi iziganeko zehlabathi ezinxulumene nonqonqo.

KwabaseLuka 22 & 23, uYesu waphinda wabonisa ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo yayiyinto eza kuzaliseka kwixesha elizayo xa wayefundisa:

<sup>15</sup> "Ndingwenela ngomnqweno omkhulu ukutya le Pasika nani phambi kokuba ndibandezeleke; <sup>16</sup> kuba ndithi kuni, andisayi kuphinda nditye kuyo ide yagcwaliseka ebukumkanini bukaThixo."

<sup>17</sup> Wathabatha isipho, wabulela, wathi, "Thathani le nto, niyahlulahlule phakathi kwenu; <sup>18</sup> kuba ndiyanithi, andisayi kuphinda ndisele kwisiqhamo somdiliya side kufike ubukumkani bukaThixo." (Luka 22:15-18)

<sup>39</sup> Kodwa omnye wabo benza okubi ababethethwe naye emnqamlezweni wayihlambalaza, esithi, "Ukuba nawe uyikristu, sizisindise wena nathi." <sup>40</sup> Umntu obesigwetywe naye wamkhalimela, wathi, "Awuyoyiki na nawe uThixo? Naye ugwetywe. <sup>41</sup> Thina ke kugwetywe ngokufanelekileyo, kuba sifanelwe koko sikwenzileyo, kodwa lo mntu akenzanga nto imbi."

<sup>42</sup> Wathi kuYeshua, "Nkosi yam, ndikhumbule xa ungene eBukumkanini bakho." <sup>43</sup> Wathi uYeshua kuye, "Amen, ndiyakutsho, namhlanje uya kuba nam eParadesi." (Luka 23:39-43, isiAramaic ngesiNgesi esicacileyo)

Ubukumkani bukaThixo abuzange bufike kwangoko emva kokuba uYesu ebulawulwe, njengoko zombini uMarko noLuka besibonisa:

<sup>43</sup> UYosefu wase-Arimathea, ilungu elibalaseleyo lebhunga, naye owayelindele ubukumkani bukaThixo, weza waba nesibindi ... (Marko 15:43)

<sup>51</sup> Wayengowase-Arimathea, isixeko samaYuda, naye wayelindele ulawulo lukaThixo. (Luka 23:51)

Kuphela emva kuvuka kwabafileyo (1 Korinte 15:50-55) apho amaKristu azakuzalwa ngokutsha ukuze angene kuBukumkani bukaThixo, njengoko uYohane ebhala:

<sup>3</sup> UYesu waphendula wathi kuye, "Nyanisweni ndiyakutsho, ukuba umntu akazalwa ngokutsha, akanakuyibona ubukumkani bukaThixo." <sup>4</sup> UNikodemu wathi kuye, "Umntu angazalwa njani eseluphele? Angaphinda angene esiswini sikamama wakhe aze azalwe?" <sup>5</sup> UYesu waphendula wathi, "Nyanisweni ndiyakutsho, ukuba umntu akazalwa ngamanzi nangomoya, akanakungena ebukumkanini bukaThixo. (Yohane 3:3-5)

Nguabantu bakaThixo kuphela abaza kubona uBukumkani bukaThixo bokugqibela emva kwenkulungwane.

Ngoku ke, qondani ngakumbi ukuba emva kokuba uYesu evukile kwabafileyo, wafundisa kwakhona ngoBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>3</sup> Wababonakalisa kwakhona ephilile emva kokubandezeleka kwakhe ngobungqina obungenakukhohliswa obuninzi, ebonwa ngabo iintsuku ezingamashumi amane, ethetha ngezinto eziphathelele kubukumkani bukaThixo. (IZenzo 1:3)

**Izifundiso zokuqala nezokugqibela uYesu awazinika zazimalunga noBukumkani bukaThixo! UYesu weza njengomyeli wokufundisa ngobo Bukumkani.**

UYesu waphinda wenza uMpostile uYohane wabhala ngobuBukumkani beNkulungwane kaThixo obuza kuba emhlabeni. Qaphela into awamenza uYohane wayibhala:

<sup>4</sup> Ndabona imiphefumlo yabo ababenqunyulwe iintloko ngenxa yobungqina babo ngoYesu nangenxa yelizwi likaThixo, ababengamkhotamanga uMkhwenkwe okanye umfanekiso wakhe, kwaye abangafumananga uphawu lwakhe ezidleleni zabo nasemavengeni abo. Baza baphila babusa noKristu iminyaka eliwaka. (Isityhilelo 20:4)

AmaKristu okuqala afundisa ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka buya kuba emhlabeni kwaye buthathe indawo yoorhulumente behlabathi njengoko iBhayibhile ifundisayo (thelekisa noTyhilelo 5:10, 11:15).

Kutheni, ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bubaluleke kangaka, uninzi lwabantu lungeva lukhulu ngabo?

Ngokuyinxenye kungenxa yokuba uYesu wayibiza ngokuba yimfihlelo:

<sup>11</sup> Wathi kubo, "Nina niphiwe ukwazi imfihlelo yobukumkani bukaThixo; kodwa kwabo bangaphandle, zonke izinto zifika ngemifuziselo. (Marko 4:11)

Nokuba namhlanje uBukumkani bukaThixo lokwenyani liyimfihlakalo kuninzi lwabantu, njengoko kunjalo ngesicwangciso sikaThixo esininzi (jonga kwakhona incwadi yethu yasimahla, ekwi-intanethi [ku-www.ccog.org](http://www.ccog.org) enesihloko [esithi: IMFIHLAKALO YESICWANGCISO SIKATHIXO Kutheni uThixo Wadala Nantoni na? Kutheni uThixo wakwenzayo?](#)).

Qwalasela, kananjalo, ukuba uYesu wathi isiphelo (sexesha) siya kufika (kungekudala) EMVA kokuba iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani zishumayelwe kwiHlabathi lonke njengeFAKAZELO:

<sup>14</sup> Kwaye le evangeli yobukumkani iza kushumayelwa kwiHlabathi lonke ibe bubungqina kuzo zonke iintlanga, kuthi ke emva koko kufike isiphelo. (Mateyu 24:14)

Ukushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo kubalulekile kwaye kufuneka kugqityezelwe **kwezi ntsuku zokugqibela**. "Yi-'ndaba

elungileyo"" njengoko inika ithemba lokwenene kwiingxaki zoluntu, nokuba iinkokeli zezopolitiko zifundisa ntoni na.

**Ukuba ucinga ngamazwi kaYesu, kufanele kucace ukuba ibandla lokwenene lamaKristu kufuneka libhengeze loo ntshumayelo yobukumkani ngoku. Oku kufanele kube yeyona nto iphambili kwiBandla.** Kwaye ukuze kwenziwe oku ngokufanelekileyo, kufuneka kusetyenziswe iilwimi ezininzi. Yile nto *iContinuing Church of God* izama ukuyenza. Kwaye seso isizathu le ncwadana iye yaguqulelwa kwiilwimi ezininzi.

UYesu wafundisa ukuba uninzi aluzukwamkela indlela yakhe:

<sup>13</sup> "Ngenani ngomnyango omxinwa; kuba mkhulu umnyango, nobanzi umgwaqo okhokelela entshabalalweni, baninzi abangena ngawo. <sup>14</sup> Kuba mxinwa umnyango, nobunzima umgwaqo okhokelela ebomini, bambalwa abawufumanayo." (Mateyu 7:13-14)

Ivangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo ikhokelela ebomini!

Kungathakazelisa ukuqaphela ukuba nangona uninzi lwamaKristu azivumayo lubonakala lungayazi ingcinga yokuba uKristu wayegxininisa ekushumayeleni iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo, iingcali zezakwalizwi ezingekho phantsi kweCawa kunye nababhali-mbali bahlala beqonda ukuba yile nto iBhayibhile iyifundisayo ngokwenene.

Noko ke, uYesu ngokwakhe walindela abafundi bakhe ukuba bafundise iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo (Luka 9:2,60). Ngenxa yokuba ubukumkani bexesha elizayo buza kusekelwa kwimithetho kaThixo, buza kuzisa uxolo nempumelelo—kwaye ukuthobela loo mithetho kweli xesha kukhokelela kuxolo lokwenene (iInNdumiso 119:165,172; Efeshe 2:15).

Kwaye ezi ndaba zilungileyo zolwalathiso zazaziwa kwizibhalo zeTestamente eNdala.

### **3. Ingaba uBukumkani babusaziwa eTestamenteni eNdala?**

Intshumayelo yokuqala neyokugqibela kaYesu ebhalwe phantsi yayibandakanya ukushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo (Marko 1:14-15; IZenzo 1:3).

Ubukumkani bukaThixo yinto amaYuda exesha likaYesu ebemele ukuba ayazi ngayo kuba ibikhankanywe kwizibhalo zabo, esizibiza ngoku ngokuba yiTestamente eNdala.

#### **UDanyeli Wafundisa NgoBukumkani bukaThixo**

Umprofeti uDanyeli wabhala wathi:

<sup>40</sup> Nobukumkani besine buyakuba lomelele njengentsimbi, kuba intsimbi iyaphula izinto zonke iyazitshabalalisa; kwaye njengentsimbi egayiayo, obo buukumkani buyakuphula izinto zonke buphule nezinye zonke. <sup>41</sup> Kanti ke, njengoko ubone iinyawo neminwe yeenyawo, inxalenye yazo yeyodongwe lomgquba, enye inxalenye yeyentsimbi; ubukumkani buyakwahlulwa; kambe ke amandla entsimbi aza kuba kuyo, njengoko ubone intsimbi ixutywe nodongwe lomgquba. <sup>42</sup> Kwaye njengoko iminwe yeenyawo inxalenye yeyentsimbi nenxalenye yeyodongwe, ubukumkani buyakuba yinxalenye eyomeleleyo nenxalenye ebuthathaka. <sup>43</sup> Njengoko ubone intsimbi ixutywe nodongwe, baya kuzimanya nembewu yabantu; kodwa abayi kunamathelana, njengoko intsimbi ingaxubani nodongwe. <sup>44</sup> Kwaye kwiintsuku zezi zikhosi uThixo wasezulwini uya kumisa ubukumkani obungayi kutshabalaliswa; nobukumkani obungayi kushiyelelwa abanye abantu; buye buphahlazeke buphelise zonke ezi zikhosi, bube buhleli ngonaphakade. (Danyeli 2:40-44)

<sup>18</sup> Kodwa abangcwele boMninimzi oPhezulu baya kulifumana ubukumkani, baze balilawule ngonaphakade, ewe, ngonaphakade nanaphakade.' (Danyeli 7:18)

<sup>21</sup> "Ndandijonge; lathi elo lungu lwenziwa imfazwe nezinyulu, lwaphumelela kuzo, <sup>22</sup> kwada kwafika uMdala weMihla, kwenziwa umgwebo wabanyulwa beNkosi ePhakameyo, kwaza kwafika ixesha lokuba izinyulu zibe likumkani. (Daniyeli 7:21-22)

KuDaniyeli, sifunda ukuba ixesha liza kufika apho uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kutshabalalisa ubukumkani beli hlabathi kwaye buza kuhlala ngonaphakade. Sikwafunda nokuba abangcwele baya kuba nenxaxheba yabo ekwamkeleni obu bucumkani.

linxalenye ezininzi zeziprofeto zikaDaniyeli zezamaxesha ethu kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-21</sup>.

Qaphela eminye imibhalo evela kwiTestamente eNtsha:

<sup>12</sup> "Iimpondo ezilishumi ozibonileyo zizikumkani ezilishumi ezingekayifumani bucumkani okwangoku, kodwa zifumana igunya liyure enye njengezikumkani kunye nesilwanyana. <sup>13</sup> Aba banentliziyo-nye, kwaye baya kunika amandla abo nobugunya babo kwingonyama. <sup>14</sup> Aba baya kulwa neMvana y, kwaye iMvana iya kuboyisa, kuba Yena uYehova woyena, nguKumkani wookumkani; nabo abakunye naye babizwe, bakhethwe, bakhuthele." (Isityhilelo 17:12-14)

Ngoko ke, sibona kwiTestamente eNdala nakwiTestamente eNtsha ingqikelelo yokuba kuza kubakho umbuso wasemhlabeni wamaxesha okuphela onamacandelo alishumi nokuba uThixo uza kuwutshabalalisa aze aseke umbuso wakhe.

### **U-Isaya Wafundisa NgoBukumkani bukaThixo**

UThixo wakhuthaza ulsaya ukuba abhale ngecandelo lokuqala loBukumkani bukaThixo, ulawulo lweminyaka eliwaka olwaziwa ngokuba yi-millennium, ngolu hlobo:

<sup>1</sup> Kuya kuphuma intonga kwisiseko sikaYese, Kwaye isebe liya kukhula ezimpandeni zakhe. <sup>2</sup> Umoya weNkosi uya kuphumla phezu kwakhe, Umoya wobulumko nowokuqonda, Umoya weengcebiso namandla, Umoya wolwazi nowoloyiko lweNkosi.

<sup>3</sup> Uyakuvuya ngoloyiko lweNkosi, Kwaye akayi kugweba ngokubona kwamehlo akhe, Akayi kugweba ngokuphulaphula iindlebe zakhe; <sup>4</sup> Kodwa ngobulungisa uya kugwebela abahluphekileyo, Aze agwebe ngokuthe tye

kuba abathobekileyo bomhlaba; uya kubetha umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, yaye ngomoya weenlomo zakhe uya kubulala abangendawo. <sup>5</sup>Ubulungisa buya kuba sisingxobo sezinqe zakhe, nokunyaniseka sisingxobo sesinqe sakhe.

<sup>6</sup> "Ingcuka iya kuhlala kunye nelama, ingwe iya kulala phantsi kunye nezinyane lebhokhwe, isinyi kunye nengonyama eselusana kunye nenkomo etyetyisiweyo ziya kudla kunye; kwaye umntwana omncinci uya kuzikhokela. <sup>7</sup> Inkunzi kunye nembila ziya kurola; amantshontsho azo aya kulala phantsi kunye; kwaye ingonyama iya kutya ingca njengenkomo. <sup>8</sup> Umntwana osancancayo uya kudlala ecaleni kwembobo yonyumba, Kwaye umntwana osele eseyisiwe uya kufaka isandla sakhe kwibala lezinyoka. <sup>9</sup> Abayi kwenzakalisa okanye batshabalalise kulo lonke intaba yam engcwele, Kuba umhlaba uya kuzaliswa kulwazi lweNkosi Njengamanzi agquma ulwandle.

<sup>10</sup> "Kwaye ngaloo mini kuza kubakho isiqhamo sikaYese, Esiya kumiswa njengesibhengezo kubantu; Kuba iintlanga ziya kumkhangela, Nendawo yakhe yokuphumla iya kuba nobungangamsha." (Isaya 11:1-10)

Isizathu endiyibize le njengexalenye yokuqala okanye isigaba sokuqala sobukumkani bukaThixo, kukuba eli lixesha apho iza kuba yeyokwenyama (phambi kwexesha apho isixeko esingcwele, iJerusalem Entsha, siza kuthotywa sisuka ezulwini, uTyhilelo 21) kwaye iza kuthatha iminyaka eliwaka. Ulsaya waqinisekisa umba wokwenyama wesi sigaba xa waqhubeka wathi:

<sup>11</sup> Kuya kwenzeka ngaloo mini ukuba iNkosi iphinde isongele isandla sayo okwesibini Ukuhlangula intsalela yabantu bayo abashiyekileyo, Evela e-Asiriya naseYiputa, Evela ePathrose

naseKushe, Evela e-Elam naseShinar, Evela eHamati nasesiqithini solwandle.

<sup>12</sup> Uya kumisa ibhanile yezizwe, Aze ahlanganise abagxothiweyo bakaSirayeli, Aze adibanise abasazekileyo bakaYuda Ukusuka kwiikona ezine zehlabathi. <sup>13</sup> Kwakhona umona kaEfrayim uya kuphela, Neentshaba zikaYuda ziya kunqunyulwa; Efrayim akayi kumona uYuda, NoYuda akayi kumcinezela uEfrayim. <sup>14</sup> Kodwa bona baya kuhla bafike emagxeni amaFilisti ngasentshona; baya kuxhaphaza kunye abantu baseMpuma; baya kubeka isandla sabo kuEdom nakuMoab; nabantu bakaAmon baya kubathobela. <sup>15</sup> INkosi iya kutshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo ulwimi loLwandle lwaseYiputa; Ngomoya waKhe onamandla uya kushukumisa isandla saKhe esivaliweyo phezu koMlambo, aze awubethe ngemilambo esixhenxe, aze enze abantu bawuwela bengamanzi. <sup>16</sup> Kuya kubakho indlela enkulu yesisaleko sabantu baKhe Esiya kushiyeke sivele e-Asiriya, njengoko kwakunjalo ngoSirayeli Ngosuku awenyuka ngalo elizweni laseYiputa. (Isaya 11:11-16)

Isaya naye wakhuthazwa ukuba abhale:

<sup>2</sup> Kwaye kuza kwenzeka ngemihla yokugqibela, intaba yendlu yeNkosi iza kumiswa encotsheni yeentaba, ize iphakanyiswe ngaphezu kweenduli; kwaye zonke iintlanga ziya kuhambela kuyo. <sup>3</sup> Abantu abaninzi baya kuza bathi, "Yiyani, sikhwele entabeni yeNkosi, Endlwini kaThixo kaYakob; Uya kusifundisa iindlela zakhe, Thina sihambe ezindleleni zakhe." **Kuba eZiyon kuza kuphuma umthetho,** Ilizwi leNkosi lisuka eYerusalem. <sup>4</sup> Uya kugweba phakathi kwezizwe, Abole abantu abaninzi; Baza kushintsha iinkemba zabo zibe zizikere, nemikhonto yabo ibe zizimela zokutsala; **isizwe asiya kuphakamisela isinkemba kwesinye isizwe, bangasayi kuphinda bafunde imfazwe.** ... <sup>11</sup> Ukuziphakamisela kwabantu kuya kuthotywa, ukuzigqaja kwabantu kuya kugobelwa, uYehova yedwa uya kuphakanyiswa ngaloo mini. (Isaya 2:2-4,11)

Ngoko ke, iya kuba lixesha elipheleleyo lokuxola emhlabeni. Ekugqibeleni, oku kuya kuhlala ngonaphakade, uYesu elawula. Ngokusekelwe kwizibhalo ezahlukeneyo (INdumiso 90:4; 92:1; Isaya 2:11; Hofe 6:2), iTalmud

yamaYuda ifundisa ukuba oku kuthatha iminyaka eyi-1,000 (iTalmud yaseBhabhiloni: Tractate Sanhedrin Folio 97a).

Isaya wakhuthazwa ukuba abhale noko kulandelayo:

<sup>6</sup> Kuba usana luzalelwe thina, unyana unikelwe thina; nolawulo luya kuba esihlahleni sakhe. Igama lakhe liya kubizwa ngokuthi, Ommangaliso, Mcebisi, uThixo oNamandla, uYise oNaphakade, iNkosana yoXolo. <sup>7</sup> Wokwanda kolawulo lwakhe noxolo akukho siphelo, esihlalweni sikaDavide nasebukumkanini bakhe, ukululungisa nokuluzinzisa ngokugweba nangobulungisa ukususela ngoku kuya phambili, ewe ngonaphakade. Ukhuthazo lweNkosi yamabutho luya kukwenza oku. (Isaya 9:6-7)

Qaphela ukuba ulsaya wathi uYesu uza kuza azise ubukumkani kunye norhulumente. Nangona abaninzi abavuma uKristu becaphula esi sibhalo, ingakumbi ngoDisemba nyaka ngamnye, badla ngokungayihoyi into yokuba isiprofeto asipheleli nje ekubeni uYesu uza kuzalwa. IBhayibhile ibonisa ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bunorhulumente onemithetho phezu kwabantu baso, nokuba uYesu uya kuba ngukumkani phezu kwabo. Ulsaya, uDanyeli, nabanye basiprofeta.

Imithetho kaThixo yindlela yothando (Mateyu 22:37-40; Yohane 15:10) kwaye uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kulawulwa ngokusekelwe kuloo mithetho. Ngenxa yoko, uBukumkani bukaThixo, nokuba abaninzi ehlabathini bayibona njani, buza kusekelwa eluthandweni.

### **liNdumiso nokunye**

Akuzange kube nguDanyeli nolsaya kuphela uThixo abakhuthazileyo ukuba babhale ngobuBukumkani bukaThixo obuzayo.

**UHezekile wakhuthazwa ukuba abhale ukuba abo bazo iintlanga zaseSirayeli (kungekuphela amaYuda) ababesiwe ngexesha leNkathazo eNkulu baya kudityaniswa kunye kubukumkani benkulungwane:**

<sup>17</sup> Ngoko ke yithi, 'Utsho ngelitshoyo iNkosi uThixo: "Ndiza kunihlanga phakathi kwezizwe, ndinidibanise kwizwe enisaphalale kulo, ndize ndinike ilizwe lakwaSirayeli.'" <sup>18</sup> Baza

**kuza khona, baze basuse zonke izinto zakhe ezinyanyekayo nazo zonke izikrelemnqa zakhe kuloo ndawo. <sup>19</sup> Ndiya kubanika intliziyo enye, ndifake umoya omtsha ngaphakathi kubo, ndisuse intliziyo yelitye enyameni yabo, ndibanike intliziyo yenyama, <sup>20</sup> ukuze bahambe kwimithetho Yam, bagcine izigwebo Zam, bazenze; baya kuba ngabantu bam, nam ndiya kuba nguThixo wabo. <sup>21</sup> "Kodwa abo iintliziyo zabo zilandela umnqweno wezinto zabo ezinyanyekayo nezenzo zabo ezinyanyekayo, ndiya kubuyisela isenzo sabo entloko yabo," utsho uYehova uThixo. (Hezekile 11:17-21)**

Inzala yeembindi zamaSirayeli ayisayi kuphinda isasazwe, kodwa iya kuthi ithobele imithetho kaThixo kwaye iyeke ukutya izinto ezinyanyekayo (Levitiki 11; Duteronomi 14).

Qaphela oku kulandelayo kwiiNdumiso malunga neendaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>27</sup> Iiphelo zonke zehlabathi Ziya kukhumbula zize zibuyele kuYehova, Zize zonke iintsapho zeentlanga Zinqule phambi kwakho. <sup>28</sup> Kuba ubukumkani bubakaYehova, Kwaye ulawula phezu kweentlanga. (IiNdumiso 22:27-28)

<sup>6</sup> Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Thixo, sesaphakade nanaphakade; Intonga yobulungisa yintonga yobukhosi bakho. (IiNdumiso 45:6)

<sup>1</sup> Yimbelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha! Yimbelelani iNkosi, nonke zizwe. <sup>2</sup> Yimbelelani iNkosi, nisikelele igama layo; Nibhengezeni iindaba ezilungileyo zosindiso lwayo, imihla ngemihla. <sup>3</sup> Yibhengezeni udumo lwayo phakathi kwezizwe, ; imimangalisayo yayo kuzo zonke iintlanga. (IiNdumiso 96:1-3; bona kwakhona 1 IziKronike 16:23-24)

<sup>10</sup>Zonke izenzo zakho ziya kukudumisa, Nkosi, Kwaye abangcwele bakho baya kukusikelela. <sup>11</sup>Baya kuthetha ngobungangamsha bobukumkani bakho, Kwaye baxoxe ngamandla akho, <sup>12</sup>Ukuze kwaziswe koonyana babantu izenzo zakhe ezinamandla, Kwaye ubungangamsha obuhloniphekileyo bobukumkani bakhe.

<sup>13</sup>Ubukumkani bakho bubukumkani obungunaphakade, Kwaye ulawulo lwakho luhlala kuzo zonke izizukulwana. (INdumiso 145:10-13)

**Ababhali abohlukeneyo kwiTestamente eNdala nabo babhala ngeenkalo zobukumkani (umz. Hezekile 20:33; Obadiya 21; Mika 4:7).**

**Ngoko ke, xa uYesu waqala ukufundisa iVangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo, abaphulaphuli bakhe bokuqala babesele beqhelene noluvo olusisiseko.**

## 4. Ingaba iiNtumwa zazifundisa iVangeli yoBukumkani?

**Nangona abaninzi besenza ngathi iivangeli zezindaba ezilungileyo nje ngomntu uYesu, inyaniso yeyokuba abalandeli bakaYesu bafundisa iivangeli zoBukumkani bukaThixo. Lowo ngumyalezo owawuziswe nguYesu.**

UMpostile uPawulos wafundisa ngobuLawuli bukaThixo noYesu:

<sup>8</sup> Waza wangena esinagogeni, wathetha ngenkalipho iinyanga ezintathu, ebuza imibuzo, esenza ingqiqo, esenza ubungqina ngamalizwi akulawulo lukaThixo. (IZenzo 19:8)

<sup>25</sup> Kwaye ngenene, ngoku ndiyazi ukuba nonke, phakathi kwenu endikhenkethe kuzo ndishumayela ubukumkani bukaThixo. (IZenzo 20:25)

<sup>23</sup> Kwathi ke, emva kokuba bamlisele usuku, abaninzi bamza kwindlu yakhe, waza wabacacisela, wabangqina ngobukumkani bukaThixo, esebatyhilela izimfihlo zeNcwadi kaMthetho kaMoses nezeZiprofeto, esebatyhilela izimfihlo zeNcwadi kaMthetho kaMoses nezeZiprofeto, ukususela ekuseni ukuya ngokuhlwa, efuna ukubenza bakholwe ngoYesu. ...<sup>(31)</sup> eshumayela ubukumkani bukaThixo, efundisa izinto ezimalunga neNkosi uYesu Krestu ngentembelo yonke, kungekho mntu umthintelayo. (IZenzo 28:23,31)

Qaphela ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo abukho nje ngoYesu kuphela (nangona Yena eyinxalenye enkulu yabo), njengoko uPawulos wayefundisa ngoYesu ngokwahlukileyo koko wayekufundisa ngoBukumkani bukaThixo.

Naye uPawulos wayibiza ngokuba ziindaba ezilungileyo zikaThixo, kodwa yayisaziindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>9</sup>... sinishumayele ivangeli kaThixo ... <sup>12</sup> ukuba nihambe ngokufaneleyo kuThixo onibizela kubukumkani bakhe nakuzuko lwakhe. (1 Abathesalonika 2:9,12)

UPawulos ukwabize ngokuba yivangeli kaKristu (Roma 1:16). "Umyalezo olungileyo" kaYesu, umyalezo awawufundisayo.

Qwalasela ukuba yayingengumvangelo nje malunga nomntu uYesu Krestu okanye malunga nesindiso somntu siqu. UPawulos wathi umvangelo kaKristu uquka ukuthobela uYesu, ukubuya kwaKhe, kunye nomgwebo kaThixo:

<sup>6</sup> ... uThixo abahlawulele ngentlungu abo bakuphazamisayo, <sup>7</sup> kwaye kuni, nina nenzima, aninike ukuphumla kunye nathi xa iNkosi uYesu evela esibhakabhakeni neengelosi zakhe ezinamandla, <sup>8</sup> emlilweni ovuthayo, ehlabela imbuyekezo abo bangamazi uThixo, nabo bangayithobeli ivangeli yeNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu. <sup>9</sup> Aba baya kugwetyelwa isigwebo sokutshabalala okungunaphakade, bahlukaniswe neenkangeleko zeNkosi, nokuzuka kwamandla akhe, <sup>10</sup> xa eza, ngaloo Mini, ukuze azukiswe kwizibhakabhaka zakhe, aze abongwe kubo bonke abakholwayo; kuba ubungqina bethu kuni bakholelwa. (2 Abathekwane 1:6-10)

ITestamente eNtsha ibonisa ukuba ubukumkani yinto esiza kuyamkela, hayi ukuba ngoku siyibambe ngokupheleleyo:

<sup>28</sup> sifumana ubukumkani obungenakuzanyazanyiswa. (Hebhere 12:28)

Singakwazi ukuqonda nokulangazelela ukuba yinxalenye yoBukumkani bukaThixo ngoku, kodwa asikangeni kuso ngokupheleleyo.

U-Pawulos waqinisekisa ngokukodwa ukuba umntu akangeni ngokupheleleyo kuBukumkani bukaThixo njengomntu onokufa, njengoko oko kusenzeka *emva* kuvuko kwabafileyo:

<sup>50</sup>Kaloku, ndithi, bantu bakowethu, inyama negazi abanakulifa ubukumkani bukaThixo; nokusilela akululifa ukungonakali.

<sup>51</sup>Nantsi, ndiyanixelela imfihlelo: Asiyi kulala sonke, kodwa siza kutshintsha sonke— <sup>52</sup>ngomzuzwana, ngokuphanyaza kweliso, kwisigubhu sokugqibela. Kuba ikhwelo liya kuvakala, abafileyo baya kuvuswa bengenakonakala, size nathi si guqulwe (1 Korinte 15:50-52)

<sup>1</sup> Ngoko ke ndiyakuyalela phambi koThixo neNkosi uYesu Kristu, oza kugweba abaphilayo nabafileyo ekubonakaleni kwakhe nasebukumkani bakhe.

(2 Timoti 4:1)

UPawulos akazange afundise oko kuphela, kodwa wafundisa nokuba uYesu uya kunikezela uBukumkani kuThixo uYise:

<sup>20</sup> Kodwa ngoku uKristu uvukile kwabafileyo, waba sisithiyelo sabo baleleyo. <sup>21</sup> Kuba njengokuba ngomntu kwangena ukufa, ngomntu kwangena nokuvuka kwabafileyo. <sup>22</sup> Kuba njengokuba bonke bafa ngoAdam, bonke baya kuvuswa ngoKristu. <sup>23</sup> Kodwa ngokulandelelana kwabo: uKristu ungumvuzo wokuqala, emva koko abo bangabakaKristu ekufikeni kwaKhe. <sup>24</sup> Emva koko kuza isiphelo, xa eNikezela ubukumkani kuThixo uYise, xa ePhelisa yonke intlawulo, nayo yonke igunya, namandla onke. <sup>25</sup> Kuba kufuneka aLawule ade abeke zonke iintshaba phantsi kweenyawo zaKhe. (1 Korinte 15:20-25)

UPawulos waphinda wafundisa ukuba abangamenzelwano (abaphulimthetho) abayi kulifa uBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>9</sup> Anazazi na ukuba abangamanyala abayi kulifa ubukumkani bukaThixo? Ningakukhohliseki. Nokuba ngabazenzeli, nokuba ngabathandi be , nokuba ngabagqibekazi, nokuba ngabathandani besini esinye, nokuba ngamaSodoma, <sup>10</sup> nokuba ngamahashe, nokuba ngabanqweneli, nokuba ngabanxilileyo, nokuba ngabathuki, nokuba ngabaxhaphazi abayi kulifa ubukumkani bukaThixo. (1 Korinte 6:9-10)

<sup>19</sup> Ngoku izenzo zenyama zibonakala, ezizezi: uzini, inkohlakalo, ukungcola, ubunyanyo, <sup>20</sup> ukuthanda izithixo, umlingo, intiyo, iingxabano, umona, ukugqabhuka komsindo, iinqwenelo zobuzenziselo, iiyantlukwano, iinkolo ezingamxhelo, <sup>21</sup> umona, iinkcawo, ukusela, amagophe, nezinto ezifana nazo; endinithi ndinazixelela kwangaphambili, njengoko ndanditshilo

nangaphambili, ukuba abo benza izinto ezinje abayi kulifa ubukumkani bukaThixo. (Galati 5:19-21)

<sup>5</sup> Kuba le nto niyazi, ukuba akukho mntu oziphambanayo ngokwesondo, ongcolileyo, okanye umntu onqwenela izinto ezingeyiyo, ongumthandakumbi, onelifa kulawulo lukaKristu noThixo. (Efese 5:5)

UThixo unemigangatho kwaye ufuna ukuzisola ngesono ukuze ukwazi ukungena kubukumkani baKhe. Uthobelo kuThixo luyafuneka ukuze wamkele uMoya oyiNgcwele kwanokufumana isindiso:

<sup>29</sup> ...UPetros nabapostile ... bathi, "Kunyanzelekile kuthi ukuthobela uThixo kunabantu. ... <sup>32</sup> Kwaye thina singamangqina akhe ezi zinto, kunye noMoya oyiNgcwele, awunikezwe nguThixo kwabo bathobelayo." (IZenzo 5:29,32, AFV)

<sup>5</sup> UKristu ... <sup>8</sup> nangona wayeyiNyana, wafunda ukuthobela ngoko wakunyamezelayo. <sup>9</sup> Emva kokugqibelelwa, waba ngumseki wesindiso esingunaphakade kubo bonke abamthobelayo, (Hebhere 5:5,8-9)

UMphostile uPawulos walumkisa ukuba abanye abazukufundisa ukuba iindaba ezilungileyo zikaYesu yeyona mpendulo, kodwa enye indlela yamkelekile:

<sup>3</sup> Ubulungisa malube kuni noxolo oluvela kuThixo uYise kunye neNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, <sup>4</sup> owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asihlangule kweli xesha langoku likhohlakeleyo, ngokwentando kaThixo wethu noYise, <sup>5</sup> makube kuye uzuko ngonaphakade. Amen. <sup>6</sup> Ndiyamangaliswa kuba niphambuka msinyane kangaka Kuye owabizayo kubabalo lukaKristu, niye kwivangeli eyahlukileyo, <sup>7</sup> engeyiyo enye; kodwa kukho abathile abaphazamisayo, abafuna ukugalela ivangeli kaKristu. <sup>8</sup> Kuba nokuba sithi thina, okanye ingelosi evela ezulwini, isingashenxisi kwenu enye ivangeli ngaphaya kwayo le niyamkileyo; makathukwe. <sup>9</sup> Njengoko sitshilo ngaphambili, ngoku ndiphinda

ndithi, ukuba ukhona umntu okunishumayelela enye ivangeli ngaphaya kwayo le niyamkileyo, makathukwe. (Galati 1:3-9)

<sup>3</sup> Kodwa ndiyoyika, hleze ngandlel' ithile, njengoko inyoka yamqhatha uEve ngobuqhetseba bayo, ngokunjalo iingqondo zenu zingcoliswe ekululameni okukwiKristu. <sup>4</sup> Kuba ukuba lowo uza uthetha ngoYesu omnye esingamfundisanga, okanye ukuba namkela moya ongengowethu eningawamkanga, okanye ivangeli eyahlukileyo eningayamkelanga — ningakwazi ukunyamezela oko! (2 Korinte 11:3-4)

Yayiyintoni le vangeli "yinye" ne "yahlukileyo," eyayiyinyani, eyamanga?

Ivangeli yobuxoki inamacandelo ahlukeneyo.

Ngokubanzi, iindaba ezibubuxoki kukukholelwa ukuba akunyanzelekanga ukuba umthobele uThixo ngokwenene kwaye uzabalazele ukuphila ngendlela yaKhe ngokunyanisekileyo ngelixa usithi uyamazi (thelekisa noMateyu 7:21-23). Ikholisa ukuba yeyobunozala.

Inyoka yazikrexeza uEva waza wawela kwiivangeli zobuxoki kwiminyaka ephantse ibe ngama-6000 eyadlulayo (Genesise 3)—kwaye abantu bakholelwa ukuba bayazi ngcono kunoThixo kwaye kufuneka bazigqibelele okulungileyo nokubi ukusukela ngoko. Ewe, emva kokuba uYesu efikile, igama laKhe lalisoloko lidityaniswa neevangeli ezahlukeneyo zobuxoki—kwaye oku kuye kwaqhubeka kwaye kuza kuqhubeka kude kube lixesha leNkohliso yokugqibela.

Ngoku ke, kwixesha loMbhishophu uPawulos, iindaba ezingamanga zazisisixube seGnostic/Mystic senyaniso nempazamo. AmaGnostic ayekholelwa ukuba ulwazi olukhethekileyo luloo nto yayifuneka ukuze kufunyanwe ukuqonda okomoya, kuquka isindiso. AmaGnostics ayekholelwa ukuba into eyenziwa yinyama ayibalulekanga kwaye ayengavumelani nokuthobela uThixo kwimiba efana neSabatha yosuku lwesixhenxe. Omnye wabo bakhokeli bobuxoki yayinguSimon Magus, owayekhalinyelwa/walunyukiswa nguPostile uPetros (iZenzo 8:18-21).

**Kodwa akukho lula**

INtetho eNtsha ibonisa ukuba uFiliphe wafundisa uBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>5</sup> Wathi ke uFiliphe wehla waya kwisixeko saseSamariya, wabashumayela uKristu. ... <sup>12</sup> bakholwa kuFiliphe, eshumayela izinto ezingobukumkani bukaThixo ... (IZenzo 8:5,12)

Nangona kunjalo, uYesu, uPawulos, kunye nabafundi bafundisa ukuba akukho lula ukungena kuBukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>24</sup>UYesu, akubona oko, wabanga buhlungu kakhulu, wathi, "Hayi indlela ekunzima ngayo kwabo banobutyebi ukungena kubukumkani bukaThixo! <sup>25</sup>Kuba kulula ukuba ikamela iphumelele kwisangqa lengile kunokuba umntu osisityebi angene kubukumkani bukaThixo."

<sup>26</sup> Abo baye bekuva bathi, "Ngubani ke onokusindiswa?"

<sup>27</sup> Wathi ke yena, "Izinto ezingenakwenzeka ebantwini ziyenzeka kuThixo." (Luka 18:24-27)

<sup>22</sup>"Kufuneka singene kubukumkani bukaThixo singqubana neentlungu ezininzi." (IZenzo 14:22)

<sup>3</sup> Sinonyanzelekile, bantu bakuthi, ukuba sibe nombulelo kuThixo ngenxa yenu ngamaxesha onke, njengoko kufanelekile; kuba ukholo lwenu luyanda kakhulu, nothando lwenu nonke ngamnye ngamnye luyanda. <sup>(4)</sup> Kangangokuba thina ngokwethu siyazingca ngenxa yenu kwiicawa zikaThixo, ngenxa yokunyamezela kwenu nokholo lwenu kuzo zonke iintshabalalo neentlungu enizinyamezelayo, <sup>5</sup> obububungqina obucacileyo bobulungisa bokugweba kukaThixo, ukuze nifaneleke kulawulo lukaThixo, eneneni niyabandezeleka ngenxa yalo; <sup>6</sup> kuba kulungile emehlweni kaThixo ukubuyekizela ngentlungu abo baninika intlungu, <sup>7</sup> kwaye kuni, abahluphekayo, aninike ukuphumla kunye nathi xa iNkosi uYesu evela esibhakabhakeni neengelosi zakhe ezinamandla, (2 Abathesalonika 1:3-7)

Ngenxa yobunzima bale mihla, ngabanye kuphela ababizwayo nabakhethwayo ngoku kweli xesha ukuba babe yinxalenye yalo (Mateyu

22:1-14; Yohane 6:44; Hebhere 6:4-6). Abanye baya kubizwa kamva, njengoko iBhayibhile ibonisa ukuba abo "baphambukileyo emoyeni baya kufikelela ekuqondeni, nabo bakhalazileyo baya kufunda imfundiso" (Isaya 29:24).

UMpostile uPetros wafundisa ukuba ubukumkani bungunaphakade, nokuba iindaba ezilungileyo zikaThixo kufuneka zithotyelwe ngenkuthalo kungenjalo kuza kubakho umgwebo:

<sup>10</sup> Ngoko ke, bazalwana, yenzani ngakumbi ukuzimisela ukuze nibe nesiqinisekiso sobizo nenyuliwo yenu, kuba ukuba niyenza le nto, anisoze nityhafe; <sup>11</sup> kuba ngaloo ndlela kuya kuvulelwa kuni ngobutyebi bungena kubukumkani obungunaphakade beNkosi yethu uMsindisi uYesu Kristu. (2 Petros 1:10-11)

<sup>17</sup> Kuba lifikile ixesha lokuba ukuhlulwa kuqale endlwini kaThixo; kwaye ukuba kuqala kuthi kuqala, kuthini ke isiphelo sabo bangawuliziyo ivangeli kaThixo? (1 Petros 4:17)

### **Iincwadi Zokugqibela zeBhayibhile noBukumkani**

IBhayibhile ifundisa ukuba "uThixo luthando" (1 Yohane 4:8,16) kwaye uYesu nguThixo (Yohane 1:1,14)—uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kuba noKumkani oluthando kwaye imithetho yawo ixhasa uthando, hayi intiyo (thelekisa noTyhilelo 22:14-15).

IBhayibhile ikwabonisa ukuba uThixo uza kuthumela ingelosi eza kubhengeza iindaba ezilungileyo zaphakade zobukumkani bukaThixo (ISityhilelo 14:6-7) ize emva koko kuthunyelwe enye ingelosi ukuzokubonisa ukuba nangona ibonakala inkulu, iBhabhiloni iyawa (ISityhilelo 14:8-9). La myalezo ziya kuba ziingqinisekiso ezingaphaya kwemvelo yevangeli eya kube sele ifunyenwe lihlabathi njengobungqina kwaye ziya kuba yimiba ebalulekileyo "kwisihlelele esikhulu" esiza kuThixo ngamaxesha okuphela (ISityhilelo 7:9-14). Ngokungafaniyo namandla okugqibela aseBhabhiloni aya kuvela aze awe (thelekisa neSityhilelo 18:1-18), isigaba sokugqibela sobukumkani bukaThixo siya kuhlala ngonaphakade:

<sup>15</sup> Kwaza kwangqubeka isigodlo sesixhenxe, kwaba nezizwi ezikhulu ezisuka ezulwini, zisithi, "limbuso zehlabathi zibe ziimbuso zoYinwe noKrestu wakhe, aze abuse ngonaphakade ngonaphakade!" (Isityhilelo 11:15)

UYesu uya kulawula ebukumkani! Kwaye iBhayibhile ityhila izihloko zakhe ezibini:

<sup>16</sup> Kwaye unegama elibhalweyo ehalathini lakhe nasemathanjeni akhe elithi: UKumkani wookumkani neNkosi yeenkosi. (Isityhilelo 19:16)

Kodwa ingaba nguYesu yedwa oza kulawula? Qaphela esi sibhalo:

<sup>4</sup> Ndaye ndabona izihlalo zobukhosi, baza bahlala kuzo, yaza yapheliselwa kubo inkundla. Ndaye ndabona imiphefumlo yabo ababenqunyulwe iintloko ngenxa yobungqina babo ngoYesu, nangenxa yelizwi likaThixo, abangazange bathobe kwilwanyana okanye kumfanekiso waso, abangazange bafumane uphawu lwaso emaphambeni okanye ezandleni zabo. Baza baphila, baza balawula noKristu iminyaka eliwaka . . . <sup>6</sup> Ulonwabile, ungcwele lowo unomxholo kuvuko lokuqala! Kwabo, ukufa kwesibini akunagunya, kodwa baya kuba ngababingeleli bakaThixo bakaKristu, baze babuse naye iinkulungwane zeminyaka. (Isityhilelo 20:4,6)

AmaKristu okwenene aza kuvuswa ukuze alawule noKristu iminyaka eliwaka! Ubukumkani buza kuhlala ngonaphakade (Isityhilelo 11:15), kodwa ulawulo kunye nabangcwele abavusiweyo bokuqala abakhankanywe kwiSityhilelo 20:6 belungeyonyaka eliwaka kuphela. Yiyo le nto ndikubize oku ngaphambili njengesigaba sokuqala sobukumkani— isigaba esiphathekayo, eseminyakeni eliwaka, ngokwahlukileyo kwisigaba sokugqibela, esingokomoya ngakumbi.

Kukho iziganeko ezininzi ezidweliswe kwiNcwadi yeSityhilelo njengeziya kwenzeka phakathi kwesigaba seminyaka eliwaka nesigaba sokugqibela sobukumkani bukaThixo:

<sup>7</sup> Ke, emva kokuba kuphelile iminyaka eliwaka, uSathana uya kukhululwa entolongweni yakhe <sup>8</sup> aze aphume aye kokhwankqisa

iintlanga ezikwimimandla emine yomhlaba, uGog noMagog, ukuba azibuthe ziye emfazweni, ezinobuninzi obufana nesanti yolwandle. ... <sup>11</sup> Ndaye ndabona itrone enkulu emhlophe kunye Naye owayehleli kuyo, wathi ebusweni bakhe umhlaba nezulu zabaleka. Kwaye akufunyanwa ndawo yabo. <sup>12</sup>Ndabona abafileyo, abancinci nabakhulu, bemi phambi koThixo, navulwa iincwadi. Navulwa nenye incwadi, eyiNcwadi yoBomi. Abafileyo bagwetywa ngokwemisebenzi yabo, ngezinto ezazibhalwe kwiincwadi. <sup>13</sup>Ulwandle lwakhupha abafileyo ababelo, noMngcwabo neSihogo zakhupha abafileyo ezazibizo. Kwaye bagwetywa, umntu ngamnye ngokwemisebenzi yakhe. <sup>14</sup>Emva koko uMkhombe neHades baphoswa elwandle lomlilo. Oku kukufa kwesibini. <sup>15</sup>Nabani na ongafunyanwanga ebhalwe kwiNcwadi yoBomi waphoswa elwandle lomlilo. (Isityhilelo 20:7-8, 11-15)

Incwadi yeSityhilelo ibonisa ukuba kuza kubakho isigaba esilandelayo sobukumkani esiza emva kolawulo lweminyaka eliwaka kunye nasemva kokufa kwesibini kwabo bahlala bejika umva ekuzisolenzeni nakwiindlela zikaThixo:

<sup>1</sup> Ngoku ndabona izulu elitsha nomhlaba omtsha, kuba izulu lokuqala nomhlaba wokuqala kuphelile. Kwaye kwakungasekho lwandle. <sup>2</sup> Ndabona ke mna, uYohane, isixeko esingcwele, iYerusalem entsha, isihla isuka ezulwini kuThixo, isilungiselelwe njengomakoti omhombisiweyo indoda yakhe. <sup>3</sup> Ndaqonda ilizwi elikhulu lisuka ezulwini lisithi, "Nantsi, itende likaThixo likho nabantu, uya kuhlala nabo, baya kuba ngabantu bakhe. UThixo ngokwakhe uya kuba nabo, abe nguThixo wabo. <sup>4</sup> Kwaye uThixo uya kusiqaba zonke iinyembezi emehlweni abo; akusayi kubakho kufa, akusayi kubakho kutshona, akusayi kubakho kukhala. Akusayi kubakho buhlungu, kuba izinto zangaphambili ziphelile." (Isityhilelo 21:1-4)

<sup>1</sup>Waza wandibonisa umlambo ococekileyo wamanzi obomini, ocwebezela okweglasi, uphuma kwitrone kaThixo neyeMvana. <sup>2</sup>Esazulwini sesitrato sawo, nakumacala omabini omlambo, kwakukho umthi wobomi, owayithwala iziqhamo ezilishumi

elinambini, usuke umthi ngamnye uthwele isiqhamo sawo inyanga nenyanga. Amagqabi omthi ayeyokuphilisa iintlanga. <sup>3</sup> Kwaye akusayi kubakho sisole, kodwa itrone kaThixo neyeMvana iya kuba kuyo, kwaye abakhonzi baKhe baya kumkhonza. <sup>4</sup> Baya kubona ubu buso baKhe, kwaye igama laKhe liya kuba ezibhakabhakeni zabo. <sup>5</sup> Akusayi kubakho busuku apho: Abasayi kudinga ilampu okanye ukukhanya kwelanga, kuba iNkosi uThixo iyabakhanyisela. Kwaye baya kulawula ngonaphakade. (Isityhilelo 22:1-5)

Qaphela ukuba olu lawulo, *olulandela* iminyaka eliwaka, lubandakanya abakhonzi bakaThixo kwaye luhlala ngonaphakade. Isixeko esiNgcwele, esalungiselelwa ezulwini, siya kushiya izulu size sehle emhlabeni. Le yintshayelelo yesigaba sokugqibela sobukumkani bukaThixo. Ixesha LOKUPHELA KWEENTLUSEKO NOKUHLANGAZELELA!

Abathobekileyo baya kulifa umhlaba (Mateyu 5:5) nazo zonke izinto (Isityhilelo 21:7). Umhlaba, kuquka neSixeko esiNgcwele esiya kuba phezu kwawo, uya kuba ngcono kuba iindlela zikaThixo ziya kuphunyezwa. Qaphela ukuba:

<sup>7</sup> Ngokwanda kolawulo lwakhe noxolo akukho siphelo, (Isaya 9:7)

Ngokucacileyo kuza kubakho ukukhula emva kokuba isigaba sokugqibela soBukumkani bukaThixo siqalile, njengoko bonke abantu beza kuthobela ulawulo lukaThixo.

Eli iya kuba lixesha elizukileyo kakhulu:

<sup>9</sup> Kodwa, njengoko kubhaliweyo: "Akungekho liso alibonanga, nengendlebe ayivanga, Kwaye azingenanga entliziyweni yomntu Izinto uThixo azilungiselele abo bamthandayo." <sup>10</sup> Kodwa uThixo uzityhilile kuthi ngoMoya wakhe. (1 Korinte 2:9-10)

Lixesha lothando, luvuyo, nentuthuzelo engunaphakade. Lixesha eliya kuba lihle ngokugqithisileyo! UBukumkani bukaThixo buya kwenza ubulungiselelo obungunaphakade obungcono ngokugqithisileyo. Awufuni na ukuba nenxaxheba yakho kuko?

## **5. Iimithombo zangaphandle kweTestamente eNtsha zazifundisa ngoBukumkani bukaThixo**

**Ingaba abokuqala abavuma uKristu bacinga ukuba bekufanele bashumayele iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo bokwenyani?**

**Ewe.**

Kwiminyaka eyadlulayo, kwintetho eyayinikwa nguNjingalwazi Bart Ehrman weYunivesithi yaseNorth Carolina, waphinda-phinda, yaye ngokuchanekileyo, wagxininisa ukuba ngokungafaniyo neenkolikazi ezininzi zanamhlanje, uYesu nabalandeli baKhe bokuqala babhengeza uBukumkani bukaThixo. Nangona ukuqonda kukaGqr. Ehrman ngokubanzi ngobuKrestu kwahluka kakhulu kokweCawa *eqhubekayo* kaThixo, siyavuma ukuba iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani yile nto uYesu ngokwakhe wayibhengeza kwaye abalandeli baKhe bakholelwa kuyo. Singavumelana nokuba abaninzi abathi bangamaKristu namhlanje abayivi loo nto.

### **Umbhalo Nokhuthazo Oludala Kakhulu Olugcinweyo Lwasemva KweTestamente Entsha**

UbuThixo bebuyinxalenye ebalulekileyo yento ekuthiwa "yintshumayelo yamaKristu endala epheleleyo esindileyo" (Holmes M.W. *Ancient Christian Sermon. The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations*, 2nd ed. Baker Books, Grand Rapids, 2004, p. 102). Le *Ntshumayelo yakudala yamaKristu* iqulathe la mazwi malunga nobukumkani:

<sup>5:5</sup>Ngaphezu koko, bazalwana, niyazi ukuba ukuhlala kwethu kweli hlabathi lenyama akubalulekanga kwaye kwexekayo, kodwa isithembiso sikaKristu sikhulu nesimangalisayo: ukuphumla kubukumkani obuzayo nobomi obungunaphakade.

Le ngxelo ingentla ibonisa ukuba ubukumkani abukho ngoku, kodwa buza kuza kwaye buhlale ngonaphakade. Ngaphezu koko, le ntshumayelo yakudala ithi:

6:9 Ngoku, ukuba nabantu abalungileyo abanjengaba abanakukwazi, ngenxa yezenzo zabo ezilungileyo, ukusindisa abantwana babo, siyakuba naqinisekiso lika phi lokungena kubukumkani bukaThixo ukuba asikwazi ukugcina umbhaptizo wethu ucocekile ungcoliswanga? Okanye ngubani oya kuba ngumthetheli wethu, ukuba asifunyanwanga sinemisebenzi engcwele nelungileyo? <sup>9:6</sup> Ngoko ke masithandane, ukuze sonke singene kubukumkani bukaThixo. <sup>11:7</sup> Ngoko ke, ukuba siyazi into elungileyo emehlweni kaThixo, siya kungena kubukumkani bakhe size sifumane izithembiso "ezingazange zivakale zindlebe, nezingazange zibonwe ngamehlo, nezingazange zingene entliziyweni yomntu."

<sup>12:1</sup> Ngoko ke, masilinde iyure netyure ubukumkani bukaThixo ngothando nangobulungisa, kuba asilwazi usuku lokuvela kukaThixo. <sup>12:6</sup> utsho, ubukumkani bukaBawo buya kuza.

Ezi zibonelelo zingentla zibonisa ukuba uthando ngokuphila ngendlela efanelekileyo luyafuneka, ukuba asikangeni kuBukumkani bukaThixo, nokuba kwenzeka emva kosuku lokuvela kukaThixo—oko kukuthi emva kokuba uYesu ebuyile kwakhona. Bubukumkani bukaBawo kwaye ubukumkani asinguYesu yedwa.

Kuyathakazelisa ukuba esona sonyanzelo samandulo esibonakala singesikaKristu uThixo avumele ukuba sisinde sifundisa ngokuwo lo Mbuso kaThixo ofundiswa yiTestamente eNtsha kwaye ofundiswa ngoku yi*Continuing Church of God* (kunokwenzeka ukuba sivela kwiCawa kaThixo yokwenene, kodwa ulwazi lwam olulinganiselweyo lwesiGrike luthintela amandla am okwenza isibhengezo esiqinisekileyo).

### **linkokeli zeCawa zenkulungwane yesiBini kunye neVangeli yoBukumkani**

Kufuneka kuqatshelwe ukuba ekuqaleni kwenkulungwane<sup>yama-2</sup>, uPapias, owayengumphulaphuli kaYohane nomhlobo kaPolycarp, kwaye ethathwa njengengcwele ngamaKatolika aseRoma, wafundisa ngobukumkani benkulungwane. U-Eusebius wabhala phantsi ukuba uPapias wafundisa:

... kuza kubakho iinkulungwane ezilithausi emva kuvuka kwabafileyo, xa ulawulo lukaKristu buqu luza kumiselwa kulo mhlaba. (Iingceba zikaPapias, VI. Jonga kwakhona u-Eusebius, iNkcubeko yeCawa, iNcwadi 3, XXXIX, 12)

UPapias wafundisa ukuba eli iya kuba lixesha lokuxhamla okukhulu:

Ngokufanayo, [Wathi] ukuba iinkozo zengqolowa ziya kuvelisa amawaka alishumi ezikhwebu,

kwaye isikhwebu ngasinye sibe neembewu amawaka alishumi, kwaye imbewu nganye ivelise iiponti ezilishumi zomgubo ocwengileyo, ococekileyo, ocolekileyo; nokuba ii-apile, nembewu, kunye nengca ziya kuvelisa ngokwezinga elifanayo; nokuba zonke izilwanyana, eziya kutya kuphela izinto eziveliswa lilo ilizwe, ziya kuba noxolo kwaye zivumelane, kwaye zibe phantsi kolawulo olupheleleyo lomntu." [Kubhiyozelwa ezi zinto ngokubhaliweyo nguPapias, indoda yakudala, owayengumphulaphuli kaYohane nomhlobo kaPolycarp, kwincwadi yakhe yesine; kuba kwakubhalwe iincwadi ezintlanu nguye...] (Iziqwengana zikaPapias, IV)

Iposi ethi *Incwadi yeTestamente eNtsha eya kumaKorinte* ithi:

<sup>42:1-3</sup> IiNtumwa zamkela iVangeli ngenxa yethu eNkosini uYesu Kristu; uYesu Kristu wathunywa nguThixo. Ngoko ke uKristu unguThixo, neeNtumwa zinguKristu. Bobabini ke babekho ngokuthanda kukaThixo ngokulandelelana okumiswe nguye. Ngoko ke, emva kokuba befumene umthwalo, beqinisekiswa ngokupheleleyo ngokuvuka kweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, beqinisekiswa kwilizwi likaThixo ngokuqiniseka okugcweleyo koMoya oyiNgcwele, baphuma benentabalala yezindaba ezilungileyo zokuba ubukumkani bukaThixo buza kuza.

UPolycarp waseSmyrna wayeyinkokeli yamaKristu yokuqala, owayekwangumfundi kaYohane, owokugqibela kubapostile bokuqala ukusweleka. UPolycarp c. 120-135 A.D. wafundisa:

Nobabalo kwabangamahlwempu, nabo bayehlukunyezwa ngenxa yokulunga, kuba bubo ubukumkani bukaThixo. (Polycarp. Ileta eya kumaFilipi, Isahluko II. Ivela *kwi-Ante-Nicene Fathers, iVolumu 1* njengoko ihlelwe ngu-Alexander Roberts no-James Donaldson. Uhlelo lwaseMelika, 1885)

Ngoko ke, sisazi ukuba "uThixo akagculelwa," kufuneka sihamba ngokufanelekileyo kumyalelo nobuqaqawuli baKhe ...Kuba kulungile ukuba bakhutshwe kwiminqweno yeli hlabathi, kuba "wonke umnqweno ulwa nomoya;" kwaye "abazinotyeni, abathambileyo, nabazenzisayo, abangayi kulifa ubukumkani bukaThixo," kananjalo nabo benza izinto ezingahambelaniyo nezingafanelekanga. (ibid, Isahluko V)

Ngoko ke, masimkhonze ngoloyiko, nangentlonipho yonke, kanye njengoko Yena ngokwakhe asiyalele, nanjengabapostile abasishumayelela iVangeli, nabaprofeti ababhengeza kwangaphambili ukuza kweNkosi. (ibid, Isahluko VI)

Njengabanye kwiTestamente eNtsha, uPolycarp wafundisa ukuba ngabanyanisekileyo, hayi abaphuli-mthetho, abaza kulifa uBukumkani bukaThixo.

Okulandelayo nako kwathiwa kwafundiswa nguPolycarp:

Kwaza kwisabatha elandelayo wathi; 'Mamela isiluleko sam, bantwana bakaThixo endibathandayo. Ndayifaka isifungo kuni xa iibishophu bezikhona, kwaye ngoku kwakhona ndiyanibongoza nonke ukuba nihambe ngokuziphatha okufanelekileyo nangokufaneleyo endleleni yeNkosi...*Phaphani*, kwaye kwakhona, *Yiyekani nilungele, Ngeniyekani iintliziyo zenu zityhafe*, umthetho omtsha wothando olunye komnye, ukuza kwakhe kuvele ngequbuliso njengombane okhawulezayo, umgwebo omkhulu ngomlilo, ubomi obungunaphakade, ubukumkani bakhe obungafi. Kwaye zonke izinto enizifundayo ngoThixo niyazazi, xa niphonononga iZibhalo eziphefumlelweyo, zityikityeni ngepeni yoMoya oyiNgcwele ezintliziweni zenu, ukuze imiyalelo ihlale

kuni ingacimeki.' (Ubomi bukaPolycarp, Isahluko 24. J. B. Lightfoot, The Apostolic Fathers, vol. 3.2, 1889, pp. 488-506)

UMelito waseSardis, owayengumholi weCawa kaThixo, malunga no-170 A.D., wafundisa:

Kuba ngokwenene umthetho waphuma kwizivakwethu—eyadala kwentsha, zombini ziphuma kunye eziyoneni naseYerusalem; nomyalelo waphuma kubabalo, nesalathiso kwisiphumo esigqityiweyo, nentakumba kuNyana, nembuzi kumntu, nomntu kuThixo ...

Kodwa ivangeli yaba yinkcazelo yomthetho kunye ne

ukuzaliseka, ngelixa icawa yaba yindlu yokugcina inyaniso...

Lo nguye osihlangulileyo ekubeni ngamakhoboka saya kwinkululeko, ebumnyameni saya kukukhanya, ekufeni saya ebomini, nasezihlakaleni saya kubukumkani obungunaphakade. (Melito. Homily On the Passover. Verses 7,40, 68. Translation from Kerux: The Journal of Online Theology. <http://www.kerux.com/documents/KeruxV4N1A1.asp>)

Ngoko ke, uBukumkani bukaThixo babusaziwa njengento engunaphakade, hayi nje iCawa yobuKristu yangoku okanye iCawa yamaRoma Katolika, kwaye babuquka umthetho kaThixo.

Olunye ubhalo lwekhulu lesibini eliphakathi nelasemva lukhuthaza abantu ukuba bajonge kubukumkani:

Kungoko, makangabikho namnye kuni oza kuzenza ongekho enyanisweni okanye ajonge emva, kodwa asondele ngentando kwiVangeli yobukumkani bukaThixo. (uRoman Clement. Recognitions, iNcwadi X, isahluko XLV. Ithathwe kwi-Ante-Nicene Fathers, iVolumu 8. Ihlelwe ngu-Alexander Roberts & James Donaldson. Uhlelo lwaseMelika, 1886)

Ngaphezu koko, nangona kubonakala ngathi ayibhalwanga ngumntu okwicawa eyinyani, umbhalo waphakathi kwenkulungwane yesibini

onesihloko esithi *Umgcini-mhlambi kaHermas* kuguqulelo lukaRoberts noDonaldson usebenzisa ibinzana elithi "ubukumkani bukaThixo" izihlandlo ezilishumi elinesine.

AmaKristu ayinyani, kwanabaninzi ababevuma nje uKristu, ayesazi into ethile ngoBukumkani bukaThixo kwinkulungwane yamashumi amabini.

Nkqu nentlangazana yamaRoma Katolika neyaseMpuma Orthodox u-Irenaeus wayeqonda ukuba emva kuvuka kwabafileyo, amaKristu aza kungena kuBukumkani bukaThixo. Qaphela oko wakubhalayo, malunga no-180 A.D.:

Kuba isimo seso sabo bakholwayo, kuba kuwo kuhlala ngokungapheliyo uMoya oyiNgcwele, owabanikwa nguYe emanzini ombhaptizo, kwaye ugcinwa ngumamkeli, ukuba uhamba enyanisweni nasengcwelweni nakulungiso nasekunyamezeleni. Kuba le miphefumlo inokuvuka kubo bakholwayo, umzimba uphinda wamkele umphefumlo, kwaye kunye nawo, ngamandla oMoya oyiNgcwele, uphakanyiswa aze angene kubukumkani bukaThixo. (Irenaeus, St., uBhishophu waselYon. Iguqulelwe kwisiArmenian nguArmitage Robinson. Ubungqina Bokushumayela Kwezithunywa, Isahluko 42. Wells, Somerset, Oct. 1879. Njengoko yapapashwa kwi-SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE. NEW YORK: THE MACMILLAN CO, 1920)

UTheophilus wase-Antioch wafundisa:

Mna ndikhankanya ubulungisa baKhe; ukuba Ndimenza iLizwe, ndikhankanya uzuko lwaKhe ... Kuba ukuba wayemenzile angafi kwasekuqaleni, wayeza kuba emenzile uThixo. ... Ngoko ke, akazange amenze angafi okanye afe, kodwa, njengoko sithethe ngasentla, wamenza akwazi zombini ezi zinto; ukuze ukuba angathambekele kwizinto zokungafi, egcina umthetho kaThixo, afumane njengomvuzo kuye ukungafi, aze abe nguThixo. (Theophilus, To Autolycus, 1:3, 2:27)

Ingcwele yamaKatolika aseRoma, uHippolytus, ekuqaleni kwenkulungwane yesithathu, wabhala wathi:

Uze ufumane nobukumkani bamazulu, wena owazi uKumkani wasezulwini ngelixa wawundwendwele obomi obu. Uze ube ngumhlobo woThixo, nelifa elinye noKristu, ungaphantsi kobukhoboka beminqweno okanye iimvakalelo, kwaye ungazukuphinda utshabalaliswe sisifo. Kuba uye waba nguThixo: kuba naziphi na iintlungu owazinyamezelayo uselusini lwendoda, ezi waziphiwa nguwe, kuba wawusemgqubeni wobuntu obufayo, kodwa nantoni na ehambelana nokunikezelwa nguThixo, ezi uThixo uthembise ukuzinika kuwe, kuba uye wangcwaliswa waba nguThixo, waza wazalelwa ukungafi. (Hippolytus. Refutation of All Heresies, Book X, Chapter 30)

Injongo yabantu kukwenziwa uThixo (njengabantwana bakaThixo bokwenene, cf. liNdumiso 82:6) kuBukumkani bukaThixo obuzayo.

UbuKumkani bukaThixo obuzayo yayiyifundiso yecawa yokuqala ekhululekileyo (jonga kwakhona i-eBook yethu yasimahla, efumaneka kwi-ccog.org, enesihloko [esithi linkolelo zeCawa yokuqala ekhululekileyo: Ingaba iqela elisalelileyo lingaba nolwalathiso lwabapostile oluqhubekayo?](#)).

### **lingxaki kwiNkulungwane yesiBini neyesiThathu**

Nangona lo mthetho wawamkelwe ngokubanzi, kwinkulungwane yesibini, kwavela inkokeli eyayiphikisa umthetho, engumrhetayo ogama linguMarcion. UMarcion wafundisa ngokuchasene nomthetho kaThixo, iSabatha, nobukumkani bukaThixo bokwenene. Nangona wayegxekwa nguPolycarp nabanye, wayenonxibelelwano neCawa yaseRoma ixesha elide kwaye wayebonakala enempembelelo enkulu kwicawa yaseRoma.

Kwinkulungwane yesibini neyesiThathu, abahlamvli bezibonelelo babesele bezinzile e-Alexandria (eYiputa). Abahlamvli abaninzi bezibonelelo babechasa imfundiso yobukumkani bukaThixo bokwenyani. Qaphela le ngxelo malunga nabanye baloo bahlamvli bezibonelelo:

UDionysius wazalelwa kusapho lwabapagani oluzizityebi nolwazizidwangube e-Alexandria, waza wafundiswa ifilosofi yabo. Wawushiya izikolo zabapagani waba ngumfundi ka-Origen, endaweni yakhe awathatha ulawulo lwesikolo sokufundisa iinkolelo e-Alexandria...

UClement, u-Origen, kunye nesikolo samaGnostic babonakalisa iimfundiso zezithethi ezingcwele ngokutolika kwabo okungaqhelekanga nokomfanekiso...bazifumanela igama elithi "Abatoliki ngomfanekiso." UNepos walwa nabo ngokuphandle abaBatoliki ngomfanekiso, waza wamisa ukuba kuza kubakho ulawulo lukaKristu emhlabeni...

UDionysius waphikisana nabalandeli bakaNepos, kwaye ngokwengxelo yakhe... "imeko enjalo yezinto njengoko ngoku ikhoyo kubukumkani bukaThixo." Esi sisalathiso sokuqala sokubakho kobukumkani bukaThixo kwimeko yangoku yeecawa...

UNepos wakhalmela impazamo yabo, ebonisa ukuba ubukumkani bamazulu asibobomfuziselo, kodwa bubukumkani bokwenene obuzayo boNkosi wethu kuvuko lwabafileyo ukuya ebomini obungunaphakade...

Ngoko ke ingcinga yobukumkani obuza kuza kwimeko yangoku yezinto yaqalwa yaza yazalwa kwisikolo samaGnostic sama-Allegorists eYiputa, phakathi kowe-200 ukuya kowe-250 emva kweKreste, ikhulu elipheleleyo leminyaka phambi kokuba abefundisi-ntsapho bombuso baqalwe ukujongwa njengabaninzi kwitrone...

UClement wacinga ngombono wolwalwa lukaThixo njengemeko yolwazi lokwenyani lwengqondo ngoThixo. U-Origen wayibeka njengentsingiselo yokomoya efihliweyo kwileta ecacileyo yeZibhalo. (Ward, Henry Dana. IVangeli yoBukumkani: Ubukumkani Obungesilo Obwale Mhlaba; Obungekhoyo Kulo Mhlaba; Kodwa Obuza Kuza Kwilizwe Lasemzini, LokuVuka Kwabafileyo Nokubuyiselwa KwaZo Zonke Izinto. Ipapashwe nguClaxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, 1870, amaphe. 124-125)

Ngoko ke, ngelixa uBhishophu Nepos wayefundisa iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo, abasebenzisi bengcaciso-ntetho bazama ukuza nengqiqo yobuxoki, engathathwa ngokwenyani, ngayo. UBhishophu Apollinaris waseHierapolis naye wazama ukulwa iimpazamo zabasebenzisi bengcaciso-ntetho ngelo xesha linye. Abo babesekho ngokwenene eBandleni likaThixo bema kwinyaniso yoBukumkani bukaThixo obungokwenyani kuyo yonke imbali.

## **UHerbert W. Armstrong Wafundisa IVangeli yoBukumkani, kunye**

Kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-20</sup>, umfi Herbert W. Armstrong, inkokeli yokuqala yexesha langoku lasePhiladelfiya leCawa kaThixo (ISityhilelo 3:7-13), wabhala wathi:

Ngenxa yokuba *bayalile* ivangeli likaKristu ..., ihlabathi kwafuneka lifake enye into endaweni yayo. Kwafuneka benza into *engeyonyani!* Ngoko ke siye seva kubhekiselwa kubukumkani bukaThixo njengento nje entle ethethwayo--imvakalelo emnandi ezintliziweni zabantu--kuthotywa kube yinto engenamzimba, engeyonyani, YINTO YANTO! Abanye baye bayichaza kakubi ukuthi "ICAWA" bubukumkani ... Umprofeti uDaniyeli, owayephila kwiminyaka engama-600 phambi kukaKristu, wayesazi ukuba ubukumkani bukaThixo bubukumkani bokwenene--urhulumente olawula abantu bokwenene emhlabeni ...

Apha ... leli ibe yinkcazelo kaThixo yokuba iBUMBANO LIKATHIXO LIKANTI YINTONI: "Nangeentsuku zezi zikhosi..."--apha kuthethwa ngeenyawo ezilishumi ze , inxalenye yazo yentsimbi kwaye enye inxalenye yazo yodongwe oluqhekekayo. Oku, ngokudibanisa isiprofeto neDaniel 7, kunye neSityhilelo 13 ne-17, kubhekisa kwi-UNITED STATES OF EUROPE entsha esakhiwayo ngoku ... phambi kwamehlo akho! Isityhilelo 17:12 sicacisa ukuba iya kuba ngumanyano lwabakhosi OKANYE iimbuso ezilishumi (Isityh. 17:8) eziya kuvusa uBUME BAMAXESHA AMANDULO BAMA-ROMA ...

Xa uKristu eza, uza njengoKumkani wookumkani, elawula umhlaba wonke (Isity. 19:11-16); kwaye UBUKumkani *BAKHE--UBUKumkani BAKATHIXO--*watsho uDaniyeli, buza KUTSHISA zonke ezi zikumkani

zehlabathi. ISityhilelo 11:15 isitsho ngala mazwi: "limbuso zehlabathi *ziye zaba* ziIMBUSO ZENKOSI YETHU, NEZOMKRISTI WAYO: kwaye uya kulawula ngonaphakade"! Le yiyo iBUKHOSI BUKA THIXO. Sisiphelo seeRhulumente zangoku--ewe, kwanase-United States namazwe aseBritane. Ziya kuthi ke zibe yimibuso--iIRHULUMENTI--zikaYehova uYesu Krestu, oya kuba nguKumkani wookumkani phezu komhlaba wonke. Oku kwenza kucace gca ukuba iBUKHOSI BUKA THIXO lulawulo lokwenene. Njengoko uBukhosi baseKhaledi babulUBOKumkani--njengoko uBukhosi baseRoma babulUBOKumkani--kananjalo uBOKUMKANI BUKATHIXO lulawulo. Liza kuthatha ulawulo lwAMAZWE ehlabathi. UYesu Krestu WAZALWA ukuba abe nguKumkani--UMLAWULI! ...

Lo Yesu Krestu mnye wahamba kwiinduli nakumathafa aseMhlabeni oyiNgcwele nakwiindlela zaseYerusalem kwiminyaka engaphezu kwe-1,900 eyadlulayo, uza kwakhona. Wathi uza kubuya kwakhona. Emva kokuba ebethwe esiphambanweni, uThixo wamvusa kwabafileyo emva kweentsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu (Mat. 12:40; IZenzo 2:32; I Kor. 15:3-4). Wenyukela kwiTrone kaThixo. Ikomkhulu loLawulo loMkhathi (IZenzo 1:9-11; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; ISity. 3:21).

Yena "ndyana yendlovukazi" yesifaniso, oya kwiTrone kaThixo—"ilizwe elikude"—ukuze abekwe umbambo njengoKumkani wabukumkani phezu kwazo zonke iintlanga, aze emva koko abuyele emhlabeni (Luka 19:12-27).

Kwakhona, usezulwini de kufike "amaxesha okubuyiselwa kwayo yonke into" (IZenzo 3:19-21). *Ukubuyisela* kuthetha ukubuyisela kwimeko yangaphambili okanye kwimeko y . Kule meko, kukubuyiselwa kolawulo lukaThixo emhlabeni, kwaye ke ngoko, kukubuyiselwa koxolo lwehlabathi, neemeko ezifana nezo zaseUtopia.

Umsindo wehlabathi langoku, imfazwe ezikhulayo neempikiswano ziya kufikelela kuvuthondaba kwinkathazo yehlabathi enkulu kangangokuba, ukuba uThixo akangeneleli, akukho nyama yomntu iya kusindiswa iphile (Mat. 24:22). Lwakufikelela kuvuthondaba

lwayo xa ukulibaziseka kungaphelisa lonke ubomi kulo mhlaba, uYesu Kristu uya kubuya. Ngeli xesha uza njengoThixo oyiNkosi. Uza ngaso sonke isigunyaziso nobungangamsha boMdali olawula umkhathi wonke. (Mat. 24:30; 25:31.) Uza njengo "Kumkani wabukumkani, neNkosi yeenkosi" (ISity. 19:16), ukuze aseke urhulumente omkhulu wehlabathi aze alawule zonke iintlanga "ngentonga yentsimbi" (ISity. 19:15; 12:5) ...

### **UKristu Akamkelekanga?**

Kodwa ingaba uluntu luza kukhwaza luvuyo, luze lumamkele ngovuyo olugqithisileyo nomdla—ingaba neecawa zobuKristu besintu nazo ziya kwenjenjalo?

Abazukwenza oko! Baza kukholelwa, kuba abakhonzi bobuxoki bakaSathana (II Kor. 11:13-15) babaxokisile, besithi nguye uMchasi-Kristu. Iicawa nezizwe ziya kuba nomsindo ngokufika kwakhe (Isity. 11:15 kunye ne-11:18), kwaye imikhosi yomkhosi iya kuthi ngokwenene izame ukulwa naye ukuze imtshabalalise (Isity. 17:14)!

Iintlanga ziya kube zisebunxaxheni bomlo obukhulu beMfazwe yeSithathu yeHlabathi, umda womlo useseYerusalem (Zek. 14:1-2) kwaye ke uKristu uya kubuya. Ngamandla angaphaya kwawemvelo uya "kulwa nezo ntlanga" zilwa naye (ivesi 3). Uya kuzoyisa ngokupheleleyo (ISity. 17:14)! "Iinyawo zakhe ziya kuma ngaloo mini kwintaba yee-Oliva," umgama omfutshane kakhulu empuma yeJerusalem (Zekariya 14:4). (Armstrong HW. The Mystery of the Ages, 1984)

IBhayibhile iyangqina ukuba uYesu uza kubuya, kwaye Uza koyisa, kodwa abaninzi baza kulwa naYe ekubuyeni kwaKhe (ISityihilelo 19:19). Abaninzi baza kuthi (ngokusekelwe ekuqondeni kakubi isiprofeto seBhayibhile, kodwa ngokuyinxenye ngenxa yamaprofeti obuxoki kunye nabantu abanobugqi) ukuba uYesu obuyayo nguMchasi-Kristu!

Oku kulandelayo kukwa kuvela kuHerbert Armstrong:

Inkolo yokwenene--inyaniso kaThixo enamandla ngothando lukaThixo olunikwa nguMoya oyiNgcwele...UCHWEPHESHE OLUNGACHAZEKI lokwazi uThixo noYesu Kristu--lokwazi INYANISO--nokufudumala kothando lukaThixo olungcwele! ...

Izifundo zeCawa kaThixo yokwenene zikukuthi "ukuphila ngayo yonke ilizwi" leBhayibhile eNgcwele ...

Abantu baya kujika endleleni "yokufumana" baye kwindlela "yokunika"--indlela kaThixo yothando.

INKcubeko ENTSHA iza kubambeleva emhlabeni ngoku! (ibid)

INTSHUKUMO ENTSHA Lubukumkani bukaThixo. Ukushumayela ukuba loo ntshukumo intsha iza kuza kwaye isekelwe eluthandweni yinxalenye enkulu yento eyiyonyaniso yevangeli yobukumkani eyayifundiswa nguYesu nabalandeli baKhe. Loo nto yinto esiyishumayelayo thina *eContinuing Church of God*.

UHerbert Armstrong waqonda ukuba uYesu wayefundisa ukuba uluntu, nokuba lucinga ukuba lufuna ukuthobela, lwalusala indlela yokuphila yokuncama, indlela yothando. Phantse akukho mntu ubonakala eqonda ngokufanelekileyo ukubaluleka koko uYesu wayekufundisa.

### **Umsindiso ngoYesu uyinxalenye yeVangeli**

Ngoku abanye abafikelele apha ekufundeni mhlawumbi bayazibuza ngendima yokufa kukaYesu kusindiso. Ewe, ukufa kwakhe kuyinxalenye yevangeli awayibhalayo uTestamente Entsha kunye noHerbert W. Armstrong.

ITestamente eNtsha ibonisa ukuba iVangeli iquka usindiso ngoYesu:

<sup>16</sup> Kuba andizazi dihlobo ngeVangeli likaKristu, kuba ngamandla kaThixo ukusindisa wonke umntu okholwayo, kuqala kumYuda, nakumGrike (Roma 1:16).

<sup>4</sup> Ngoko ke abo babesasazekile baya kuyo yonke indawo bechaza ilizwi. <sup>5</sup> Wathi uFiliphi wehla waya kwisixeko saseSamariya waza

wabashumayela uKristu. ... <sup>12</sup> Kodwa xa bakholwa kuFiliphi eshumayela izinto ezingobukumkani bukaThixo negama l uYesu Kristu, babhaptizwa, amadoda nabafazi. ... <sup>25</sup> Ngoko ke, emva kokuba bungqine baze bishumayela ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela eYerusalem, beshumayela iindaba ezilungileyo kwiilali ezininzi zamaSamariya. <sup>26</sup> Nanko ke ingelosi yeNkosi yantetha kuFiliphu ... <sup>40</sup> UFiliphu wafunyanwa e-Azoti. Waza, edlula, washumayela kuzo zonke izixeko de wafika eKesareya. (IZenzo 8:4,5,12,25,26,40)

<sup>18</sup>wabashumayeleva ngoYesu nangokuva kwabafileyo. (IZenzo 17:18)

<sup>30</sup> Waza uPawulos wahlala iminyaka emibini epheleleyo endlwini yakhe awayeyiqeshile, wamkela bonke ababeza kuye, <sup>31</sup> **eshumayela ngobukumkani bukaThixo, efundisa izinto ezimalunga neNkosi uYesu Krestu ngentembeko yonke, kungabikho namnye umthintelayo.** (IZenzo 28:30-31)

Qaphela ukuba intshumayelo ibandakanya uYesu KWAKHONA norayikhi. Okubuhlungu kukuba, ukuqonda okufanelekileyo kwevangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo kudla ngokungabikho kwizifundo zeecawa zamaGrike namaRoma.

Enyanisweni, ukuze asincede sibe yinxalenye yaloo buukumkani, uThixo wabathanda abantu kangangokuba wathumela uYesu ukuba afele thina (Yohane 3:16-17) kwaye usisindisa ngobabalo lwakhe (Epheshe 2:8). Kwaye loo nto iyinxalenye zeendaba ezilungileyo (IZenzo 20:24).

### **Ivangeleli yoBukumkani yile nto iLizwe eliyidingayo, Kodwa ...**

Ukusebenzela uxolo (Mateyu 5:9) nokwenza okulungileyo zinjongo ezifanelekileyo (jonga kwabaseGalati 6:10). Noko ke, iinkokeli ezininzi zehlabathi, kuquka nezeenkolo, zikholelwa ukuba yintsebenziswano yabantu kumazwe ngamazwe eza kuzisa uxolo nempumelelo, hayi uBukumkani bukaThixo. Kwaye nangona baya kuba nempumelelo ethile yexesha elithile, abazukuphumelela kuphela, ezinye zeenzame zabo zoluntu ziya kuthi ekugqibeleni zizise iplanethi i-Mhlaba kwindawo apho ubomi bungenakuxhaswa khona ukuba uYesu ebengabuyanga ukuza

kumisela uBukumkani baKhe (Mateyu 24:21-22). Ukuzama koluntu ukulungisa umhlaba ngaphandle koThixo yivangeli ephambeneyo neyinyani (INdumiso 127:1).

Abaninzi ehlabathini bazama ukudibanisa isicwangciso samazwe ngamazwe saseBhabhiloni esinentsingiselo yenkolo ukuze babeke ilungelo elitsha lehlabathi kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-21</sup>. Le yinto iCawa *eqhubekayo* kaThixo (*Continuing Church of God*) eyigxekileyo ukusukela ekusungulweni kwayo kwaye iceba ukuqhubeka nokuyigxeka. Ukusukela oko uSathana wakhohlisa uEva ukuba awele kuhlobo lwevangeli yakhe phantse kwiminyaka eyi-6000 eyadlulayo (Genesis 3), abantu abaninzi abakw i bakholelwe ukuba bayazi ngcono kunoThixo malunga nento eza kubenza bona nehlabathi babe ngcono.

NgokweBhayibhile, kuza kuthatha indibanisela yomholi wemikhosi waseYurophu (obizwa ngokuba nguKumkani waseMntla, okwabizwa ngokuba sisilwanyana saseTyhileni 13:1-10) kunye nomholi wenkolo (obizwa ngokuba ngumprofeti wobuxoki, okwabizwa ngokuba nguMchasi-Kristu kunye nesilwanyana esinemikrozo emibini saseTyhileni 13:11-17) osuka kwisixeko esinenduli ezisixhenxe (Isityhilelo 17:9,18) ukuzisa ulawulo lwehlabathi 'lwaseBhabhiloni' (Isityhilelo 17 & 18). Nangona uluntu ludinga ukubuya kukaKristu nokumiselwa kobukumkani baKhe, abaninzi ehlabathini abazukuyihoya le ngxelo kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-21</sup>— bazakuqhubeka bekholelwa kwiindlela ezahlukeneyo zevangeli yobuxoki kaSathana. Kodwa ihlabathi liza kufumana umngqina.

Khumbula ukuba uYesu wafundisa:

<sup>14</sup> Kwaye le ndaba ezayo yobukumkani iza kushumayelwa kwihlabathi lonke, ibe sisingqiniso kuzo zonke iintlanga, kuthi ke kuze ukuphela. (Mateyu 24:14)

Qaphela ukuba iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani ziya kufikelela kwihlabathi njengobungqina, ke kuya kufika isiphelo. Eso "siphelo" sibe sisiqalo "sesihlupheko esikhulu.

Zininzi izizathu zoku.

Esinye sesokuba uThixo ufuna ihlabathi livakale iindaba ezilungileyo zenyano phambi kokuqala koShushu oluKhulu (oluboniswa luqala kuMateyu 24:21). Ngoko ke, umyalezo wevangeli bubungqina nesilumkiso (thelekisa noHezekile 3; Amos 3:7). Uza kubangela ukuguquka okungakumbi kwamaHaya (Roma 11:25) nokuguquka kwabangengawo amaHaya (Roma 9:27) phambi kokuba uYesu abuye.

Esinye isizathu kukuba umongo weli myalezo uza kuchasana neembono zoKumkani osakhulayo wamandla eNyathi yaseMntla, kunye neMprofeti yobuxoki, uMchasi-Kristu. Abo babini baya kuthembisa uxolo ngomzamo wabantu nangokuncama iinkolelo zonqulo, kodwa oku kuza kukhokelela esiphelweni (Mateyu 24:14-22) nasintshabalalweni (thelekisa no-1 AbaseTesalonika 5:3).

Nangona iBhayibhile isithi makulwele ukholo lokuqala olunyani (Jude 3), ukuba ilizwi likaThixo liyinyani (Yohane 17:17), nokuba amaKristu okwenene kufuneka aahlukane nabo benza isivumelwano nobuhedeni (2 Korinte 6:14-17), abaninzi baya kuthi "iindaba zabo ezilungileyo" (iindaba ezimnandi) zibandakanya ukwenza isivumelwano ukuze kubekho uxolo nomanyano. Okubuhlungu kukuba, iVangeli yokwenyani yoBukumkani bukaThixo iza kuthathwa njengevangeli yobuxoki ngabaninzi kwabo baphakamisa iinjongo zokumanyana kwezakhiwo zonqulo nezonqulo ezahlukeneyo zeNtlanga noMprofeti wamaXoki (uMchasi-Kristu).

Ngenxa yemiqondiso nemimangaliso yobuxoki enxulumene nabo (2 Abathesalonika 2:9), uninzi lwabantu emhlabeni luza kukhetha ukukholelwa kubuxoki (2 Abathesalonika 2:9-12) endaweni yomyalezo wevangeli. Ngenxa yokugxekwa okungafanelekanga koBukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka ngamaKatolika aseRoma, amaOthodoki aseMpuma, amaLuthere, kunye nabanye, abaninzi baya kuthi ngokungeyonyani ukuba umyalezo wevangeli yamawaka eminyaka yoBukumkani bukaThixo yivangeli yobuxoki enxulumene neNyathi kunye neNkohliso.

Phambi kokuqala koMhlaba woManyathelo oMkhulu, amaKristu athembekileyo aseFiladelfiya (ISityhilelo 3:7-13) aza kube efikelela ihlabathi (Mateyu 24:14) ebhengeza iindaba ezilungileyo zekwayala

yeminyaka eliwaka kwaye exelela ihlabathi ngento eza kube isenziwa ziinkokeli ezithile zehlabathi (kuquka iNyathi noMprofeti obuxoki).

Baza kuxhasa ukuxelela ihlabathi umyalezo wokuba iNyathi, ukumkani wamandla aseMntla, kunye neMprofeti yobuxoki, uMchasi-Kristu, ekugqibeleni baza kutshabalalisa (kunye nabanye babo abangabahlobo) i-USA kunye namazwe angamaNgwevu ase-United Kingdom, eKhanada, e-Australia, kunye neNew Zealand (Daniyeli 11:24,39) nokuba kamsinya emva koko baza kutshabalalisa umanyano lwama-Arabhu/amaSilamsi (Daniyeli 11:40-43), basebenze njengezixhobo zezithunzela (ISityhilelo 16:13-14), kwaye ekugqibeleni baza kulwa noYesu Kristu ekubuyeni kwaKhe (ISityhilelo 16:14; 19:19-20). AmaFiladelfiya athembekileyo (ISityhilelo 3:7-13) aza kube esazisa ukuba ubukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka buza kufika kungekudala.

Oku kunokubangela ingxelo enkulu kumajelo eendaba kwaye kunegalelo ekuzalisekiseni kweMateyu 24:14. Thina *kwiContinuing Church of God* silungiselela izincwadi (ngeelwimi ezininzi), songeza kwiwebhusayithi, kwaye sithatha amanye amanyathelo okulungiselela 'umsebenzi omfutshane' (thelekisa neRoma 9:28) oza kunceda ekukhokeleleni kwisigqibo sikaThixo sokuba iMateyu 24:14 inikezelwe ngokwaneleyo njengobungqina besiphelo esizayo.

'Ivangeli yobuxoki' ebhengeza iinkokeli zehlabathi (mhlawumbi uhlobo oluthile 'olutsha' lwenkokeli ephezulu yaseYurophu kunye nomphathi wecawa ongafanelekanga oza *kubanga* uhlobo oluthile lobuKatolika) ayizukuyithanda loo nto ibhengezwayo—abazukufuna ihlabathi liyazi into abaza kuyenza ngokwenene (kwaye basenokungayikholelwa nabo kuqala, cf. Isaya 10:5-7). Bona kunye/okanye abaxhasi babo baya kuthi gqi befundisa ubuxoki besithi amaKristu athembekileyo aseFiladelfiya aya kube exhasa imfundiso engqongqo (i-millenarianism) ye-antikhresu ezayo. Naziphi na izigwebo abazenzayo bona kunye/okanye abalandeli babo ngakumaKristu athembekileyo aseFiladelfiya kunye neCawa kaThixo eQhubekayo ziya kubangela ukuhlukunyezwa (Daniyeli 11:29-35; ISityhilelo 12:13-15). Oku kuza kukhokelela nasekupheleni—ekuqaleni koMngcipheko oMkhulu (Mateyu 24:21; Daniyeli 11:39; cf. Mateyu 24:14-

15; Daniyeli 11:31) kunye nexesha leminyaka emi-3 ½ lokukhuselwa kwamaKristu athembekileyo asePhiladelphia (ISityhilelo 3:10; 12:14-16).

Isilwanyana noMprofeti wobuxoki baza kuzama ukunyanzela, ukusongela ngqoqo, imiqondiso, imimangaliso yobuxoki, ukubulala, kunye nezinye iintlanguzo (ISityhilelo 13:10-17; 16:14; Daniyeli 7:25; 2 kuThesalonika 2:9-10) ukuze bafumane ulawulo. Abakholwa baya kubuza:

<sup>10</sup> "Kuthatha ixesha elingakanani, Nkosi, wena oyiNgcwele noyiNyaniso, ungakagwebi ungaziphindiseleli ngeligazi lethu kwabo bahlala emhlabeni?" (Isityhilelo 6:10)

Kuyo yonke iminyaka, abantu bakaThixo bebesoloko bezibuza kwaye bebuzisa, "Kuzathatha ixesha elingakanani phambi kokuba uYesu abuye?"

Nangona singalazi usuku neyure, silindele ukuba uYesu abuye (kwaye kuqaliswe uBukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka) kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-21</sup> ngokusekelwe kwizibhalo ezininzi (umz. Mateyu 24:4-34; liNdumiso 90:4; Hoheya 6:2; Luka 21:7-36; AbaHebhere 1:1-2; 4:4,11; 2 Petros 3:3-8; 1 Abasesaloni 5:4), ezinye iinxalenye zazo esizibona ngoku zizaliseka.

Ukuba uYesu akangeneleli, uluntu luza kube lutshabalalise yonke impilo:

<sup>21</sup> Kuba ke iya kubakho intlungu enkulu, engazange ibe khona ukususela ekuqaleni kwehlabathi kude kube ngoku, hayi, kwaye ayisokuze ibe khona. <sup>22</sup> Kwaye ukuba ezo ntsuku bezingazimfiswa, bekungayi kusindiswa nanyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo ezo ntsuku ziya kufiswa. (Mateyu 24:21-22)

<sup>29</sup> Ngesiquphe emva kwentlungu yezo ntsuku ilanga liza kuba mnyama, nenyanga ayizukukhanya; iinkwenkwezi ziya kuwela esibhakabhakeni, namandla asezulwini aya kuzanyazanyiswa. <sup>30</sup> Ngelo xesha ke uya kubonakala umqondiso woNyana woMntu esibhakabhakeni, zize zonke iintlanga zomhlaba zilusizi, zibone uNyana woMntu eza emafini ezulu enamandla nenzuko enkulu. <sup>31</sup> Uya kuthumela iingelosi zakhe ngesandi esikhulu sethuthu, zize zihlanganyise abakhethiweyo bakhe ukusuka kwiimimoya ezine, ukusuka esiphelweni sezulwini ukuya kwesinye. (Mateyu 24:29-31)

Ubukumkani bukaThixo yiloo nto ilizwe eliyidingayo.

## **Iintumwa zoBukumkani**

Yintoni indima yakho eBukumkanini?

Okwangoku, ukuba ungumKrestu wokwenene, kufuneka ube ngunozakuzaku kaYesu noBukumkani bukaThixo. Qaphela into ebhalwe nguPostile uPawulos:

<sup>20</sup>Ngoko ke, singoovulindlela bakaKristu, ngathi uThixo ucela ngathi: siniyela ngoKristu, lixolelaneni noThixo. (2 KwabaseKorinte 5:20)

<sup>14</sup>Ngoko ke, yimani, nxibe isinqe senyaniso, nifake iibhanti lobulungisa, <sup>15</sup>nxibe iinyawo zenu ngeenkathalo zeendaba ezilungileyo zoxolo; <sup>16</sup>phezu kwazo zonke, nithathe isihlangu sokholo, esinokuthi ngaso nizicimi zonke iintolo ezitshayo zomngendawo. <sup>17</sup> Nithathe nesigcina-ntloko sesindiso, nesiqhamo soMoya, esililizwi likaThixo; <sup>18</sup> nithandaza ngalo lonke ixesha ngalo lonke uhlobo lwethandazo nemibongo ngoMoya, nilumkile ngale njongo ngokunyamezela okukhulu nangemibongo ngabo bonke abangcwele— <sup>19</sup> nange mna, ukuba ndinikwe intetho, ukuze ndivule umlomo wam ngesibindi ndazise imfihlelo yeendaba ezilungileyo, <sup>20</sup> endiyintumwa yayo ndibotshelelwe; ukuze kuyo ndithethe ngesibindi, njengoko kufuneka ndithethe. (Efese 6:14-20)

Yintoni i-ambassador? *I-Merriam-Webster* inentsingiselo elandelayo:

1: umthunywa osemthethweni; *ngokukodwa*: i-arhente yezopolitiko ekumgangatho ophezulu evunyelweyo kurhulumente wasemzini okanye umlawuli njengommeli ohlala apho kurhulumente wakhe okanye umlawuli wakhe okanye otyunjelwe umsebenzi okhethekileyo nowolawesha wezopolitiko

2 a: ummeli ogunyazisiweyo okanye umthunywa

Ukuba ungumKrestu wokwenene, ungumthunywase osemthethweni, kaKristu! Qaphela oko uMpostile uPetros awabhalayo:

<sup>9</sup> Kodwa nina niyintlanga ekhethiweyo, ubulungiseleli basebukumkanini, isizwe esingcwele, abantu bakhe abakhethekileyo, ukuze nimemezele iindumo zeLowo unibizele ephandleni ningenise ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo; <sup>10</sup> nina enebengengabo abantu, kodwa ngoku ningabantu bakaThixo; enebengafumananga uzwelo, kodwa ngoku nifumene uzwelo. (1 Petros 2:9-10)

NjengamaKristu, kufuneka sibe yinxalenye yesizwe esingcwele.

Yeyiphi isizwe esingcwele ngoku?

Ewe, ngokuqinisekileyo akukho kuzo iibukumkani zeli hlabathi—kodwa ekugqibeleni ziya kuba yinxalenye yoBukumkani bukaKristu (Isityihilelo 11:15). Sisisizwe sikaThixo, uBukumkani baKhe obungcwele.

Njengezithunywase, asifane sizibandakanye kwezopolitiko ezithe ngqo zeentlanga zeli hlabathi. Kodwa kufuneka siphile ngendlela yokuphila [kaThixo](#) ngoku (jonga kwakhona i-eBook yasimahla efumaneka [ku-www.ccog.org](http://www.ccog.org) enesihloko esithi: [AmaKristu: Izithunywase zoBukumkani bukaThixo, imiyalelo yebhayibhile malunga nokuphila njengomKristu](#)). Ngokuphila ngendlela kaThixo yokuphila ngoku, sifunda ngcono isizathu sokuba iindlela zikaThixo zibe zezona zilungileyo, ukuze kubukumkani baKhe sikwazi ukuba ngookumkani nababingeleli size sihlale noKristu emhlabeni:

<sup>5</sup> Kuye lowo wasithandayo wasihlambulula ezibhedeni zethu ngegazi lakhe, <sup>6</sup> wenza thina ukumkani nababingeleli kuThixo wakhe noYise; kuye makube uzuko nolawulo ngonaphakade. Amen. (Isityihilelo 1:5-6)

<sup>10</sup> Wenza nathi ukumkani nababingeleli kuThixo wakhe; yaye siya kulawula emhlabeni. (Isityihilelo 5:10)

Enye inkalo yexesha elizayo yokuba ngabakhosi nababingeleli iya kuba kukufundisa abo baya kuba baphilayo ngelo xesha ukuba bahambe kwiindlela zikaThixo:

<sup>19</sup> Kuba abantu baya kuhlala eZiyon eYerusalem; Akusayi kuphinda ulile. Uya kuba nenceba kakhulu kuni, akuba kuviwe isikhalo senu; Akuba esisivileyo, uya kuniphendula. <sup>20</sup> Kwaye nangona iNkosi ininika isonka senkathazo namanzi entlungu, Abafundisi benu abasayi kuphinda bashenxiselwe ekoneni; Kodwa amehlo enu aya kubabona abafundisi benu. <sup>21</sup> Iindlebe zakho ziya kuva ilizwi elingasemva kwakho, lisithi, "Leli liyona ndlela, hambe kuyo," Naxa ujika ngasekunene Okanye naxa ujika ngasekhohlo. (Isaya 30:19-21)

Nangona eso sisiprofeto sobukumkani beminyaka eliwaka, kweli xesha amaKristu kufuneka alungele ukufundisa:

<sup>12</sup> ... ngeli xesha bekufanele ukuba nibe ngootitshala, (Hebhere 5:12)

<sup>15</sup> Kodwa bangcwaliseni iNkosi uThixo ezintliziweni zenu; kwaye nilungele ngonaphakade ukuphendula kuye wonke umntu onibuzayo isizathu sethemba elinani, ngobulali nangentlonipho: (1 Petros 3:15, KJV)

IBhayibhile ibonisa ukuba abaninzi kubo bamaKristu abathembekileyo, kanye phambi kokuqala koShushu-mkhulu, baya kufundisa abaninzi:

<sup>33</sup> Kwaye abo babantu abaqondayo baya kufundisa abaninzi (Daniyeli 11:33;)

Ngoko ke, ukufunda nokukhula kubabalo nakulwazi (2 Petros 3:18), yinto ekufuneka siyenzile ngoku. UYesu wathi, "niya kuba ngamangqina am eYerusalem, nakwilizwe lonke laseYuda nelaseSamariya, kude kuye esiphelweni sehlabathi" (iZenzo 1:8). Inxalenye yendima yakho kuBukumkani bukaThixo kukukwazi ukufundisa.

Kwaye kumaKristu aseFiladelfiya athembekileyo ngakumbi (Isityhilelo 3:7-13), oku kuza kubandakanya nokuxhasa ubungqina obubalulekileyo

bevangeli phambi kokuqala kobukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka (thelekisa noMateyu 24:14).

Emva kokuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bumiselwe, abantu bakaThixo baya kusetyenziswa ukunceda ukubuyisela imeko yomhlaba ononakeleyo:

<sup>12</sup> Abo bangakho baya kwakha iindawo ezindala ezidilikileyo; Niyakuvusa iziseko zezizukulwana ezininzi; Niya kubizwa ngokuba nguMlungisi womgxobhozo, uMbuyiseli wezitrato zokuhlala kuzo. (Isaya 58:12)

Ngoko ke, abantu bakaThixo abaphilile ngendlela kaThixo kweli xesha baya kwenza kube lula ukuba abantu bahlale ezizikithini (nakwezinye iindawo) ngeli xesha lokubuyiselwa ngenkulungwane yeminyaka.

Ihlabathi liyakuba yindawo engcono ngokwenene. Kufuneka sibe ziintumwa zikaKristu ngoku, ukuze nathi sikwazi ukukhonza kuBukumkani baKhe.

### **Umyalezo weNyaniso weVangeli Uguqula**

UYesu wathi, "Ukuba niyahlala elizwini lam, ningabafundi bam ngokwenene. 32 Niya kwazi inyaniso, yaye inyaniso iya kunikhulula" (Yohane 8:31-32). Ukwazi inyaniso ngovangelo lobukumkani bukaThixo kusikhulula ekubeni sibanjwe lithemba lobuxoki leli hlabathi. Singakwazi ukuxhasa ngesibindi isicwangciso esisebenzayo— isicwangciso sikaThixo! USathana ulihendile ilizwe lonke (ISityhilelo 12:9) kwaye uBukumkani bukaThixo sesona sisombululo sinyanisekileyo. Kufuneka simele kwaye sikhankasele inyaniso (thelekisa noYohane 18:37).

Umyalezo wevangeli ungaphezu kosindiso lobuqu. Iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo kufuneka ziguqule umntu kweli xesha:

<sup>2</sup> Kwaye ningalifani neli hlabathi, kodwa niguqulwe ngokuhlaziywa kwengqondo yenu, ukuze nivavanye ukuba yintoni na intando kaThixo elungileyo, eyamkelekileyo, egqibeleleyo. (Roma 12:2)

AmaKristu okwenene ayaguqulwa ukuze akhonze uThixo nabanye:

<sup>22</sup>Nina bamakhoboka, thobelani iinkosi zenu ngako konke okubonakalayo, hayi ngokukhonza ngeliso kuphela, njengabathandi bokunanditshwa ngabantu, kodwa ngobunyulu benentliziyo, niyoyika uThixo. <sup>23</sup>Kwaye yonke into eniyenzayo, yenzani ngentliziyo yonke, njengento eniyenzela iNkosi, hayi abantu, <sup>24</sup>niyasazi ukuba eNkosini niza kufumana umvuzo welifa; kuba nikhonza iNkosi uKristu. (KwabaseKolose 3:22-24)

<sup>28</sup> Ngoko ke, njengoko sifumana ubukumkani obungenakuzanyazanyiswa, masibe nobabalo, esingakhonza ngalo uThixo ngokwamkelekileyo, ngentlonipho nangoloyiko olufanelekileyo. (Hebhere 12:28)

AmaKristu okwenene aphila ngendlela eyahlukileyo kweli hlabathi. Samkela imigangatho kaThixo ngaphezu kwehlabathi malunga noko kulungileyo nokubi. Abalungileyo baphila ngokholo (Hebhere 10:38), kuba kufuneka ukholo ukuze uphile ngendlela kaThixo kweli xesha. AmaKristu ayebhekwa njengabantu abohluke kakhulu kwihlabathi ababehlala kulo, kangangokuba indlela yabo yokuphila yayibizwa ngokuba "yiNdlela" kwiTestamente eNtsha (Izenzo 9:2; 19:9; 24:14,22). Ihlabathi liphila ngokuzicingela, lixhaphazwe phantsi kolawulo lukaSathana, kwinto ekubizwe ngokuba "yiNdlela kaKayin" (Juda 11).

Ivangeleli yoBukumkani bukaThixo yimiyalezo yokulunga, uvuyo, noxolo (Roma 14:17). Ilizwi lobuprofeti, xa liyiqondwe kakuhle, liyathuthuzela (thelekisa no-1 Korinte 14:3; 1 Tesalonika 4:18), ingakumbi njengoko sibukele ihlabathi lityhilika (thelekisa noLuka 21:8-36). Indlela yokwenene yobuKristu yokuphila ikhokelela kwintabalala yokomoya nezikelelo eziphathekayo (Marko 10:29-30). Le yinxalenye yento eyenza abo bayiphilayo baqonde ukuba ihlabathi liyalifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo. AmaKristu ngabathunywa boBukumkani bukaThixo.

AmaKristu abeka ithemba lawo kwizinto zomoya, hayi kwezomzimba, nangona siphila kwihlabathi eliphathekayo (Roma 8:5-8). Sinalo "ithemba levangeli" (KwabaseKolose 1:23). Le yinto amaKristu okuqala ayiqondayo, kodwa abaninzi abavuma uYesu namhlanje abayiqondi ngokwenene.

## 6. Iicawa zamaGrike namaRoma zifundisa ukuba uBukumkani bubalulekile, Kodwa...

Iicawa zamaGrike namaRoma zikholelwa ukuba zifundisa ngeenkalo zoBukumkani bukaThixo, kodwa ziba nengxaki yokuqonda ngokwenene ukuba yintoni na. Umzekelo, *iCatholic Encyclopedia* ifundisa oku malunga nobukumkani:

Krestu ... Kuzo zonke iinkalo zokufundisa kwaKhe ngokuza kolu bucumkani, iinkalo zaso ezahlukeneyo, intsingiselo yawo kanye, nendlela ekufuneka sifikelele kuso, zenza umongo weentetho zaKhe, kangangokuba intetho yaKhe ibizwa ngokuba "ziindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani"...baqala ukuthetha ngeCawa njenge "mbuso kaThixo"; cf. Kol., I, 13; I Tes., ii, 12; Apok., I, 6, 9; v, 10, njl. ...kuthetha iCawa njengaloo ndlu kaThixo yasemthethweni ... (uPopu H. Ubusuku bukaThixo. I-Catholic Encyclopedia, iVolumu VIII. 1910)

Nangona okungasentla kubhekise ku-"Kolose 1:13; I-Tesalonika 2:12; ISityhilelo 1:6, 9; 5:10," ukuba ungazijonga ezo ndinyana, uya kufumanisa ukuba akukho nanye kuzo ethetha ngayo nto yokuba **iCawe** liluBukumkani bukaThixo. Zifundisa ukuba abakholwayo baya kuba yinxalenye yobu Bukumkani bukaThixo okanye ukuba bubukumkani bukaYesu. IBhayibhile ilumkisa ukuba abaninzi baya kuyitshintsha iindaba ezilungileyo okanye bajikele kwenye, engeyonyani (Galati 1:3-9). Okubuhlungu kukuba, abantu abohlukeneyo baye bakwenza oko.

UYesu wafundisa, "NdinguYehle, inyaniso, nobomi. Akukho mntu uza kuBawo ngaphandle kwam" (Yohane 14:6). UPetros wafundisa, "Akukho nasinye isindiso kwelinye, kuba akukho nelinye igama eliphantsi kwelizulu elinikwe abantu elithi ngalo sifanele sisindiswe" (IZenzo 4:12). UPetros waxelela amaYuda ukuba bonke kufuneka babe nokholo lokuguquka bamkele uYesu ukuze basindiswe (IZenzo 2:38).

Ngokwahlukileyo koku, uPopu Francis ongasekhoyo ufundise ukuba abantu abangakholelwayo kuThixo, ngaphandle kukaYesu, banokusindiswa ngemizamo emihle! Ufundisa kwakhona ukuba amaYuda

anokusindiswa ngaphandle kokwamkela uYesu! Ukongeza, yena nabanye abantu baseGrisi naseRoma babonakala becinga ukuba inguqulelo engeyiyo yebhayibhile ka'Mariya' sisitshixo sevangeli kunye nokuba sisitshixo sokumanyana kweecawa kunye nokumanyana kweenkolo. Okubuhlungu kukuba, bona nabanye abakuqondi ukubaluleka kukaYesu KWAKHONA neNyaniso yeVangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo. Abaninzi bakhuthaza iivangeli zobuxoki.

Abaninzi banqwenela ukuhamba ngokubona kwaye babe nokholo kwiHlabathi. ITestamente eNtsha ifundisa ukuba amaKristu kufuneka ajonge phezulu:

<sup>2</sup>Zibekelani iingqondo zenu kwizinto eziphezulu, hayi kwizinto ezisemhlabeni. (KwabaseKolose 3:2)

<sup>7</sup> Kuba sihambe ngokholo, hayi ngokubona. (2 KwabaseKorinte 5:7)

Noko ke, uPopu Pius XI ngokwesiseko wafundisa ukuhamba ngokubona kwakhe kwecawe yakhe:

... iCawe yamaKatolika ... lulawulo lukaKristu emhlabeni. (encwadi kaPius ethi *Quas Primas*).

Iwebhusayithi *iCatholicBible101* ithi, "uBukumkani bukaThixo basekwa emhlabeni nguYesu Kristu ngonyaka wama-33 AD, ngendlela yeCawa yaKhe, ekhokelwa nguPetros...iCawa yamaKatolika." Kanti ke, uBukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka abukho apha yaye asiyiyo neCawe yaseRoma. Xa buza kufika, buza kuba emhlabeni. Nangona iCawe yokwenene kaThixo inezitshixo zobukumkani (Mateyu 16:19), abo bathi icawe bubukumkani bukaThixo "basusile isitshixo solwazi" (Luka 11:52).

ICawa yaseRoma ifundisa ngamandla ngokuchasene noBukumkani bukaThixo beminyaka eliwaka obuzayo emhlabeni kangangokuba ngokwenene yiyo kuphela "imfundiso kaMchasi-Kristu" edweliswe *kwiCatechism* esemthethweni yeCawa yamaKatolika:

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ithemba likaMesiya elinokufezekiswa kuphela ngaphaya kwembali ngokugqith , isigwebo sokugqibela. ICawa isikhanye neendlela ezilungisiweyo zolu lwaphiso lwalawulo oluzayo egameni le-millenarianism ... (ICatechism yeCawa yamaKatolika. Imprimatur Potest +Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Doubleday, NY 1995, p. 194)

Okubuhlungu kukuba, abo bavumelana naloo mbono baya kuba neengxaki ezinkulu ekushumayeleni iVangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo ekugqibeleni. Abanye baya kuthatha amanyathelo amabi kakhulu ngokuchasene nabo bayishumayelayo (Daniyeli 7:25; 11:30-36). Kodwa, ungacinga ukuthi, ingaba bonke abavuma uYesu njengoNkosi abayi kuba kubukumkani? Hayi, abayi kuba njalo. Qaphela into eyayithethwa nguYesu:

<sup>21</sup> "Asingabo bonke abathi kum, 'Nkosi, Nkosi,' abaya kungena kubukumkani bamazulu, kodwa ngulowo wenza ukuthanda kukaBawo osezulwini. <sup>22</sup> Abaninzi baya kuthi kum ngaloo mini, 'Nkosi, Nkosi, asizange na siphrofete egameni lakho, siphumeze iidemon egameni lakho, senze nemimangaliso emininzi egameni lakho?' <sup>23</sup> Ndiya kuthi ke kubo, 'Andizange ndinazi; susani kum, nina abenza okungekho mthethweni!' (Mateyu 7:21-23)

UmPostile uPawulos waphawula ukuba "imfihlelo yokungathobeli umthetho" "yayisele isebenza" (2 AbaseTesalonika 2:7) ngexesha lakhe. Oku kungathobeli mthetho kukwanasekelene nento iBhayibhile elumkisa ngayo kwimihla yokugqibela ebizwa ngokuba yi "Mfihlelo, iBhabhiloni eNkulu" (ISityhilelo 17:3-5).

"Imfihlelo yokungangeni mthethweni" inxulumene namaKristu azivumayo akholelwa ukuba akufuneki bazabalaze ukugcina umthetho weMiyalelo eliShumi kaThixo, njl.njl. kunye/okanye zininzi kakhulu izinto ezamkelekileyo eziyiphoswayo kuwo kunye/okanye zikho iindlela zamkelekileyo zokuthethelelwa ukuwaphula umthetho kaThixo, ngoko ke nangona becinga ukuba banalo uhlobo lomthetho kaThixo, abagcini uhlobo lobuKristu obunokwamkelwa nguYesu okanye ngabapostile baKhe.

Abaninzi abathi bangamaKristu bafana namaFarisi awaphula imiyalelo kaThixo, kodwa athi izithethe zawo zenza oku kwamkeleke—uYesu wakugxeka oko (Mateyu 15:3-9)! Ulsaya naye walumkisa ukuba abantu

abathi bangabakaThixo baya kuvukela umthetho waKhe (Isaya 30:9). Okubuhlungu kukuba, le nkolelo-ngqongqo ingamthetho yinto esiyibonayo nanamhlanje.

Enye "imfihlakalo" ibonakala ikukuba iCawa yaseRoma ibonakala ikholelwa ukuba iinjongo zayo zomkhosi zokumanyana kweecawa neenkolo ziya kukhokelela kuxolo kunye nenguqulelo engeyiyo yebhayibhile yoBukumkani bukaThixo emhlabeni. Isibhalo silumkisa ngokumanyana okuzayo kweecawa esifundisa ukuba, kangangeminyaka embalwa, kuya kuphumelela (qaphela: *iBhayibhile iNew Jerusalem*, inguqulelo evunyiweyo ngamaRoma Katolika, iyabonakaliswa):

<sup>4</sup> Baqubuda phambi kwenyoka ngenxa yokuba inike isilwanyana igunya layo; baza baqubuda phambi kwesilwanyana, besithi, 'Singubani na onokuthelekiswa nesilwanyana? Ngubani onokumelana nayo?' <sup>5</sup> Isilwanyana savunyelwa ukuba sivakalise izikhakhaso zalo nokuhlambalaza, kwaye sibe nomsebenzi iinyanga amashumi amane anesibini; <sup>6</sup> kwaye savakalisa izihlambalazo zaso kuThixo, egameni lako, kwiNtente yawo yasemzini nakubo bonke abafumana ukhuselo apho. <sup>7</sup> Yavunyelwa ukuba ilwe nezinto ezingcwele ize izoyisa, yaza yanikwa amandla phezu kwayo yonke isizwe, ulwimi, isizwe nabantu; <sup>8</sup> yaye bonke abantu bomhlaba baya kuyinqula, oko kukuthi, wonke umntu ogama lakhe alibhalwanga kwincwadi yobomi yeMvana eyayinikwa ngenikelo ukususela ekusekweni komhlaba. <sup>9</sup> Makhe uve, aphulaphule: <sup>10</sup> Abo bathinjelwe ekuthinjweni, bathinjwe; abo bathinjelwe ekubulaweni ngomkhonto, babulawe ngomkhonto. Ngenxa yesi sizathu, amaNgcwele kufuneka abe nomonde nokholo. (Isityhilelo 13:4-10, NJB)

IBhayibhile ilumkisa ngokumanyana kweBhabhiloni kwamaxesha okuphela kwehlabathi:

<sup>1</sup> Omnye weeengelosi ezisixhenxe eziphethe izitya ezisixhenxe weza kuthetha nam, wathi, 'Yiza apha ndikubonise isigwebo somngcolikazi omkhulu ohleli etroneni ecaleni kwamanzi amaninzi, <sup>2</sup> lowo onke iinkosi zomhlaba zibe zingcolisana naye, nolenze abantu bonke behlabathi banxilwe yivini yokunyaniswa

kwakhe.' <sup>3</sup> Wandithatha ngomoya waya kum ehlathini, ndaza ndabona umfazi ekhwele isilwanyana esibomvu esinentloko ezisixhenxe neempondo ezilishumi, nesinezibhalo ezingamxhelo kuyo yonke. <sup>4</sup> Lo mfazi wayenxibe umbala omfusa nobomvu obutsha, eqaqambile ngegolide namatye anqabileyo neeperile, ephethe inkomishi yegolide yewayini ezaliswe luthuli olukhohlisayo lobufebe bakhe; <sup>5</sup> **ebunzi bakhe kwakubhalwe igama, igama eliyimfihlakalo: 'IBhabhiloni eNkulu, umama w o wazo zonke iingaka nazo zonke izenzo ezinyanyekayo emhlabeni.'** <sup>6</sup> Ndabona ukuba ityhafile, ityhafile ligazi labangcwele, neligazi lamangqina kaYesu; yaye xa ndayibonayo, ndamangaliswa kakhulu. (Isityhilelo 17:1-6)

<sup>9</sup> 'Oku kufuna ubulumko. **lintloko ezisixhenxe ziinduli ezisixhenxe,** umfazi ohleli phezu kwazo . . . <sup>18</sup> Umfazi ombonileyo **gidolophu enkulu** enegunya phezu kwabo bonke abalawuli emhlabeni.' (Isityhilelo 17:9,18, NJB)

<sup>1</sup> Emva koku, ndabona elinye ingelosi isihla isuka ezulwini, inegunya elikhulu elinikwe yona; umhlaba wakhanya ngokuzuko kwayo. <sup>2</sup> Ngesizwi sayo esiphakamileyo yabetha umnqwazi, isithi, 'Iwe, iwe **iBhabhiloni, iBhabhiloni eMkhulu,** yaba yindawo yokuhlala yezithunywa zikaSathana, yaba yindawo yokuhlala yomoya ngamnye ongcolileyo nentaka nganye engcolileyo, ecekisekayo. <sup>3</sup> Zonke iintlanga zisele kakhulu iwayini yobufebe bayo; wonke ukumkani wasemhlabeni uzifebisile nayo, kwaye wonke umrhwebi ube sisityebi ngenxa yobufebe bayo.' <sup>4</sup> Kwaphinda kwavakala elinye ilizwi lisuka ezulwini; ndaliva lisithi, **'Phumani kuyo, bantu bam, ukuze ningabi nxalenye yezono zayo, nize ningabethwa zizibetho ezifanayo.** <sup>5</sup> Izono zakhe zifikelele ezulwini, kwaye uThixo ukhumbule izenzo zakhe zokubi: mnyaniswe njengoko enyanisile abanye. <sup>6</sup> Kufuneka ahlawulwe isihlanu sesixa asifunayo. Kufuneka anywe isipha esiphindwe kabini somxube wakhe. <sup>7</sup> Yonke iminqwazi yakhe yokuzigwagwisa nezinto zakhe zokuzonwabisa ngokugqithisileyo kufuneka ihambelane nokuthuthunjiswa okanye intlungu. Uthi, 'Ndhleli etroneni njengengkosikazi; andingomhlolokazi kwaye andisoze

ndazi isithakazelo.'<sup>8</sup> Ngenxa yaloo nto, ngosuku olunye, iintlekele ziya kuwela phezu kwakhe: isifo, isithakazelo, nendlala. Uya kutshiswa ube luthuli. INkosi uThixo emgwebeleyo unamandla.'<sup>9</sup>Kuya kubakho isirilelo nokulila ngenxa yakhe ngukumkani bomhlaba abaziphosileyo naye ngokwabelana naye ngesondo nabenza izenzo zobuhenyukazi naye. Babona umsi xa etshisa, (ISityhilelo 18:1-9, NJB)

KuZekariya, iBhayibhile ilumkisa ngokuchasene neBhabhiloni ezayo kwaye ibonisa ukuba umanyano olufanelekileyo aluzukwenzeka *de* uYesu abuye:

<sup>10</sup>Lumkani! Lumkani! Balekani elizweni lasemantla -- utsho uYehova -- kuba ndinihlakazele kwimimoya emine yezulu -- utsho uYehova. <sup>11</sup>Lumkani! Balekani, **Siyoni, wena uhlala nentombi yaseBhabhiloni!**

<sup>12</sup> Kuba uYahweh Sabaoth utsho, ngenxa yokuba ubuBuqaqawuli buyalele

mna, malunga neentlanga ezibathimbe, 'Nabani na ophatha wena uphatha ikhondo leliiso lam.'<sup>13</sup> Ngoku jonga, ndiza kuvunguza isandla sam phezu kwabo kwaye baya kuthinjwa ngabo babacinezeleyo.' Ngaloo ndlela niyakwazi ukuba ndithunyiwe nguYehova wamaSondlo! <sup>14</sup>Cula, uvuye, ntombi yaseZiyon, kuba ngoku ndiyakufa phakathi kwakho - utsho uYehova! <sup>15</sup>Ngaloo mini iintlanga ezininzi ziyakuphendukela kuYehova. Ewe, ziyakuba ngabantu bakhe, kwaye ziyakufa phakathi kwakho. Ngenxa yaloo nto niyakwazi ukuba nguYehova Wabuthu onithumeleyo! <sup>16</sup>UYehova uya kuthatha ilifa likaYuda, isabelo sakhe eMhlabeni oyiNgcwele, aphinde enze iYerusalem ukhetho lwakhe. (Zekariya 2:10-16, NJB; qaphela ukuba kwiinguqulelo ze-KJV/NKJV ezi ndinyana zidweliswe njengeZekariya 2:6-12)

Nangona intsebenziswano kwimiba ethile inokuba yinto elungileyo, iinkalo zeentshukumo zokumanyana kwezakwa-ecumenical ne-interfaith ezikhuthazwa yiZizwe eziManyeneyo, iVatican, amaProtestanti amaninzi, neenkokeli ze-Eastern Orthodox zisigxekwa ngokucacileyo yiBhayibhile kwaye akufuneki zikhuthazwe. UYesu walumkisa ngabantu *abathi*

bamlandela abaza "kukhohlisa abaninzi" (Mateyu 24:4-5). Uninzi lwe-ecumenism lunxulumene nokuvulwa kwesitampu sokuqala seSityhilelo 6:1-2, ekwaziwa njengo "mkhweli wamahashe amhlophe" weSityhilelo (ongenguye uYesu) kunye nesifebe seSityhilelo 17.

NjengoZekariya, uMpostile uPawulos naye wafundisa ukuba umanyano wokwenene lokholo aluzukwenzeka *de* kubuywe nguYesu:

<sup>13</sup> side sonke sifikelele kwimboniselo enye yokholo nolwazi ngoNyana kaThixo, sibe ngumntu opheleleyo, sikhule ngokupheleleyo sibe nobungakanani obuzalisekileyo bukaKristu ngokwakhe. (Efese 4:13)

Abo bakholelwa ukuba le manyano iyeza phambi kokubuya kukaYesu benza impazamo. Enyanisweni, xa uYesu ebuya, kuza kufuneka atshabalalise imanyano yezizwe eziya kumchasa:

<sup>11:15</sup> Kwathi ke, iengelosi yesixhenxe yaphosa umkhwazo wayo, kwavakala amazwi ezulu ekhwaza, esithi, 'Ubusuku bomhlaba sele bubusuku boNkosi wethu noKristu wakhe, kwaye uya kulawula ngonaphakade.' <sup>16</sup> lindulamkhulu ezingamashumi amabini anesine, ezihleli ezitulweni zobukhosi phambi kukaThixo, zaguqa ngamadolo, zathinta umhlaba ngeentloko zazo, zinqula uThixo <sup>17</sup> ngala mazwi, 'Siyakubulela kuwe, Nkosi Thixo uSomandla, Wena Okhoyo, Wena Owayekho, ngokuthatha amandla akho amakhulu uze uqalise ulawulo lwakho. <sup>18</sup> lintlanga zazivuthuza, kwaye ngoku lufikile ixesha lempindiselo yakho, nexesha lokugwetywa kwabafileyo, nerekompenshi yeeNkonzi zakho iiprofeti, neyabangocebileyo, neyabo bonke abaloyikayo igama lakho, abancinci nabakhulu ngokufanayo. Lufikile ixesha lokutshabalalisa abo batshabalalisa umhlaba.' (ISityhilelo 11:15-18, NJB)

<sup>19:6</sup> Ndeva ilizwi elalifana nelamaqela amakhulu abantu, okanye isandi solwandle olukhulu okanye isandi esikhulu semibungu, siphendula, 'Haleluya! Ulawulo lweNkosi uThixo wethu uSomandla luqalile; . . . <sup>19</sup> Ndaye ndabona isilwanyana, namakhosi omhlaba onke nemikhosi yazo, zidibene kunye ukuya kulwa noMkhweli wesilwanyana nemkhosi yawo. <sup>20</sup> Kodwa isilwanyana sathinjwa,

kunye nomprofeti wobuxoki owayesenzile imimangalisio egameni lesilwanyana, waza ngazo walahlekisa abo bamkela uphawu lwesilwanyana, nabo babekhonzwa umfanekiso waso. La mabini aphoswa ephilile echibini elivuthayo lesalfure. <sup>21</sup>Bonke abanye babulawa ngenkamba yoMkhweli, eyaphuma emlonyeni wakhe, zonke iintaka zaza zasyela inyama yabo . . . <sup>20:4</sup>Ndabona izihlalo zobukhosi, baza bahlala kuzo, kwaphakanyiswa kubo amandla okugweba. Ndabona imiphefumlo yabo bonke ababenqunyulwe iintloko ngenxa yokungqina ngoYesu nangokushumayela ilizwi likaThixo, nabo babengazange bamkhuleke isilwanyana okanye umfanekiso waso, yaye abangenamfungo ebunzi okanye ezandleni zabo; bavuka, baza balawula noKristu iminyaka eliwaka. (Isityhilelo 19:6,19-21; 20:4, NJB)

Qaphela ukuba uYesu kuza kufuneka atshabalalise imikhosi yehlabathi emanyeneyo ngokumchasa. Emva koko uya kulawula kunye nabangcwele bokuvuka lokuqala. Kulapho kuza kubakho imanyano yokwenene yokholo. Okubuhlungu kukuba, abaninzi baya kumamela abefundisi bobuxoki ababonakala belungile, kodwa benganjalo, njengoko uMpostile uPawulos walumkisa (2 KwabaseKorinte 11:14-15). Ukuba abantu abaninzi bebeya kuyiqonda ngokwenene iBhayibhile nevangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo, bebengayi kulwa noYesu ekubuyeni kwaKhe.

## 7. Kutheni uBukumkani bukaThixo?

Nangona abantu bethanda ukucinga ukuba bahlakaniphile kakhulu, kukho imida ekuqondeni kwethu, kodwa "ukuqonda kukaThixo akunamda" (INdumiso 147:5).

Yiyi loo nto kuza kufuneka ungenelelo lukaThixo ukulungisa le planethi.

Nangona abaninzi bekholelwa kuThixo, isininzi sabantu asikulungelanga ukwenza oko akuthethayo nokuphila ngendlela akhokela ngayo ngokwenene. Qaphela oku kulandelayo:

<sup>8</sup>Uyakubonisile, O mntu, into elungileyo; Yaye yintoni na iNkosi eyifunayo kuwe Ngaphandle kokwenza okusesikweni, Ukwathanda uvelwano, Uze uhambe unozithobo noThixo wakho? (Mika 6:8)

Ukuhamba ngokuthobeka noThixo asiyonto uluntu olukhe lwavuma ngokwenene ukuyenza. Ukususela kwixesha likaAdam noEva (Genesise 3:1-6), abantu bakhetha ukuzixhomekela kubo baze babeke phambili izinto zabo, ngaphezu kwezikaThixo, nangona kukho imiyalelo yaKhe (Eksodus 20:3-17).

Incwadi yezaga ifundisa:

<sup>5</sup> Thembela eNkosini ngentliziyo yakho yonke, Ungazitshekeleli ngobulumko bakho; <sup>6</sup> Kuzo zonke iindlela zakho yazi uYena, Kwaye yena uya kulungisa iindlela zakho. <sup>7</sup> Ungabi ngumntu obulumkileyo emehlweni akho; Yoyika iNkosi, ude kude kokubi. (IMizekeliso 3:5-7)

Noko ke, abantu abaninzi abazukuthemba uThixo ngenene ngentliziyo zabo yonke, kwaye abazukulinda ukuba abalawule iindlela zabo. Abaninzi bathi baya kwenza into efunwa nguThixo, kodwa abayenzi. Uhlobo lwabantu luxhatshazwe nguSathana (ISityhilelo 12:9) lwaza lwawa ngenxa yeeminqweno zomhlaba kunye 'nekratshi lobomi' (1 Yohane 2:16).

Kungoko abaninzi beze nezithethe zabo zonqulo noorhulumente abangaxhomekekanga kwinkolo kuba bacinga ukuba bayazi okona

kulungileyo. Noko ke, abayazi (jonga Yeremiya 10:23) kwaye uninzi aluzukuguquka ngenene.

Yiyo loo nto uluntu ludinga uBukumkani bukaThixo (thelekisa noMateyu 24:21-22).

### **Qwalasela iiNtsikelelo**

Olunye lwezona ngxelo zaziwayo zikaYesu yayi ziintsikelelo, awazithethayo *kwiNtshumayelo* yaKhe *eseNtabeni* yeeMnquma.

Qaphela ezinye zezinto aziqholozeleyo:

<sup>3</sup> "Nobabalo ngabo abangamahlwempu ngomoya, kuba elabo ubukumkani bamazulu. <sup>4</sup> Nobabalo ngabo abalilayo, kuba baya kuthuthuzelwa. <sup>5</sup> Nobabalo ngabo abathobekileyo, kuba baya kulifa umhlaba. <sup>6</sup> Nobabalo ngabo abanxaniweyo nabelambileyo ngobulungisa, kuba baya kwaneliswa. <sup>7</sup> Bahlumelile abanenceba, kuba baya kuba nenceba. <sup>8</sup> Bahlumelile abacocekileyo entliziyweni, kuba baya kumona uThixo. <sup>9</sup> Bahlumelile abazilithambezi, kuba baya kulifa umhlaba. <sup>10</sup> Bahlumelile abalambileyo nabayomileyo ngenxa yokulunga, kuba baya kuxhathiswa. (Mateyu 5:3-10)

KuseBukumkanini bukaThixo (thelekisa noMarko 4:30-31), obusoloko bubizwa njengeBukumkani basezulwini nguMateyu (thelekisa noMateyu 13:31), apho la mathemba asikelelekileyo aya kuzaliseka khona. KuseBukumkanini bukaThixo apho isithembiso siza kuzaliseka sokuba abathobekileyo bafumane ilifa lomhlaba nabacocekileyo babone uThixo. Jonga phambili kwiindaba ezilungileyo zeentsikelelo ezikwiBukumkani bukaThixo!

### **Iindlela ZikaThixo Zilungile**

Inyaniso yeyokuba uThixo uluthando (1 Yohane 4:8,16) kwaye uThixo AKANAZINZONDO. Imithetho kaThixo ibonisa uthando kuThixo kunye nothando kummelwane wethu (Marko 12:29-31; Yakobo 2:8-11). Iindlela zehlabathi zizizondlo kwaye ziphelela ekufeni (Roma 8:6).

Qaphela ukuba iBhayibhile ibonisa ukuba amaKristu okwenene ayagcina imiyalelo:

<sup>1</sup> Nabani na okholwayo ukuba uYesu nguye uKristu, uzalwe nguThixo; kwaye wonke umntu othanda uYise ozalayo, uyamthanda nomzalwa wakhe. <sup>2</sup> Ngale nto siyazi ukuba siyabathanda abantwana bakaThixo, xa sithanda uThixo size sigcine imithetho yakhe. <sup>3</sup> Kuba lo ngumthando kaThixo, ukuba sigcine imithetho yakhe; kwaye imithetho yakhe ayinzima. (1 Yohane 5:1-3)

Yonke imiyalelo kaThixo "yobulungisa" (iNdumiso 119:172). Iindlela zakhe zinyulu (Tito 1:15). Okubuhlungu kukuba, abaninzi bamkele iindlela ezahlukeneyo "zokungangqini" kwaye abayiqondi into yokuba uYesu AKAZange eze kuzitshabalalisa umthetho okanye iimboni, kodwa eze kuzizalisekisa (Mateyu 5:17), ngokucacisa intsingiselo yazo yokwenene nokuzandisa ngaphaya koko abaninzi ababekucinga (umz. Mateyu 5:21-28). UYesu wafundisa ukuba "nabani na owenzayo aze abafundise, uya kubizwa ngokuba mkhulu ebukumkani bamazulu" (Mateyu 5:19) (amagama athi 'uBukumkani bukaThixo' kunye 'nebukumkani bamazulu' ayafanelana).

iBhayibhile ifundisa ukuba ukholo ngaphandle kwemisebenzi kufile (Yakobo 2:17). Abaninzi bathi balandela uYesu, kodwa abakholelwa ngokwenene kwizifundo Zakhe (Mateyu 7:21-23) kwaye abamxeleli njengoko kufanelekile (thelekisa ne-1 Korinte 11:1). "Isono kukwaphula umthetho" (1 Yohane 3:4, KJV) kwaye bonke bonile (Roma 3:23). Noko ke, iBhayibhile ibonisa ukuba ubabalo luya koyisa umgwebo (Yakobo 2:13) kuba uThixo unecebo eliyinyani ngabo bonke (thelekisa no Luka 3:6).

Izisombululo zabantu, ngaphandle kweendlela zikaThixo, azisayi kusebenza. Kubukumkani beminyaka eliwaka, uYesu uya kulawula "ngentonga yentsimbi" (iSityhilelo 19:15), kwaye okulungileyo kuya kuyoyisa njengoko abantu baya kuphila ngendlela kaThixo. **ZONKE iingxaki zehlabathi zikhona ngenxa yokuba uluntu lweli hlabathi lwala ukuthobela uThixo nomthetho waKhe.** Imbali ibonisa ukuba uluntu alunakukwazi ukusombulula iingxaki zoluntu:

<sup>6</sup> Kuba ukucinga ngokwenyama kukufa, kodwa ukucinga ngokomoya bubomi noxolo. <sup>7</sup> Kuba ingqondo enyanyekelweyo isichotho kuThixo; kuba ayithobeli mthetho kaThixo, kwaye ayinakwenza oko. <sup>8</sup> Ngoko ke, abo basemzimbeni abanakukholisa uThixo. (Roma 8:6-8)

AmaKristu kufuneka agxile kwizinto zomoya, kwaye emva kokuguquka nokubhaptizwa anikwa uMoya kaThixo ukuze enjenjalo kweli xesha (Roma 8:9), nangona sinobuthathaka bethu:

<sup>26</sup> Kuba, bazalwana, niyabona ukubizwa kwenu, ukuba abaninzi abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama, abaninzi abanamandla, abaninzi abazityebi, ababizwanga. <sup>27</sup> Kodwa uThixo ukhethe izinto ezisidengeyo zehlabathi ukuze azithobe ezikrelekrele, waza uThixo wakhetha izinto ezibuthathaka zehlabathi ukuze azithobe izinto ezinamandla; <sup>28</sup> neento ezisezantsi zehlabathi neento ezilahlwayo, uThixo ukhethe zona, neento ezingekhoyo, ukuze azibhidanise neento ezikhoyo, <sup>29</sup> ukuze kungabikho nyama izidlayo phambi kwakhe. <sup>30</sup> Kodwa kuni kukho oyiKristu Yesu, owaba bubulumko kuthi, evela kuThixo—obulungisa, nobungcwaliseko, nentsindiso—<sup>31</sup> ukuze, njengoko kubhaliweyo, "Ozingca, makazingce ngeNkosi." (1 Korinte 1:26-31)

AmaKristu mabaqhayise kwisicwangciso sikaThixo! Hamba ngokholo ngoku (2 Korinte 5:7), sijonge phezulu (KwabaseKolose 3:2) elukholweni (KwabaseHebhere 11:6). Siza kusikelelwa ngokugcina imithetho kaThixo (Isityhilelo 22:14).

### **Kutheni iVangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo?**

AmaProtestanti athanda ukucinga ukuba xa sele emkele uYesu njengomsindisi, sele ilifunile uBukumkani bukaThixo. AmaKatolika aseRoma akholelwa ukuba abo bathe baptizwa, nokuba zingabantwana abaselusana, bangene ecaweni yabo njengobukumkani. AmaKatolika aseRoma naseMpuma e-Orthodox athanda ukucinga ukuba ngokusebenzisa izakramente, njl., bafuna ubukumkani bukaThixo. Nangona amaKristu emele ukuba baptizwe, amaProtestanti aseGrisi-Roma

athanda ukujonga kwihlabathi ukusombulula iingxaki zoluntu. Bathanda ukuba nentembelo yomhlaba (thelekisa neRoma 8:6-8).

Ukufuna kuqala uBukumkani bukaThixo (Mateyu 6:33) kufanele kube yinjongo yobomi bonke kubuKristu. Injongo, ingekuko ukujonga kwihlabathi izisombululo, kodwa kuThixo nakwiindlela zaKhe. Iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani bukaThixo ziyawaguqula ubomi bethu.

IBhayibhile ithi amaKristu aza kulawula noYesu, kodwa uyaziqonda na ukuba oko kuthetha ukuba amaKristu okwenene aza kulawula izixeko? UYesu wafundisa:

<sup>12</sup> "Kwabakho isidwangube esithile esaya kwilizwe elikude ukuzokuziphilela ubukumkani, size bubuye. <sup>13</sup> Kwaza babiza izicaka zaso ezilishumi, sazipha iiminas ezilishumi, sathi kuzo, 'Zendeni ishishini ndide ndibuye.' <sup>14</sup> Kodwa abemi balo balisitha, bathumela isigqeba emva kwaso, sisithi, 'Asifuni lo mntu asilawule.'

<sup>15</sup> "Kwathi ke, akubuya, esele efumene i

ubukumkani, wathi ke ezi zicaka, awazinike imali, mazibizelwe kuye, ukuze azi ukuba ngamaphi amaholo umntu ngamnye awenzileyo kurhwebo. <sup>16</sup> Wafika ke owokuqala, esithi, 'Nkosi, imina yakho yenze iimayini ezilishumi.' <sup>17</sup> Wathi kuye, 'Ubenezelwe, msebenzi olungileyo; ngokuba ubethembekile kwinto encinci, yiba negunya phezu kwezixeko ezilishumi.' <sup>18</sup> Waza weza owesibini, esithi, 'Nkosi, imina yakho yenze iimina ezintlanu.' <sup>19</sup> Wathi ke naye, 'Nawe yiba phezu kwezixeko ezintlanu.' (Luka 19:12-19)

Yiba ngumthembekileyo kwinto encinci onayo ngoku. Abakholwa baya kufumana ithuba lokulawula izixeko zokwenene, kubukumkani bokwenene. UYesu wathi kwakhona, "Umvuzo wam unam, wokunika umntu ngamnye ngokomsebenzi wakhe" (ISityhilelo 22:12). UThixo unecebo (Yobhi 14:15) nendawo (Yohane 14:2) yabo baza kuphendula Kuye ngokwenene (Yohane 6:44; ISityhilelo 17:14). Ubuswo bukaThixo buyinyani kwaye nawe ungaba yinxalenye yabo!

Ekuqaleni kuka-2016, iphephancwadi *i-Science* lalinqaku elinesihloko esithi "Amandla ezihlewe" elalibonisa ukuba ubukrelekrele bokwenziwa kunye nokufunwa kweenkonzo kwizihlewe kunokulusombulula "iingxaki ezikhohlakeleyo" ezijongene noluntu. Noko ke, elo nqaku laasilela ukuqonda ukuba bubi yintoni, kungasathethwa ke ngendlela yokulusombulula. Ukuvela kwemva koko kweenkqubo zobukrelekrele bokwenziwa ngokuqinisekileyo akuzange kuzisombulule iingxaki zehlabathi.

Intsebenziswano, ngaphandle kokulandela iindlela zikaThixo zokwenyani, iza kusilela kwinkulungwane<sup>yama-21</sup> njengoko kwenzeka emva koNogumbe Olukhulu xa uluntu lwasebenzisana ukwakha iNqaba yaseBhabheli eyasilelayo (Genesise 11:1-9).

Iingxaki zehlabathi, kwiindawo ezifana neMpuma-mpakathi (ngaphandle kwengeniso elindelekileyo yexesha elithile, umz. Daniyeli 9:27a; 1 Abathethesalonika 5:3), azisayi kusombululwa ngabantu—sidinga uxolo loBukumkani bukaThixo (Abaroma 14:17).

Iingxaki zobunqolobi bamazwe ngamazwe, nangona kulindeleke inzuzo, azisayi kusombululwa (thelekisa noHezekile 21:12) ngabo baphambanisiweyo kwiZizwe eziManyeneyo (thelekisa noTyhilelo 12:9)—sidinga uvuyo nentuthuzelo yoBukumkani bukaThixo.

Iingxaki zokusingqongileyo AZIZIYI kuxazululwa ngentsebenziswano yamazwe ngamazwe, njengoko iintlanga zehlabathi ziya kuncedisa ekutshabaliseni umhlaba (ISityhilelo 11:18), kodwa ziya kuxazululwa ngoBukumkani bukaThixo.

Imiba yokuziphatha ngokwesondo okubi, ukugqobhoza, nokuthengiswa kwamalungu omzimba womntu ayizukusombululwa yi-USA (thelekisa noTyhilelo 18:13), kodwa kuza kusombululwa luBukumkani bukaThixo.

Ityala elikhulu kakhulu eline-USA, i-UK, namazwe amaninzi aliweli liza kusonjululwa ngothethathethwano lwamazwe ngamazwe, kodwa ekugqibeleni (emva kwentshabalalo ngokukaHabakuki 2:6-8) liza kusonjululwa ziBukumkani bukaThixo.

Ukungazi nokungafundiswa kakuhle akuzukusombululwa yiZizwe eziManyeneyo—sifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo. Ungquzulwano lwezonzulo aluzukusombululwa ngokwenene ngayo nayiphi na intshukumo yokumanyana kwezonzulo evumelana ngokusindiswa ngaphandle kukaYesu wokwenene weBhayibhile. Isono SINGOYENA NGXAKI ehlabathini kwaye ngenxa yaloo nto, sifuna idini likaYesu nokubuya kwaKhe kuBukumkani bukaThixo. Inzululwazi yezonyango yanamhlanje ayinazo zonke iimpendulo zempilo yomntu—sifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo.

lingxaki zendlala azisayi kusombululwa zizinto eziphilayo ezilungisiweyo ngokwemfuza ezibeka iindawo zehlabathi emngciphekweni wendlala ngenxa yokuwohloka okukhulu kwesivuno okunokwenzeka—sifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo.

Intlupheko enkulu kwiindawo zase-Afrika, e-Asiya, nakwezinye iindawo, nangona iza kuxhamla okwethutyana kwi-'Bhabhiloni' yamaxesha okugqibela (thelekisa noTyhileko 18:1-19), ayisayi kuyisombulula ingxaki yentlupheko—sifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo. Ingcinga yokuba, ngaphandle kukaYesu, uluntu lunokuzisa iparadesi apha 'kulo xesha langoku lokubi' yivangeli yobuxoki (kwiGalati 1:3-10). Sifuna uBukumkani bukaThixo.

Isigaba seminyaka eliwaka sobukumkani bukaThixo bubukumkani bokwenene obuza kusekwa emhlabeni. Buya kusekelwa kwimithetho kaThixo enothando kunye noThixo onothando njengenkokeli. Abangcwele baya kulawula noKristu iminyaka eliwaka (ISityhilelo 5:10; 20:4-6). Olu bucumkani luza kubandakanya abo bakwiCawa kaThixo ngokwenene, kodwa akukho mbhalo utsho ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo yiyo iCawa (eyamaRoma Katolika okanye enye). ICawa yaseRoma iye yachasa i , yaza kamva yachasa ngamandla ngakumbi umyalezo wevangeli weBhayibhile njengoko sisondela esiphelweni. Oku kunokufumana ukuqatshelwa okukhulu kumajelo eendaba, nto leyo enokunceda ekuzalisekiseni uMateyu 24:14.

Kwisigaba sayo sokugqibela, uBukumkani bukaThixo buza kubandakanya "iJerusalem Entsha, isihla isuka ezulwini ivela kuThixo" (ISityhilelo 21:2)

kwaye ukwanda kwaso akusayi kuphela. Akusayi kubakho kubandezeleka, akusayi kubakho lusizi, kwaye akusayi kubakho kusweleka.

Ukushumayela nokuqonda ivangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo ngumxholo obalulekileyo weBhayibhile. Ababhali beTestamente eNdala bafundisa ngayo. UYesu, uPawulos, noYohane bafundisa ngayo. Esona sishumayelo 'sobuKristu' esidala esisaphilayo ngaphandle kweTestamente eNtsha sifundisa ngayo. linkokeli zokuqala zobuKristu zenkulungwane yesibini, ezifana noPolycarp noMelito, zafundisa ngayo. Thina kwiCawa *eqhubekayo* kaThixo sifundisa ngayo namhlanje. Khumbula ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo ngumxholo wokuqala iBhayibhile ebonisa ukuba uYesu wafundisa ngawo (Marko 1:14-15). Yayikwayiyo le nto wayefundisa ngayo emva kokuvuka kwaKhe (IZenzo 1:3)—kwaye yinto amaKristu afanele ayifune kuqala (Mateyu 6:33).

Ivangeli ayimalunga nobomi nokufa kukaYesu kuphela. Ingqwalasela yevangeli awayefundisa yona uYesu nabalandeli baKhe yayikukubuya koBukumkani bukaThixo. Ivangeli yobukumkani iquka isindiso ngoKristu, kodwa ikwabandakanya ukufundisa ngesiphelo soorhulumente babantu (ISityhilelo 11:15).

Khumbula, uYesu wafundisa ukuba isiphelo asizukufika de kushumayelwe iindaba ezilungileyo zobukumkani kwihlabathi lonke, zibe lilinge kuwo onke amaqela abantu (Mateyu 24:14). Kwaye olo shumayelo luyenzeka ngoku. Ungathanda na ukuba yinxalenye yokuxhasa loo msebenzi wokugqibela, wamaxesha okuphela?

Iindaba ezimnandi zezokuba **uBukumkani bukaThixo sisombululo kwiingxaki ezijongene noluntu**. Noko ke, uninzi alufuni ukuluxhasa, alufuni nokuliva, kwaye alufuni nokukholelwa kwinyaniso lwalo. Ubukumkani bukaThixo busisisigxina (Mateyu 6:13), ngelixa "eli hlabathi liyaphela" (1 Korinte 7:31).

Ukushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zonyani zoBukumkani bukaThixo yinto esiyithatha nzulu thina *eContinuing Church of God*. Sizama ngamandla ukufundisa zonke izinto iBhayibhile ezizifundisayo (Mateyu 28:19-20), kuquka noBukumkani bukaThixo (Mateyu 24:14). Ngelixa silindele obo

bukumkani, kufuneka sifunde size silandele iindlela zikaThixo kwaye sikhuthaze nabanye abafuna ukukholelwa kwinyani.

Akufanelanga na ukuba uxhase ukushumayelwa kwevangeli lobukumkani bukaThixo obuzayo? Uyakukholelwa na kwivangeli yobukumkani bukaThixo?

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Kukholelwa ukuba le yayiyindawo yeyona sakhiwo sokuqala sokwenene secawa yamaKristu. Isakhiwo apho i'evangeli kaYesu yoBukumkani bukaThixo' yayinokushumayelwa khona. Esi yayisesakhiwo eYerusalem esasifundisa iVangeli yoBukumkani bukaThixo.

***Ngenxa yesi sizathu nathi siyambulela uThixo ngaphandle kokuphumla, kuba...nina, bazalwana, naba balandeli beecawa zikaThixo eziseYuda ezikuKristu Yesu. (1 AbaseTesalonika 2:13-14)***

***Lwela ukhoho olwenyulwa kanye kwabangenziwe bangcwele. (Juda 3)***

***Wathi kubo, "Kufuneka ndishumayele uBukumkani bukaThixo nakwezinye iidolophu, kuba ndithunyiwe ngenxa yale nto." (Luka 4:43)***

***Kodwa nifune ubukumkani bukaThixo, lezo zinto zonke ziya kongezwa kuni.  
Ningoyiki, mhlambi omncinci, kuba kulithabo likayihlo ukunipha ubukumkani.  
(Luka 12:31-32)***

***Kwaye le vangeli yobukumkani iza kushumayelwa kwihlabathi lonke, ibe  
lilinganiso kuzo zonke iintlanga, kwaye ke kuya kufika isiphelo. (Mateyu 24:14)***