

A Lungalinganiswa yini uthando lukaNkulunkulu?

❖ Ngale kwalokho okuqukethweyo.

- Uma ufunda ngaphandle kokokuqukethweyo, amanye amavesi eBhayibheli angasinika umbono wokuthi uthando lukaNkulunkulu alulalutho, ukuthi uthanda kuphela lapho ethanda ukwenza kanjalo (Eks. 33:19).
- Kodwa ake sibheke yonke indaba. UNkulunkulu ukhiphe u-Israyeli eGibhithe ngezimangaliso ezinkulu. Ukhulume labo mathupha eseSinayi wabacela ukuba bamenze uNkulunkulu wabo yedwa. Ngemva kwezinsuku ezimbalwa bazakhela ithole legolide, bathi: “Nampa onkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhipha eGibithe.” (Eks. 32:8). UNkulunkulu utshela uMose lokho abantu okubafanele: ukufa (Eks. 32:9-10).
- UMose uncenga ukuthi ahawukelwe abantu abangabafanele (Eks. 32:11–13, 30–33). Kulo mongo, uNkulunkulu uqinisekisa uMose ukuthi “ufisa” ukuba nesihe ku-Israyeli (Eks. 33:19). Uthando lukaNkulunkulu alulandeli umqondo wembangela nomphumela. Uthando lwakhe alunakulinganiswa; ihlala njalo futhi ayipheli. Usipha ngesihle umusa, isihle, lozwelo ngisho lakulabo abangafaneleki.

❖ Ukuzinikela okupheleleyo.

- Esiphambanweni - ukubonakaliswa kokugcina kothando lukaNkulunkulu - siyabona ukuthi uKristu wazinikela ngenxa yethu ngokuthanda kwakhe langokuzimisela kwakhe. Akekho owathatha ukuphila kwakhe, kodwa wanikela ngakho ngokuzithandela, elandela iHlelo Lokuhlengwa okwavunyelwana ngalo eZulwini ngaphambi kokusekelwa komhlaba (Joh. 10:17-18; 1P. 1:18-20).
- Lungafinyelela kude kangakanani uthando lwethu? Kuze kube sesigabeni sokunikela ngokuphila kwethu ngenxa yothile esimthandayo, futhi sifisa ngentshiseko ukuqhubeka siphila? Singakwenzela umuntu esingamazi ngokuphelele, loba osizondayo?
- UNkulunkulu wasithanda lapho sasingafuni lutho olusihlanganisa Naye, futhi usabathanda labo abamzondayo (Roma 5:6-8).

B Kunga uNkulunkulu udinga ukubonisa futhi amukele uthando?

❖ UNkulunkulu uthanda ngokungelambadalo.

- Indaba kaHoseya isibonisa ukuthi lunjani uthando lukaNkulunkulu. Ngaphezu kokungathembeki komkakhe, uHoseya wamthethelela kanenginengi, futhi waqhubeka emthanda.
- UHoseya umelela uNkulunkulu, futhi umkakhe ongathembekanga umelela abantu bakaNkulunkulu. Laphezu kwesono sethu esiqhubekayo kanye lokuhlukaniswa loNkulunkulu, uyaqhubeka ngokusithanda “ngokukhululekileyo” (Hos. 14:4). Isho ukuthini leyo nkulumo?
- Igama lesiHeberu elithi nedabah, lichaza lokho okunikezwa ngokuzithandela (njengeminikelo yokuzithandela).
- UNkulunkulu unikeza uthando lwakhe, nakuba engayitholi lutho. Yeka umehluko emvelweni yethu yobugovu! Izoba yini impendulo yakho kulolu thando lokuzithandela nolungenabugovu?

❖ Ukuthanda ngaphandle kokulindela impindiselo yothando.

- done everything possible so that His Creation, His children, can share with Him a life of eternal happiness.
- Ingabe kwakudingeka uNkulunkulu adale lo mhlaba ukuze uthandwe, uhlonishwe futhi ukhulekelwe?
- UNkulunkulu akadingi lutho kithi (IzEnzo 17:25; IHu. 50:11-12). Eqinisweni, bangaki kithi abaqaphela ngitsho nokuthi konke esinakho, kuhlanganise nokuphila kwethu, kuyisipho esivela kuNkulunkulu? Bangaki bethu namuhla abamdumisayo labambonga ngakho?
- Uthando olungcwele lwalukhona phakade ngaphambi kokudalwa kwendawo yonke (Johane 17:24). Ngenxa yalokho, ukudalwa komhlaba kwakungesona isidingo sokuba khona kothando lukaNkulunkulu. Ngokuphambene, iNdalo yayiwumsebenzi wokuzithandela waphezulu owawuphumela ekukhululekeni kothando Lwakhe lwaphakade noluchichimayo.
- UNkulunkulu uluthando, futhi ulothando ngaphandle kokulindela impendulo. Uyabathanda labo abasabela othandweni Lwakhe, nalabo abalwenqabayo. Uthanda kakhulu kangokuthi wenze konke okusemandleni ukuze Indalo Yakhe, abantwana Bakhe, bakwazi ukwabelana Naye ngempilo yenjabulo yaphakade.

C Singalwenqaba yini uthando lukaNkulunkulu?

❖ Ukukhetha kwethu.

- Inkosi yalungiselela umtshado wendodana yayo, kodwa abamenyiweyo bala unxuso. Abanye bayamenywa futhi bamukele, kodwa phakathi kwalaba kukhona abangasibalandeli futhi bayaxoshwa (Mt. 22: 1-13).
- Ukusebenzisa kukaJesu lou mfanekiso kwenza abanye bakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukhetha igama lalo ozasindiswa longasoze asindiswe (Mt 22:14). Lokhu kuyikuthi uNkulunkulu upha uthando kwabanye, kodwa kaphi kwabanye.
- Umbhalo obhalwe ngesandla ucindezela unxuso hatshi ukhetho: “Banengi abamenyiweyo, futhi bambalwa ABAMUKELA ISIMEMO .
- uNkulunkulu usikhetha sonke ngoba esithanda sonke
- (Joh. 3:16). Akusikho ukususa esikhundleni, kodwa ukusabela kwethu ekumeyweni, okunquma isiphetho sethu.