

## **A Uthando lukaNkulunkulu olungelamgoqo:**

### **❖ UNkulunkulu ufuna wonke umuntu asindiswe.**

- UNkulunkulu usithanda kakhulu kangangokuthi wenza umhlatshelo omkhulu (ukuphila Kwakhe) ukuze bonke basindiswe esonweni (Joh. 3:16.)
- Akekho, emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, ongabhekwa njengongakufanelekeli ukuzuza insindiso enikelwayo. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luhlanganisa konke ( IHu. 145:9 . )
- Aluba insindiso yeyame kuphela entandweni kaNkulunkulu, sonke besizasindiswa ( 1 Thim. 2:3-4 . )
- Kodwa usinike inkululeko yokukhetha ukuthi siyafuna yini ukusindiswa; ukuthi siyafuna loba hatshi ukuphendula othandweni Lwakhe. Singambona ekhala elezinyembezi emehlweni Akhe, “Ngcicela wamukele ukunxusa kwami... PHILA!” (Hez. 33:11.)

### **❖ Isizathu sesivumelwano**

- Lapho uNkulunkulu ekhipha u-Israyeli eGibhithe ukuze avuselele isivumelwano ayesenze lo-Abrahama, u-Isaka, loJakobe, “kwakungenxa yokuthi uJehova wayelithanda” ( Dut. 7:8 . )
- Igama elisetshenziswa ukuchaza isizathu sokuthi kungani uNkulunkulu enza isivumelwano lathi liyaheha, okutsho ukuthi:
  - (1) Isihawu, umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu
  - (2) Umusa wothando loba uthando oluqotho ngomunye umuntu phakathi kobudlelwane bothando olubuyiselanayo
  - (3) Uthando oluboniswa ngenjongo yokuba lo muntu laye abonise umusa lothando olufananayo
- Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luthembekile, aluguquki futhi luhlala njalo. Kodwa inzuzo esingazithola kulolo thando zilemigoqo, kusiya ngokuthi sisabela kanjani (IHu. 25:10 NIV)

## **B Izimo zothando lukaNkulunkulu::**

### **❖ Izimiso zesivumelwano.**

- Amanye amavesi eBhayibheli angasinika umbono wokuthi uNkulunkulu uyama ukusithanda lapha simfulathela ( Jer. 16:5 . )
- Ngakho, ake sibheke isibonelo esisencwadini kaHoseya, lapho uNkulunkulu etsho ngokuhlekileyo: “Ngeke ngisabathanda.” ( Hos. 9:15 ) Ngokutshetsha ngemva kwalokho, uNkulunkulu uzothi: “Ngizabathanda ngokukhululekileyo” ( Hos. 14:4 . )
- Uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungunaphakade, akayeki ukusithanda ( IHu. 136:1 NIV ). Kodwa ubeke izimiso ukuze sithole izinzuzo zalolo thando:
  - (1) Mthande ( Joh. 16:27 ).
  - (2) Qhubeka umthanda ( Joh. 15:9; Jude 21 ).
  - (3) Gcina imiyalo yaKhe ( Joh. 14:21; 1Joh. 5:3 ).
  - (4) Ukuthandana ( Joh. 15:17; 1Joh. 4:12 )

### **❖ Sabela othandweni lukaNkulunkulu.**

- UNkulunkulu ngaso sonke isikhathi wenza inyathelo lakuqala. Uyasithanda ngaphambi kokuba senze loba yini ngakho ( Jer. 31:3 . )
- Lapho sibona uthando lukaNkulunkulu lokuzidela okukhulu asenzela khona, ukusabela kwethu okungokwemvelo kuwukumthanda lokuthanda omunye lomunye ( 1 Joh. 4:9-10, 19 . )
- Ngetshwa, akusibo bonke abasabela ngendlela efanayo. Ngezinye izikhathi, singakhohlwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu usithanda kangakanani. UJesu wabonisa lokhu ngomfanekiso ( Mat. 18:23-35 . )
- Isikweledi somuntu enkosini yakhe sasilingana leminyaka eyizi-200 000 yomsebenzi! Kodwa inkosi yakhe, ngenxa yothando, yamthethelela.
- Ikhohlwe uthando eyalutholayo, le nceku yafuna isisebenzi esikanye layo imali elingana lezinyanga ezintathu nje zomsebenzi. Yeka ukungabongi! “Kwakungafanele yini lawe ube lesihawu ngenceku kanye lawe, njengoba nje lami ngakuhawukela?” ( Mt. 18:33 )

## **C Impendulo yethu othandweni lukaNkulunkulu:**

- **Abadlulisi bothando lukaNkulunkulu.**
- Singambuyisela kanjani uNkulunkulu ngalokho asenzele khona? Singambhadala ngaloba yiphi indlela?
- UNkulunkulu akasiceli ukuba simbdadale loba simbuyisele ngothando esilutholileyo kuye. Uyanelisa ukuthi sibe ngabadlulisi balokho esikuthole ngesihle (1 Johane 4:11; Mathewu 10:8b.)

- Ngeke sikwazi ukubuyisela lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzile, kodwa singambonga ngokuziphatha kwabanye ngendlela aziphathe ngayo kithi.
- Uma ukuthanda uNkulunkulu kusitsho ukuthanda abanye, kumele sitshele wonke umuntu isigijimi sothando lukaNkulunkulu ngokuphuthumayo