

A Ukuvivinywa kokholo.

- ❖ UNkulunkulu akazange afune iminikelo yabantu (Jeremiya 7:31). Okunye, ukunikela u-Isaka kwakumelana nesithembiso: “ngokuba inzalo yakho iyakubizwa ngo-Isaka.” (Genesis 21:12)
Ngabe u-Abrahama akazwisisanga kahle umyalelo kaNkulunkulu (Genesis 22:2)?
- ❖ UNkulunkulu wayemvinywa u-Abrahama. Inhliziyo yakhe yayehlulelwa (Duteronomi 8:2). Umphumela wawuthokozisa: “ngokuba ngiyazi manje ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, lokhu ungagodlanga kimi nandodana eyodwa yakho.” (Genesis 22:12)

B Ukugcwaliswa kwesithembiso.

- ❖ U-Isaka wabona ukuthi asikho isilwane somhlatshelo. U-Abrahama waziba umibuzo yakhe ngokuthi athi uNkulunkulu uyoziwonela umnikelo.
- ❖ Nangempela, uNkulunkulu wazibonela ngesilwane somhlatshelo wokushiswa. Leso silwane safaweni ka-Isaka (Genesis 22:13). UNkulunkulu waqinisekisa ukugcwaliseka kwesithembiso ngaleyo ndlela (Genesis 22:18).
- ❖ UNkulunkulu uzibonele. UJesu uyiwundlu elafa ukuze thina siphile (Johane 1:36; KubaseRoma 5:8; 6:8).

C Ukuthatha izwe.

- ❖ U-Abrahama “wayeseneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili” (E.G.W., PP 147) lapho uNkulunkulu emcela ukuba anikele ngo-Isaka. Ngakho-ke, u-Isaka wayeneminyaka engama-20, uSara wayeneminyaka eyi-110.
- ❖ Iminyaka eyi-17 emva kwalokho, uSara wafa (Gn. 23:1). Nguye yedwa owesimame eTestamenteni elidala okwashiwo umnyaka wokufa kwakhe. Futhi wayengowesifazane wokuqala owangena ezweni lesithembiso.
- ❖ Ngemumva kokukhulumisana no-Efroni, u-Abrahama wathenga indawo yokuqala eyabizwa ngegama lakhe eKhanana (Genesis 23:17-18).

D Ukufumana inzalo.

- ❖ U-Abrahama wenza indlela yokutholela u-Isaka umfazi ukuze afumane inzalo yakhe (Genesis 24:1-4).
- ❖ Kunezinto ezimbili ezimqoka kulendaba: umthandazo [oka-Abrahama, oka-Eliyeza, oka-Isaka], kanye nokwethemba ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulawula konke.
- ❖ Kodwa, uNkulunkulu wavumela uRebeka ukuba akhethe ngokwakhe (Genesis 24:8, 50-51, 57-59).

E Ezinywe izizukulwane zika-Abrahama.

- ❖ U-Abrahama waphila iminyaka eyi-175 (Genesis 25:7). Engekho u-Isaka, waba nendodana eyodwa noHagari (Genesis 25:12), kanye namanye ayisithupha noKetura (Genesis 25:1-2).
- ❖ U-Abrahama wathumela lamadodana akhe ayisikhombisa ezancinza zakhe kude, ngoba kwakungu-Isaka yedwa owayengahlala ezweni lesithembiso (Genesis 25:6).
- ❖ Kunemilando emibili emifushane yohla lwenzalo kuGenesis 25:2-4 kanye no 12-18 egcizelela ukuthi isithembiso sika-Abrahama sagcwaliseka: “uyakuba nguyise wezizwe eziningi.” (Genesis 17:4)
- ❖ UNkulunkulu wahlala ethembekile esithembisweni sakhe somusa encekwini yakhe ethembekile u-Abrahama, okholo lwakhe luvezwe emiBhalweni njengesibonelo esikhulu sokusindiswa ngokholo.