


KUNGANI KUBE

YIBHETLEHEMA LENCANE NA?

 Kungabukeka kuhlekisa, manje ekuseni, kutsi ngifake lijazi lami langembali, kodvwa ngijabule kakhulu ku—kukhombisa lelojazi lelihle leli lengiliphiwe ngulelibandla. Ngibone uMnaketfu Neville etulu lapha ngalololunye lusuku, agcoke leyosudu lenhle, imenela kahle kakhulu, ngase ngicabanga, yebo-ke, ngi—ngi...beyibukeka kahle kakhulu, nelibandla likhuluma ngayo, ngacabanga, “Ngitovele nje ngigcoke lijazi lami laphaya kulenzawana.” Nje ngi. . .

² Niyati, ngikhulwa kutsi asikhuli. Njalo si. . . Futsi angifuni kukhula. Utsini ngaloko, Mnaketfu Luther na? Cha, angifuni nhlobo kukhula. Sifuna nje kuhlala njalo sibantfwana.

³ [Umnaketfu Neville utsi, “Mnaketfu Branham, ngi. . .”—Umhl.] Ya. [“...bengicabanga kutsi bewunaleyo yetembatfo talaba bafundisi labasezingeni lelisetulu. Ngitsite nje laphalati, likona leliso lami, futsi ngacabanga kutsi mhlawumbe bewugcoke umjiva.” Umnaketfu Branham nelibandla bayahleka.] Kutfokotela lelojazi lelihle.

⁴ Yebo-ke, ngitawutsi li—li...Bengilidzinga lelilodvwa, kabikabi, futsi lihle kwendlula onkhe lengake ngaba nawo. Futsi ngilijabulela impela. Futsi uMnaketfu Roy Roberson, angati noma ukhona yini manje ekuseni, noma cha. Ube nalokutsite ekukhetfweni kwalo. Futsi kube kukhetsa lokuhle sibili, futsi si—sitfokota kakhulu, sibili kuba nalo.

⁵ Futsi ngako sitfokota mbamba kubuya endlini yaNkulunkulu lophilako, manje ekuseni, nekujabulela letikhatsi leti letimnandzi te—tenhlanganyelo eVini laKhe leligugu.

⁶ Futsi sekumasinyane manje kutsi, iNkhosi itsandza, ngifanele ngiye ngesheya kwetilwandle. Ngiyacabanga nikubonile kuliPhimbo leMadvodza labosomaBhizinisi, kutsi ngiyasuka ngiya ngesheya kwetilwandle, kulenyanga lena letako. Futsi sitobe sincusa yonkhe imikhuleko yebantfu, kutsi batosikhulekela sisahambile. Kukutsi, kubonakala kungatsi, kutsi ngesheya kwetilwandle imihlangano yami ubonakala uncono, ngoba utsatsa kancono lapho. E-America. . .

⁷ Bengitjela uMnaketfu Mercier, kutsi ngilalele i. . . Wanginika sidlala marekhodi, kucala, futsi sasinemarekhodi kuso, aletinye tetinshumayelo tami. Ngati-ke lapho, uma umuntfu ake wangilalela, kuyofanele kube ngumusa waNkulunkulu kubo, ngoba ngangicabanga kutsi ngingaba nconywana.

⁸ Uyakutheyipha loko, futsi. Lo—lo—lokuncane... Ungayisika uyikhiphe leyoncenye. Niyabona na? Noma, ubambe sitfupha sakhe wasibhekisa phansi, ngiyacabanga loko kukuncamula.

⁹ Kodvwa ngi—ngiyanitjela, ngamangala kabi. Ngi... Kushumayela lokuphansi kunako konkhe lengake ngakuva emphilweni yami, kwakukwami, kunjalo, e—e—erekhodini. Ngi... Kwangenta ngesaba kabi, angikhonanga ngisho kudla lidina lami. Ngagula kamatima, ngesuka etafuleni, angikhonanga kulala ngalobo busuku.

¹⁰ Ngase ngiyehla ngiya eKentucky, neMnaketfu Wood itolo. Sengibuya, ngatsi, “Mnaketfu Wood, angiboni kutsi ngingake ngimtfole kanjani umuntfu kutsi ete futsi angive ngikhuluma. Kungulokuphansi kabi—kabi, ngitiphindzaphindza nje. Futsi, o, kulahleke kuhleleka kwesilungu, nabokhefana nabo ngci, aku—akukho nakunye.” Ngivele nje... Angati. Ngatsi, “Kwangikhutsata ngendlela yinye, kwati kutsi kufanele kube nguNkulunkulu, ngoba nakungenjalo akukho muntfu lobekangeta nhlobo.” Kunjalo.

¹¹ Ngako bengikhuluma neMnaketfu Collins. Ngiyetsemba ukhona kulesakhiwo. Futsi ngako ngatsi kuye. Uta ngalapha, bengimtjela ngako. Ngatsi, “Mnaketfu Collins, mine ecinisweni...” Ngatsi, “Sengicishe impela ngisondzele eminyakeni lengemashumi lamatsatfu budzala, njengemshumayeli, futsi empeleni bengifanele ngati kutsi iyini inshumayelo.” Ngatsi, “Leyo ngulephansi kwendlula tonkhe lengake ngativa.”

¹² Futsi u—ungumfundisi wemaMethodisti, nemnakabo uyindvodza sibili ehlelweni lemaMethodisti. Futsi watsi, “Yebo-ke,” watsi, “Ngitokutjela, Mnaketfu Branham,” watsi, “bokhefana nabo ngci ne—nemisho yakho kungahle kungapheli kahle, netintfo letinjalo, kodvwa,” watsi, “uke wacabanga ngalowomfo lowashumayela ngeluSuku lwePentecosti, lobekangakwati ngisho kusayina ligama—ligama lakhe lucobo na? Ligama lakhe kwakunguPhetro.” Watsi, “Ngibona kwangatsi kwakungabekwa nje kahle bokhefana nabo ngci.”

¹³ Futsi, kodvwa, niyabona, kutsi yini leyenta umuntfu abeke emehlo akhe kuloko, nilalela manje lokusakata kwemisakato, futsi loko kubhaliwe, niyabona. Futsi ba—bayakhona kukubhala futsi bakufake bokhefana nabo ngci, netintfo, ngoba bayakufundza.

¹⁴ Ngema naCharles Fuller, ashumayela emvakwemkhombe locishe ube *ngako*, kuyindzawo yepulpiti yakhe. Nayoyonkhe intfo lebekayisho, bekayifundza phansi nje, inombolo yekucala, inombolo yesibili, inombolo yesitsatfu, inombolo yesine, kanjalo, wate wakukhipha kahle konkhe, futsi wakubekela sikhatsi.

Konkhe kwakuhlungiwe, kuhlungelwe umsakato, nayoyonkhe intfo.

¹⁵ Ngoba, futsi nakuBilly Graham, ngiyibonile yakhe, kanjalonjalo, lapho bavele beme lapho nje futsi bakhulume loko, bavele bakufundze nje basheshise ngangoba bangakufundza, futsi sekulunge konkhe, ngako ngiyacabanga wawungabatfola bokhefana nabo ngci.

¹⁶ Kodvwa inkhatsato ngami, ngangingakhoni ngisho nekukufundza. Ngako, futsi uma ngikubhalile, ngineliciniso ngangingeke ngikhone kukufundza. Ngako—ngako ngumusa lomangalisako, akusiwo yini, kubona kutsi Angasentelani na? [Libandla litsi, “Ameni.”—Umhl.] Kodvwa ngiyabonga kucala ekhatsi manje, kucedza lomnyaka lomdzala, kucala umnyaka lomusha.

¹⁷ Ngalalela lilayini lalabakhulekelwako, futsi impela angenelisekanga nangalelilayini lalabakhulekelwako, nalo futsi, kulalela loko. Kukwekucala kimi kutsi ngike ngitive mine lucobo kubuya kanjalo, kwe—kwemlayeto, futsi ngamangala mbamba. Lelilayini lalabakhulekelwako alihanjiswa kahle. Cha. Ngicabanga kutsi kutofezeka, kutsi, emvakwesikhashana, kutoba kanjalo kutsi wonkhe umuntfu utofanele ati yonkhe intfo ngabo, ngaphambi kwekutsi bangakholwa. Futsi ekucaleni, kucala umnyaka, ngifuna kukuntjintja loko. Futsi nje ngicale lilayini lalabakhulekelwako noma ngukuphi lapho Nkulunkulu akhuluma nami khona, “Lomuntfu uphumile elayinini,” noma kubhona lokuliphutsa. Ngitawukuma naye, ngivulele bonkhe labanye bendlule. I. . . Sizatfu, anendluli ngalokwenele kanjalo. Niyabona na? Labantfu bayati kutsi bakuphi, nekutsi babobani, nekutsi benteni. Kodvwa batfola intfo lengekho emgceni kahle nje naNkulunkulu, ngulesosikhatsi sekumisa kulowo, utsi, “Nguye lona.” Niyabona na? Ngako ngiyacabanga, mhlawumbe, kutsi kubekhona luntjintjo lolutsite lolwentiwako, Mnaketfu Leo, kusukela ngabeva. Futsi ngetsemba kutsi Nkulunkulu utosisita kulomnyaka lotako.

¹⁸ Manje, ngikholwa kutsi kusihlwa banetinkonzo lapha etabernakeli. Futsi ngitoba senhla lapha ku 62, neMnaketfu Ruddell, kusihlwa. Ngicondza kutsi batoba nenkonzo yemlindzelo lapha. NeMnaketfu Ruddell bekangicele kutsi ngibe naleyonkonzo yemlindzelo, kodvwa ngicabanga kutsi mhlawumbe ngitobuya latabernakeli kwalobo busuku, ngoba bengihlala njalo ngitama kuba setabernakeli ngelusuku lolwendvulela umNyaka lo—loMusha. Futsi bengifuna kubuya entasi lapha nebazalwane lapha. Ngako ngitsite nje kwentelela kancane, futsi ngitoba neMnaketfu Ruddell kusihlwa, ngephandle e 62, e 62 Klabhu lendzala lese iguculwe yaba li—lisontfo. Bese kutsi-ke ngaLesitsatfu ebusuku sitobuya lapha enkonzweni yemlindzelo. Bese kutsi-ke, ngaLesine,

sisuke siye eChicago, bese kutsi-ke kuchubeke njalo njalo, siye ePhiladelphia, bese-ke kuba ngesheya kwetilwandle.

¹⁹ Futsi manje ekuseni, asifuni kunihlalisa sikhatsi lesidze kakhulu, ngoba, kukutsi, sinetingcogciswano, netinkonzo tiyachubeka.

²⁰ Futsi, asitsi, solo kwaba yinkonzo yemkhuleko leyendlulile lapha, o, ngibonga kakhulu ngemiphumela leyavela iphuma enkonzweni leyendlulile yemkhuleko. Kwaba yintfo lenhle impela iNkhosi yetfu lengayenta uma bantfu baYo babutsana ndzawonye. “Labo laba...bayobita liGama leNkhosi, batihlanganise ndzawonye,” ngikholwa kutsi yindlela lekungayo, “bese–bese bayakhuleka, khona-ke Nkulunkulu uyokuva aseZulwini.”

²¹ Ngako asikhotsamise tinhloko tetfu, kwemzuzwana nje manje, njengoba sisabuka kuYe kutsi asinike lugcobo loludzingekako ngaloMlayeto.

²² Nkhosi, Wena bewusiphephelo setfu nemandla kuto tonkhe titukulwane. Bokhokho betfu, phambi kwetfu, betsemba Wena, futsi abazange bajabhe. Bakholwa eGameni laKho leliNgwele, futsi baletfwa njengemalambu lakhanyako. Futsi sibuka kubo, njengoba imbongi ishito, tinyatselo etikwetihlabatsi tesikhatsi. “Kwehlukana kwetfu kushiya tinyatselo etihlabatsini tesikhatsi.” Manje-ke siyabona kutsi labo lebetsemba Wena, sonkhe sikhatsi, kungekho nasinye sikhatsi labake behluleka khona, baphuma kahle. Naloku nje bendlula emantini lamanengi lajulile ne–netivivinyo letinkhulu nekuhlushwa, kodvwa noko, ekugcineni, Wena wawubakhipha njalo “bangetulu kwebancobi,” ngoba Livi laKho lelitsenjisiwe kutsi Uyokwenta loku.

²³ Futsi sitokhuleka, namuhla, kutsi Utobusisa lelibandla lelincane. Busisa umelusi walo, umnaketfu lolungile, uMnaketfu Neville, nemndeneni wakhe. Sicela kutsi Utoba naye nje kulomnyaka lona lotako, futsi utomgcoba kakhulu ngalokutse gcagca, futsi–futsi umbusise ngayoyonkhe indlela. Cinisa imphilo yemndeneni wakhe, lalabancane labakhulako. Gcina uMnaketfu Neville acinile futsi aphilile.

²⁴ Futsi busisa lelibandla nalolonkhe lilunga lelikulo. Libhodi lemagona, kutsi sibatsandza kanjani njengemadvodza aNkulunkulu langemachawe sibili; nelibhodi lemadikhoni, nabo futsi batincku taKho letingemachawe. Nabo bonkhe bantfu labeta lapha, siyabonga ngabo, Nkhosi. Kwenta inhilitiyo yami ibe kahle nje kwati kutsi lenkelebha lendzala lencane nescintsi selukhula sime ekoneni, eminyakeni leminengi leyendlula, sesentiwe saba yindlu lephetse lilambu lekukhanyisela eMbusweni waNkulunkulu. Futsi ngiyakhuleka, Nkulunkulu, kutsi itokuma Jesu aze abuye. Kwangatsi imiphefumulo

leminengi lemikhulu lobewukadze ulapha, Nkhosi, ungavela ngaloloSuku, ugeziwe eNgatini yeliWundlu. Siphe kona.

²⁵ Futsi njengoba sivula leLivi laKho lelibusisiwe, manje ekuseni, Nkhosi, ngekuphenya lamakhasi kutsi sifundze kuLo sihloko, futsi siyati kutsi Nguwe wedvwa longaniketa ingcikitsi. Futsi siyakhuleka, Nkulunkulu, kutsi Utogcoba Livi laKho. Kwangatsi Lingacondza ngco etinhlitiyweni tebantfu kutsi litobentela lokuhle. Yenta emakholwa kulabangakholwa. Futsi ucinise emaKhristu. Futsi uphilise labagulako. Bese upha inkhutsato kulabadzangele. Futsi utfole ludvumo luye kuWe lucobo. Kuze sente loku, Nkhosi, soka letindzebe letitokhuluma netindlebe letitokuva. Ngoba sikucela eGameni laJesu. Amen.

²⁶ Kumemetela sihloko lesincane lengi. . . sehlele enhlitiyweni yami, kusukela ngeliSontfo lelendlulile. Bengikhuluma ngetati tita ku—kutobona Jesu, leNkhanyeti letayilandzela tivela eMphumalanga tiya eNshonalanga. Ngisadadisha loko, ngatitsela emBhalweni. Futsi-ke angikhonanga kutsi ngibe lapha ngelilanga lelendvulela Khisimusi, ngenca yenkonzo yasejele, nakanjalonjalo, lebengifanele ngibe kuyo. Ngicabange kutsi ngitokhuluma namuhla ngesifundvo lesitsi: *Kungani Kube YiBhetlehema Lencane Na?*

²⁷ Ngifuna kufundza eNwadzini yaMikha, umprofethi, lomunye webaprofethi labancane, sahluko 5 nelivesi le 2. Kufundzeka kanjena.

Kodwa wena, Bhetlehema Efratha, naloku umncane kutsi ungasemkhatsini walabatinkhulungwane kaJuda, kodwa ngaphandle. . . kepha noko kuwe kuto. . . vela kimi loyo yena umbusi. . . lotoba ngumbusi kaIsrayeli; lokuvela kwakhe kube kusukela. . . endvulo, etinsukwini taphakadze.

²⁸ Benginelicashata kulomBhalo lapho, ngulesizatfu ngingakhonanga kubona kahle kutsi leligama belitsini, ngalesosikhatsi.

²⁹ Kuto tonkhe letindzawo lesePhalestine. Nangekhatsi lapho kunemadolobha lamanengi kakhulu lamakhulu, netifundza tayo, emadolobha labonakala atiwa kakhulu impela elwatini lwemlandvo welive, naleciniswe kancono, emadolobha lamakhulu kunalamanye. Kungani Nkulunkulu afanela akhetse iBhetlehema lencane kutsi ibe yindzawo yekutalelwa kweNdvodzana yaKhe na? Manengi lamakhulu kunalamanye. Futsi, kwenta sibonelo nje, elwatini lwemlandvo welive laseJerusalema, iJerusalema letichenyako, inhloko dolobha yalo lonkhe. Futsi ingulelinye lemadolobha labanti kunawo onkhe asePhalestine. Futsi manje-ke siyamangala kutsi kungani Nkulunkulu akhetse lelodolobhanyana nje lelincane laseBhetlehema, kutsi libe yindzawo yekutalwa kweNdvodzana yaKhe.

³⁰ Kodvwa njengoba umBhalo utsite, “Loko Nkulunkulu latimisela kukwenta, kuyokwentiwa.” Futsi kukhona, Nkulunkulu wakubekela ngaphambili kutsi kube ngaleyondlela, ngaphandle kwaloko bekungeke kube ngaleyondlela. Futsi lapho umBhalo utsi, esahlukweni 15 seTento, kutsi, “Akukho lutfo lolwenteka ngengoti nje.” Nkulunkulu wati yonkh’intfo. Akwentekanga nje kutsi kwenteke ngaleyondlela. Kwakungiko nje, kutsi, Nkulunkulu wakwenta ngaleyondlela.

³¹ Bese-ke uma tsine, emicondvweni yetfu lemincane lenesiphetfo, sicale kucabanga ngako, “Kwayangani kutsi iNkhosi lenkhulu yaseZulwini ikhetse indzawo lencane kanjalo, esikhundleni senhloko dolobha na? Esikhundleni salamanye . . .”

³² Ngisho, kwakukhona tindzawo letinengi letatinelimuva lelikhulu lakamoya kunaloko lokwentiwa yiBhetlehema. Sibonelo nje, letinye taletindzawo njengeShilo. IShilo yayiyindzawo yekukhontela yasendvulo yaIsrayeli, lapho bebetha khona bonkhe, umnyaka ngemnyaka, ku . . . lendzawo lenkhulu lapho umphongolo weNkhosi wawume khona. Futsi siyamangala kutsi kungani, ke, Angatalelwanga eShilo na?

³³ Khona-ke kwakuneGiligali, lenye indzawo lenkhulu yakamoya yekukhontela. Kungani Nkulunkulu angaMvumelanga kutsi atalelwe-ke eGiligali na?

³⁴ Futsi kwakukhona lelinye, iSiyoni. ISiyoni yayisesicongweni sentsaba. Futsi siyamangala kutsi kungani Jesu angatalelwanga-ke eSiyoni, ngoba beculuphawu lolukhulu lwemlandvo walapho iNkhosi ibusise khona bantfu baYo eminyakeni.

³⁵ Futsi kubukeka kwangatsi mhlawumbe Bekatokhetsa iSiyoni, noma iGiligali, noma—noma iShilo, noma lenye yaletinye tindzawo letinkhulu lapho kwakukadze kukhona tibusiso letinkhulu netimfundziso letinkhulu.

³⁶ Futsi kwakukhona lamanye emadolobha lamakhulu, njengeHebroni nje. Leyo kwakuyindzawo yemuntfu lobekafuna lidolobha lekuphephela, indzawo yekuphepha. Kwakukhona iRamothi-gileyadi, futsi, lenye indzawo yekuphephela lapho bantfu bebakhona kuta khona, lebeyingamfanela mbamba kutsi Atalelwe kuyo.

³⁷ Futsi mhlawumbe, kube bengingake ngikucabange, bengiyoMletsa ngale eKhadeshi-barneya, ngoba sasilapho sihlalo sekwahlulela, nendzawo yekuphephela. Encenye ngangiyoyMletsa ngale kulelolive libe yindzawo yaKhe latallelwa kuyo, noma mhlawumbe sasiyokhetsa lamanye alalamanye emadolobha.

³⁸ Kodvwa, niyati, ngijabula kakhulu kutsi ngisho nje netintfo letincane letinganakeki eBhayibhelini tichaza lokukhulu kakhulu. Ngikholwa kutsi kwakunguJesu lolowasho loku, kutsi, “Niyendlula, futsi nente tindzaba temtsetfo letinesisindvo

kakhulu kunaletinye,” njalo, “kodvwa nitendlule ngetulu tintfo letincane.” Futsi ngaletinye tikhatsi tintfo letincane lebamba tintfo letinkhulu titihlanganise ndzawonye. Kodvwa, kuko konkhe, ematinyo emasondvo lamakhulu ligucuka ngayo kanye nje lendlela Nkulunkulu lawagcobela kutsi abite ngayo, agucuka lapha. Kungeke kubekhona nalelilodvwa leligeja indzawo yalo. Nkulunkulu wabeka ngaphambili tonkhe tintfo, futsi lifanele lishaye kuleyondzawo impela nje.

³⁹ Futsi uma sitfola kukholwa lokunjalo, futsi sicale kucabanga ngekutsi, “Ngubani lolowenta konkhe loku na? Ngusiphi lesipringi lesikhulu lesigucula lendlela yekuphatsa lenkhulu yaNkulunkulu na?” Sitfola kutsi nguMoya loyiNgcwele. Lengakashiywa etandleni tebantfu kutsi bente tintfo; kodvwa etandleni taMoya loyiNgcwele. Futsi Ungulesipringi lesikhulu, kutsi, uma Angatfola onkhe lamathulusi, liyosebenta ngalokuphelele nje futsi lisigcine ngco sikhatsi saNkulunkulu.

⁴⁰ Futsi-ke siyakubona loko, futsi siyamangala emcondvweni wetfu, ke, njengoba sibuka tintfo letinkhulu nekutsi besingaba nato kanjani. Futsi-ke kusinika indvudvuto lenengi kakhulu, namuhla, kucabanga kutsi, mhlawumbe, uma silicembu lelincane lebantfu, mhlawumbe uma singulabangakabaluleki, eveni nasemabandleni emahlelo lamakhulukati. Noko, Nkulunkulu usebentisa leto letincane, tintfo letilulana, ngalesinye sikhatsi.

⁴¹ Ngoba kubhaliwe futsi emiBhalweni, “Ungesabi, mhlambi lomncane, yintsandvo yaBabe wakho lenhle kukunika uMbuso.” Indvudvuto lenje pho! Ngiyati, kutsi, ngalokuciniseke sibili nje njengoba Jesu adzingeka kutsi atalelwe eBhetlehema lencane, kanjalo nalomhlambi lomncane kuyoba ngiwo lowo Babe layowunika uMbuso, ngoba kubhaliwe. Futsi wonkhe umBhalo uniketwa ngekugcotjwa, nemiBhalo ingeke yephulwe. Ifanele igcwaliseke. Ngako kusinika lelotsamba, kwati kutsi—kutsi kuyoba ngumhlambi lomncane loyokwemukela uMbuso, umhlambi lomncane lotsembekile wemakholwa. Ngetsemba kuba ngulomunye walabo, umhlambi, noma kuba kulowomhlambi lomncane, ngifanele ngisho njalo.

⁴² Futsi-ke siyayati lendzaba, liningi letfu sonkhe liyejwayele lendzaba kutsi Israyeli weta ekhatsi kanjani ePhalentine ngesetsembiso saNkulunkulu. Futsi siyati kutsi Joshuwa lomkhulu kwabanguye lowahlukanisela sive ngasinye sabelo sato.

⁴³ Futsi kukutsi, impela, kube besinesikhatsi lesisukela manje cishe kuze kube yinsimbi yesitfupha nco kusihlwa, kutsi sihlale ngco kulesifundvo, kulayinisa letintfo leti ngendlela, kutsi sitfole inchazelo mbamba kuto; lokukutsi, asinaso, cishe nje ngemashumi lamatsatfu, imizuzu lengemashumi lamane. Ngako sitofanele sishaye nje emaphuzu lamcoka, setsemba kutsi uMoya

loNgcwele, kini nine bafundzi beliBhayibheli, utobeka konkhe kwako enhlityweni yenu, lapho sisachubeka.

⁴⁴ Benati yini kutsi letotabelo, kutsi Joshuwa wataba kanjani ePhalistine, wanikwa ngelugcobo na? Nalabo bomake bemaHebheru balabo bokhokho, ngesikhatsi kuvela loluswane, naye asebhulungwini bakhe bekuhelwa, kutsi abeleke umntfwana, bekasho ligama layo impela indzawo lapho labo bokhokho bebatohlala khona futsi babekhona ngetinsuku tekugcina.

⁴⁵ Ukhuluma ngelugcobo, leliBhayibheli leli liphefumulelwe. Akunandzaba kutsi kuncane kangakanani, wonkhe nje umBhalo lomncane unentfo legcane kabi esiceshaneni semBhalo, e—esitfombeni lesikhulu. Konkhe kwayo, lonkhe—lonkhe Livi liphefumulelwe, futsi kuloko kulenga indzawo lesiphetfo semiphefumulo, ngoba Livi laloNgafi naNkulunkulu loPhakadze.

⁴⁶ Futsi ngisho labomake labo, ngesikhatsi loluswane lutelwe futsi washo liphimbo lato, batibeka etindzaweni letingutonatona letiyoba kuto eveni lesetsembiso, eminyakeni lengemakhulu kamuva. NaJoshuwa, angakwati loko, kepha noko ngelugcobo lolufanako wababeka khona impela lapho bebatoba khona.

⁴⁷ NaJoshuwa, alehlukanisa, wehlukana sabelo saJuda. Uma nitocaphela emephini, ngekwemumo welive isenshonalanga nje ye-Plain Sea, emamayela lambalwa eningizimu yeJerusalema, inhloko dolobha. Futsi ngesikhatsi Juda atfola incenye yaso, noma incenye yakhe, njalo, kodelive, sifundza sakhe, sitokubita kanjalo, kuyamangalisa, kodvwa lelidolobha leli lelincane lalingaphatfwa nhlobo, iBhetlehema. Noko yayilapho, ngenca yekutsi Abrahama... Ngikholwa kutsi kwakunguRebheka lowangcwatjwa kuleyondzawo. Kodvwa kungahle kube kwakusigodzi lesincane nje seluhlobo lolutsile, ngoba, uma ufundza Joshuwa 5, utotfola kutsi kwakunemadolobha lamakhulu lalikhulu nelishumi nesihlanu ngaphansi kwekubusa kwaJuda, ngaphandle kwetigodzi nemadolobhanyana; emadolobha lalikhulu nelishumi nesihlanu, leshiwoko. Futsi, mhlawumbe, ngesikhatsi lehlukaniswa, kutsi iBhetlehema yayiyincane kakhulu, mhlawumbe nje i—indlu lencane noma letimbili, ayizange ishiwo ngisho nasefeni. Futsi-ke siyatfola kutsi ayitange empeleni ike yatiwe... .

⁴⁸ Loyo lowayisungula kwakuyindvodzana yaKhalebi, indvodzana yaKhalebi, ligama layo kwakunguSalmoni, futsi wayisungula. LiBhayibheli latsi bekangubabe wayo, lokusho kutsi bekangumsunguli weBhetlehema. Ngalamanye emagama, angahle kube wangena lapho futsi wacala luhlobo lolutsite lwemabhizinisi, netekutsengisa, nekutsengiselana, kanjalonjalo, loko kwayikhulisa. Futsi kamuva sitotfola kutsi sizatfu sayo

mbamba, kutsi emave onkhe abanemona ngalesosicephu sendzawo; lengasenyakatfo, nangasemphumalanga, futsi litsite kutjekela kancane ngaseningizimu, kuleyondzawo leyewukelako. Futsi yayingulevundze kakhulu kunawo onkhe asePhalentine. Kwaku—kwakuyindzawo yemmbila nendzawo yakolo. Futsi kwakunaletinkhulu tingadze temincuma, nakanjalonjalo, kuyo, kuleyoncenye yeBhetlehema, noma iPhalentine, kuphela kwesifundza saJuda.

⁴⁹ Futsi siyatfola kutsi futsi yaba likhaya lengwadla Rahabi. Ngesikhatsi Israyeli sekewele wengca umncele weMfula iJordani, wangena ePhalentine, siyayati lendzaba yaRahabi ingwadla. Ake simfanekise manje ekuseni imizuzu lembhla manje, njenga—ngadzadze, wesifazane lomncane lomuhle loyo inhlanhla yakhe lembi emphilweni yayimphocelele khona, alihedeni, bekaphocelelwe emphilweni lebekayiphila. Futsi tikhatsi letinengi bantfu bayaphoceleleka emphilweni labayiphilako.

⁵⁰ Bengisemajele kulolobunye busuku, kuyobona indvodza lebeyitsatsa sigwebo. Futsi nga—ngayibamba ngesandla, futsi ngakhuluma nayo. Futsi ngatsi, “Bewungayenta kanjani into lenjengaleyo na?” Futsi ingibambe ngesandla, yacala kukhuluma. Futsi yayiphoceliwe kuloku leyayikwenta. Ngatsi, “Ngenca yekutsi wakuvumela loko kutsi kukuphoceliwe kuloko. Awukafanele kukwenta loko. Wena, akukho ndvodza lefanele inatse.” Ngatsi, “Nginelualo, cobo lwami. Kodvwa asikho sidzingo *saloko*.”

⁵¹ Nalo wesifazane lomncane, emvakwekuba sekabenekuva kwakhe kwekucala ngaIsrayeli, nangaNkulunkulu lobekangu—nguNkulunkulu lophendvula umkhuleko; hhayi kuphela Nkulunkulu lekukhulekwa kuye, kodvwa Nkulunkulu lowaphendvula; ngesikhatsi eva kutsi kwakunaNkulunkulu wemimangaliso, Lobekakhona kwenta imimangaliso, Lowomisa tilwandle, futsi wanisa sinkhwa sivela emazulwini, inhliyo yakhe icala kutfutfumela. Futsi lapho atfola umlayeto wekucala kubashumayeli lababili labawelela khona, ngekushesha wawemukela ngenhliyo yakhe yonkhe. Futsi kwakunentsambo lebovu leboshelwe efasitelweni lakhe, ibe sivikelo sendlu yakhe, ngoba bekawemukele umlayeto.

⁵² Futsi ngingahle ngengete lapha. Ngabe benati yini kutsi bekafanekisa liBandla lebeTive na? BekanguweTive. Futsi bekasifanekiso seliBandla lebeTive, uma beva uMlayeto. Sonkhe sasingaphandle, ebugwadleni bakamoya, senta kuphinga kwakamoya simelene naNkulunkulu waseZulwini, kutotonkhe tinhlobo tetintfo, tonkhe tinhlobo temahlelo netinkholo. Kodvwa ngesikhatsi siva kutsi kwakunaNkulunkulu lobekasolo aphila, longenta imimangaliso, ngekushesha sawemukela loMlayeto.

⁵³ Lapho ke yabhocwa iNgati yeNkhosi Jesu, leyenta lentsambo lebovu. Futsi kuvimbela kutsi ngingangeni ekuhlatiyeni, niyati kutsi wayilengisa kanjani efasitelweni lakhe, embikwebantfu. INgati yavetwa ebaleni embikwebantfu. Nguleyondlela iNgati lekufanele ivetwe ngayo ebaleni, embikwebantfu, ilenga ngaphandle kwelubondza; kukhombisa kutsi, ngekhatsi, kukhona lokwakwentekile. Nguleyondlela likholwa leliciniso lelingayo kuKhristu manje ekuseni. Ngaphandle kuvetwa ebaleni kweNgati yeNkhosi Jesu, lekhombisa kutsi kukhona lokwentekile ngekhatsi.

⁵⁴ Futsi ngaloku, Nkulunkulu wabuka phansi ngesikhatsi kwehla lulaka nematicilongo acala kukhala, Nkulunkulu wayibona leyontsambo lebovu ilenga lapho njengesikhumbuto. Bekuhlala njalo kuMtfokotisa kwendlula eNgatini. “Uma Ngibona iNgati, Ngitawukwendlula kini.” WaYibona. Futsi uma kutamatama, neMoya loyiNgcwele unyakatisa umhlaba futsi utamatamise lawomabondza awa, langemafidi langemashumi lamabili bugcinsi, akukho nalinye lidvwala lelawa lapho kwakulenga khona leyontsambo. Kukhombisa kuvikela kwaNkulunkulu weliciniso ekholweni leliciniso, akunandzaba kutsi ukusiphi simo uma Akutfofa, uma nje utoyemukela leyontsambo lebovu. Itfungelana neliBhayibheli lonkhe.

⁵⁵ Futsi-ke siyambona ngesikhatsi angeniswa njengalomunye wemaIsrayeli. Watsandzana nendvodza lebeyingukapteni nenkhosana kaJuda. Yayingukapteni wetimphi takaIsrayeli. Ligama layo kwakungu Salmoni, njengenkhosi nje, Solomon. Futsi bekangukapteni, futsi yena wangena kakhulu kutelutsandvo nalokapteni, lobekayinkhosana yakaJuda. Futsi ekugcinini washada nayo. Futsi lapho lifa selabelwe emaIsrayeli, yena nendvodza yakhe letsandzekako bahlala eBhetlehema.

⁵⁶ Manje nicala kukubona kuvuleka, anikakuboni na? [Libandla litsi, “Ameni.”—Umhl.] Niyabona na? Kucala kuvuleka, njengoba sikubona loko eBhetlehema lebekahlala kuyo, angumlobokati webeTive, kumJuda. Ngani na? Ngoba wakholelwa kuNkulunkulu lowenta imimangaliso. Futsi njengoba, bukani kutsi wavela kukuphi, avela endlini yekuba neligama lelibi, lebugwadla. Ngekuphendvuka kwakhe, nangekukholwa kwakhe lokungehluleki kuNkulunkulu, kwamkhipha endlini yengwadla, kwamyisa ekhaya lelihle eBhetlehema. Umehluko lonje pho!

⁵⁷ Nguleyondlela lokusenta ngayo sonkhe. Sisuka endlini yekungakholwa, netingcaki, netento tesimilo lesibi, nayo yonkh'intfo; siye endzaweni, indzawo kuKhristu, lenhle kunato tonkhe. Sisuka kulokuhlekekako siye kulokuhle kakhulu, ngulowo umehluko lokuwentako ngekuphendvuka kwetfu. Futsi nike nabona na? Washada inkhosana yendlu yakaJuda, kapteni. Loyokapteni bekamele Khristu, Watitsatsela

uMlobokati webeTive. Esuka kulokuphansi kunako konkhe kwalokuphansi kunako konkhe, waya enhlokweni nendzawo lenhle kwendlula tonkhe eveni, njengoba sitongena kuko kamuva eMlayetweni wetfu, kufakazela kutsi kwakungeke kube lutfo lokwakungabakhona ngaphandle kwaloko. Bangumfanekiso weliBandla lebeTive.

⁵⁸ Futsi siyatfola kutsi bebanelikhaya lelitsandzekako eBhetlehema, njengoba Salmoni beka—bekalakhile, futsi lalitoba yindzawo lenkhulu, nemihlaba levundzile. Futsi kuhle kanjani kucabanga ngalelolive lakolo lelikhulu lapho, kutsi lalitoba yindzawo yesinkhwa semhlaba. Futsi liciniso. Akumangalisi kutsi Jesu kwafanele atalelwe lapho, ngoba BekaSinkhwa sekuPhila. Kulapho sonkhe sive sita khona kutofuna kolo wabo, tonkhe tive tita khona kutofuna ummbila wato, ngoba kwakuseBhetlehema lebeyinaleyomihlaba levundzile. Futsi niyabona, intfwanyana lencane, kutsi nje, “O, kwakusifundza sakolo,” kantsi loko kwakuchaza lokutsite. Futsi niyabona kutsi lenkhosana yebeTive yenta kanjani, noma lenkhosana yemaJuda itsatsa umlobokati wayo webeTive imbuyisela etulu eBhetlehema, ibe yindzawo yekutinta, indzawo yekuhlala, lapho kwakunenala yesinkhwa.

⁵⁹ Siyatfola, ngaloku kwetelutsandvo lokukhulu nekulalela lokukhulu ekukholweni, ngalengwadla Rahabi, watala indvodzana kuSalmoni, neligama layo kwakunguBhowazi. Futsi sonkhe siyayati nalenye indzaba lenkhulu lehlanguana nalena lapha manje. NaBhowazi watalelwa eBhetlehema, kuSalmoni nengwadla Rahabi.

⁶⁰ Futsi si...sitfola kutsi, sekuyiminyaka kamuva, emvakwekuba Nawomi sekashiye elive futsi wawela kuyoba sihambi nebakaMowabi, futsi ngesikhatsi seba, seabampetse kabi, bamhlokubeta. Futsi besaphumile enhlanganyelweni nawo onkhe lamanye emakholwa, futsi watihlanganisa nesimo sekuhlubuka, kulelinye live, ekhatsi kulabanye bantfu. Ngakulokunye, bekashiye liBandla lelikholwako leliciniso, kutsi aphume ayongena eveni kwesikhashana, kujoyina lelinye libandla letenhlalakahle, lebelikholelwa kunoma yini nje kuyobe kulungile. Ekhatsi lapho, walahlekelwa ngumyeni wakhe.

⁶¹ Futsi akudzingi kutsi ngetikhatsi tonkhe kube kufa ngekwenyama. Ungahle ulahlekelwe nguye ekufeni kwakamoya, noma ulahlekelwe ngumkakho. Kuncono ume emihlabatsini lekahle. Bekuncono uhlale lapho wati khona kutsi usibekelwe yiNgati, kungakhatsaleki kutsi bonkhe labanye babukeka banjani, kutsi bakhulu kangakanani, kutsi banemibhoshongo lemikhulu lemihle kanjani etikwemasontfo abo, noma kutsi letinsimbi letinkhulu tikhala kanjani. Kuncono uhlale lapho iNgati isibekela khona tonono tebantfu. Ungahle ulahlekelwe ngulomunye kulomunye. Futsi, ngetulu kwako konkhe, unahle ulahlekelwe yiNkhosi Jesu, futsi uvallelwe ngaphandle.

62 Futsi siyatfola, ke, kutsi emvakwekuba emadvodzana akhe seyishonile, walahlekelwa ngiwo omabili, futsi wabuyela emuva ngoba kwakungekho moya wemvuselelo kulelidolobha, ngalesosikhatsi.

63 O, bengingatsandza kanjani kuhlalahlala lapha imizuzu lembalwa. Bengingatsandza kanjani kukutsatsa khona lapha futsi nginikhombise! Kungakhatsaleki kutsi mangakhi emabandla labuyele emuva, hlala ngaphansi kweNgati. Nguleyo indzawo yekuhlala. Ngekhatsi noma ngephandle, etulu noma phansi, bugcinsi noma buncama, noma kungaba kuphi, hlala ngaphansi kweNgati. Kodvwa, Nawomi, wacabanga kutsi kungabancono kuwela ajoyine lelinye licemba, ngoba bebanetinkinga. Sinkhwa—sinkhwa sakamoya sasingekho lapho. Futsi, kodvwa Nkulunkulu utobuye asibuyisele, “Ngiyobuyisela, isho iNkhosi.” Hlala ensimini lapho Sivela khona.

64 Ngako sitfola kutsi ucala kulangatelela kubuyela emuva, ngoba beva kutsi kwakunemvuselelo lenkhulu leyayitse chitsi saka. Futsi uma nicaphela, Nawomi wabuya nge “sikhatsi semnyaka webhali,” liBhayibheli lasho, ngesikhatsi nje sekuvuna. Ngalamany’emagama, ngesikhatsi kunemvuselelo lenkhulu lebeyichubeka, uma sikusebentisa ngekwakamoya, wabuya nje ngalesosikhatsi semnyaka. Kungasasalanga lutfo; bekanganalutfo.

65 Futsi Orpa, lomunye webafati bemadvodzana akhe, nasatobona lebekafanele anikele ngako, asifanekiso selibandla lesimanje. “Uma ngitodzingeka kutsi ngiwelele lapho, ngitofanele ngisuke emidansweni yami. Ngitodzingeka ngisuke esikhatsini sami lesikhulu, nemibutsano yami yetenhlalakahle.” Wavele nje wakhala tinyembeti, wase ucabuza uninatala, wase ubuyela emuva.

66 Kodvwa nasi sitfombe lesihle. Kwakukhona munye lolibito lakhe linguRuthe, anaye, lomunye malukatana, loku ngumfanekiso, futsi, weMlobokati webeTive; lowacabuza uninatala, wase utsi, “Ngitawushiya yonkhe intfo. Ngihamba nawe. Bantfu bakho ababe bantfu bami. Nkulunkulu wakho akabe nguNkulunkulu wami. Nomaphi la ufela khona, ngitofela khona. Lapho ungawatjwa khona, ngiyongawatjwa khona.” Nguloko-ke. Nguloko Nkulunkulu lakufunako, akusuye loyo losemnceleni, emkhatsini nendzawo; kodvwa lucobo, kutinikela lokugcwele eMbusweni waNkulunkulu. Wamcabuza.

67 Futsi ngako Nawomi watsi, kutomcedz’emandla, watsi, “Kuncono ubuyele kubantfu bakini. Sengimdzala, futsi akusekho madvodzana kimi.” Nemtsetfo wawukutsi, kutsi bekafanele alindze indvodzana. Wase utsi, “Ngako-ke, sekute kimi. Futsi uma bengingaba nendvodza, futsi ngibe

nendvodzana, bewuyobe sewumdzala kakhulu kutsi ushade nayo, ngako vele nje ubuyele kubantfu bakini.”

⁶⁸ Kodvwa Ruthe watsi, “Ngingeke ngibuyele emuva.” Kukholwa, kwagcila, kwatinta emhlabatsini! Kukholwa lokuphelele kwase kungene enhlityweni yaRuthe. Watsi, “Ngihamba nawe ngco.” Futsi wanamatsela kuye, wabambelela kuye. “Ngitoba lapho ukhona.” Ngiyakutsandza loko.

⁶⁹ Futsi siyayati lendzaba lapho ichubeka, kutsi loBhowazi lomkhulu, lobekayinkhosi yekuvuna, kwakuvunwa ngalesosikhatsi, futsi bekasihlobo sengati kuNawomi. Futsi ngesikhatsi atfola Ruthe ngaphandle lapho kwemishini lencane, akhwimita, bonkhe tjani lobuncane lobomile lebekangabubutsa, lobabunakolo kubo, wabambelela kubo, ngoba kwakukuphila. Bhowazi, ayinkhosi yesivuno, wayala kutsi bavuni bakhe bawise lokungagcwala sandla njalo njalo, bentele yena. Futsi bekakubutsa, futsi ngentfokoto. Futsi wahluba kwaba ngulokugcwala sidvashi lesikhulu lesigcwele wona, ngalolosuku. Futsi lapho Bhowazi, inkhosi yekuvuna, iphuma futsi wambuka Ruthe, futsi wabona kwetsembeka kwakhe, wase uyamtsandza.

⁷⁰ Caphelani Bhowazi umelele Khristu. Bekakuphi na? EBhetlehema. Beketa kuphi Ruthe na? EBhetlehema. Bekakhwimita kuphi na? EBhetlehema. Niyakubona konkhe loko kubaluleka kwakamoya kuloku lapha, nalesendlalelo salesigcawu lesi lesikhulu lesenteka na? Nkulunkulu, asati ekucaleni!

⁷¹ Futsi ucala kubuta kuninata, kutsi kufanele enteni. Futsi, ekugcineni, Ruthe washada Bhowazi. WeTive washada inkhosana, futsi, kaJuda, futsi watinta futsi wahlala eBhetlehema.

“O, wena, Bhetlehema lencane, awusiye lomncane emkhatsini wawo onkhe emadolobha lamakhulu ase—asePhalestine na? Kodvwa kwamtfokotisa Nkulunkulu, Lokwati kwakhe nekuchubeka kwakukwasendvulo, kusukela ekucaleni, kutsi iNdvodzana yaKhe italwe lapho.”

⁷² Wati tintfo tonkhe. Futsi Ukusebenta kube kahle nje. Nalapho Ruthe washada Bhowazi. Futsi ngesikhatsi Ruthe naBhowazi ashada...Kube besinesikhatsi kutsi singene kulenzaba lenkhulu lapho, lengulenywe yetigcawu telutsandvo letinkhulu kwendlula tonkhe tayo yonkhe iminyaka, ngesikhatsi Ruthe naBhowazi bashada. Futsi niyakhumbula na?

Ake sime nje umzuzu lapha. Kuhle kakhulu nje kutsi singakwendlula!

⁷³ Ruthe bekaweTive. Bekangenalifa neliJuda, njengatsi nje tsine beTive sasingenalifa. Ngako, Nawomi kwakunguye empeleni lobekafanele adle lifa. Ngako, bekalahle lonkhe lifa lakhe lasekucaleni. Konkhe kwetimpahla takhe

kwakutsengiswe endalini embikwebantfu bonkhe. Ngako-ke, waba njalo, bekakadze acoshiwe, futsi wemuka.

⁷⁴ Manje ngesikhatsi abuya, kwakunemuntfu munye kuphela lobekangake akhone kuhlenga lifa lakhe lelilahlekile, lowo kwakusihlobo sengati lesisondzelene naye ngco. NaBhowazi bekakwati loku, ngako wadzingeka kutsi asebente ngaleny indlela kuze akhone kutfola lentfombatane yebeTive ibe ngumfati. Futsi bekadzingeka kutsi enteni na? Bekafanele atsenge konkhe kwelifa laNawomi, kuze angene kulelifa, Ruthe lebekayincenye yelifa laNawomi. Futsi umuntfu kuphela lobekangalitsenga bekatodzingeka kutsi abe ngumuntfu lobekatihlobo sengati, sihlobo sengati lesisondzele. Lowo kwakungumtsetfo wekuhlenga.

⁷⁵ Nendlela kuphela Khristu lebekayo ke akhone ngayo kutsenga lifa laIsrayeli lohlubukile, kutsi abesiHlobo sengati. Indlela kuphela Nkulunkulu lebekangakhona ngayo kuhlenga sive lesibantfu, Nkulunkulu lucobo lwaKhe bekadzingeka kutsi entiwe inyama. NaJesu bekanguNkulunkulu entiwe sihlobo sengati esiveni lesibantfu. Bekangu-Emanuweli. Uba sihlobo sengati. AkaTetfwesanga simo setiNgelosi, kodvwa simo senceku leyageza tinyawo, futsi yaphila. Netimphungushe tatinemigodzi, netinyoni telizulu tatinetidleke, kodvwa Yena bekangenayo ngisho indzawo yekucamelisa inhloko yaKhe. Uyadla, Bekanatsa, Wa-Wakhala, Bekahleka, njengalabanye bantfu nje. Futsi bekanguNkulunkulu, hhayi umprofethi. BekanguNkulunkulu, ngoba Wadzingeka kutsi abe sihlobo sengati kuze ahlenge sive lesibantfu lesilahlekile. Ngako, Bhowazi, kulomfanekiso lomkhulu, eBhetlehema; bukani lapho lesiHlobo sengati satalelwa khona, esiveni lesibantfu, sasifanele.

⁷⁶ Futsi-ke ngesikhatsi loBhowazi lomkhulu sekahlengile, yebo-ke, bekafanele ente kukhombisa embikwebantfu bonkhe kutsi bekasakuhlenge konkhe kwelifa lalowesifazane lelalahleka. Ngako waya egedeni laseBhetlehema, lelodolobha lelincane futsi, futsi wabita emalunga alelidolobha, futsi wawatisa kutsi kulolosuku bekatsenge yonkhe intfo leyayi. . . Nawomi lebekalahlekelwe ngiyo. Yonkhe intfo lebeyimlahlekele, wayitsenga wayibuyisa. Futsi wakhhipha sicutfumo sakhe wase usiphonsa etulu embikwebantfu, njengesibonakaliso. “Uma kukhona noma ngubani lonanoma ngusiphi sizatfu sekusho lokutsite, akakusho manje. Ngoba lesi sikhumbuto, kutsi ngihlenge yonkhe intfo lebekalahlekelwe ngiyo.”

⁷⁷ O, alibongwe liGama leNkhosi! Futsi ngesikhatsi kufika siHlobo setfu sengati, Jesu waseNazaretha, atalelwe eBhetlehema. Wema esicongweni saseGolgotha, wase uyaMphakamisa emkhatsini wemaZulu nemhlaba, njengesikhumbuto kutsi Bekahlenge yonkhe intfo sive lesibantfu lesilahlekelwe ngiyo ekuweni. Bantfu bangakwedzelela

kanjani kuphilisa kwaNkulunkulu nemandla ekuvuka kweNkhosi Jesu, ngesikhatsi sibonakaliso lesisembikwebantfu bonkhe sentiwa eKhalvari, kutsi, “Ngisihlenge sonkhe sive lesibantfu, nayo yonkhe intfo labake balahlekelwa ngiyo”? Wahlenga umphefumulo wetfu, wahlenga umtimba wetfu, wahlenga yonkhe intfo lesalahlekelwa ngiyo ekuweni. UMhlengi wetfu losiHlobo sengati wefika futsi wentiwa inyama, futsi wakha emkhatsini wetfu, wase unikela etulu sibonakaliso, wase utsi, “Kuphelele.” Yini lebeseyiphelele na? Yonkhe intfo iphelele. Siyahamba nje siyongena efeni letfu ngco. Njengoba tinsuku tichubeka, sihamba sisondzela futsi sisondzela.

⁷⁸ Bhowazi naNawomi...Emvakwekuba sebashadile sekusikhashana, batala indvodzana, leyengeta labanye futsi elutalweni, futsi lowo kwakungu-Obedi. Futsi naye watala indvodzana yakhe, leyayinguJese. NaJese bekanebafana labasiphohlongo.

⁷⁹ Futsi kwakungumprofethi lomkhulu Samuweli loweta nengula yemafutsa, umprofethi lomkhulu lowaya kuJese, futsi watsi, “Nkulunkulu ukhetse lomunye webafana bakho kutsi abuse futsi akhonte bantfu baMi.” Futsi kwakungaphandle ngemuva kwensimi, ebaleni lelincane lemelusi, lapho khona lomncane, lobovana, umfana lobukeka ondze kamatima waletfwa, Davide, lomdzala kuya kulomncane kunabobonkhe. NaSamuweli watfulula emafutsa ekugcoba etikwakhe, bakhona bonkhe bomnakabo nabo labema ngakuye, futsi bafakaza kutsi Nkulunkulu bekamgcobe kutsi abe yinkhosi. Kwakukuphi loko na? EBhetlehema. Ludvumo kuNkulunkulu kuleliseTulu! Akumangalisi, iBhetlehema, lapho agcotjwa khona abe yinkhosi.

⁸⁰ Futsi kwakuseBhetlehema, lapho Davide atalelwa khona. NeNdvodzana yakhe lenkhulu kakhulu, Jesu, yaba njalo nayo, yadzingeka kutsi italelwe eBhetlehema, ngoba bangulokukoloshwe kwasondzelana, emkhatsini walalababili, uYise neNdvodzana. Akusiko kuphela kutsi leNdvodzana lenkhulu yayiyiNdvodzana kuphela, YayiyiMphandze neNtalo yaDavide. Yayikhona ngisho nangaphambi kwaDavide. Iyoba khona emvakwaDavide. Yayikhona kuze kube-phakadze, kusukela phakadze, kuchubeke. Kodvwa ngekwenyama, nato tonkhe tintfo letitogcwaliseka, YayiyiNdvodzana yaDavide. Yayitotalwa eminyakeni kamuva kuleBhetlehema lefanako, lelidolobha lelincane lelishiyiwe.

⁸¹ Kodvwa sonkhe sikhatsi, ekhatsi lapho, niyacaphela na? Kukhona kusebenta lenkhulu, imfihlakalo lenemandla lokungekho namunye lobekabonakala ayicondza. Leyo yintfo lefanako lengiyo eBhetlehema yaNkulunkulu namuhla. Kukhona lokusebenta i—imfihlakalo lesibonakaliso lokubonakala kungekho muntfu loyicondzako. Kuyintfo leyengca ngetulu kwetinhloko tebantfu. Ababonakali bakutfola,

akukhatsaleki kutsi kwentiweni, noma kushiwo ini. Nencenye leyimfihlakalo yetinfo leyentiwe, bantfu bayabuka, batsi, “O, yebo-ke, ngicabanga kutsi kulungile,” futsi bachubeke. Kodvwa abakucondzi. Abakhoni kukubamba. Abakhoni kukutsi ngci. Nguloko Nkulunkulu lebekakwenta eBhetlehema kaJuda. Uyasebenta, tonkhe letinfo leti letincane tikhuphuka, kutsi tifinyelele enhlokweni yinye lenkhulu.

⁸² Davide, o, ngesikhatsi ayinkhosi legcotjiwe, njenge—ngemfana lomncane, bekabovana kutsi ungambuka. Kodvwa kufanele kutsi bekakadze anentfo letsite kuye lebeyibukeka ingiyo sibili, kuNkulunkulu. Wabo lomncanyana, lomncane kunabo bonkhe emndenini. Bonkhe lalabanye bafana, emadvodza lamahle lamakhulukati, bekangabukeka kahle etembatfweni tawo, nemchele enhloko yawo. Kodvwa Nkulunkulu wakhombisa kutsi Ubuka kukuphi; hhayi kubonakala kwelingephandle, kodvwa lingekhatsi lemuntfu. Wabuka enhlitiyweni yakhe. Futsi Bekati kutsi kwakukhonani enhlitiyweni yaDavide, akunandzaba kutsi umchele wawubukeka kanjani kuye. Bekati kutsi BekaMtfolela umuntfu lobekangumuntfu wenhlitiyo yaKhe luCobo. Lokukutsi, Davide bekatoba ngumuntfu wenhlitiyo yaKhe luCobo. Kungako Atsela emafutsa ekugcoba, noma wawatsela kuDavide. Lokukutsi, ligama lelitsi *Davide* kusho kutsi “lotsandziwe.”

⁸³ Futsi kwakufanekiswe kahle kuJesu, LoTsandziwe, iminyaka kamuva; iNdvodzana yaDavide, Lebeyitofika kutogcwalisa tonkhe tintfo letatitsenjisiwe. Lelidolobha lelincane laseBhetlehema kulapho loku lakwenteke khona. Futsi kwakusetulu kwalawomagcuma lafanako lamancane aseJudiya lapho Davide bekakadze elusela khona timvu takhe, eminyakeni leminengi kamuva, kutsi tiNgelosi tahlabela khona ingoma yakhisimusi wato kwekucala emagcumeni aseJudiya, tengamele iBhetlehema. Ingoma yakhisimusi yekucala, “Nitalelwe, edolobheni laDavide, Khristu iNkhosi.” TiNgelosi kucala tenta kubonakala kwato, kutohlabela, kwakungasiko eJerusalema, libandla lelikhulu; kanjalo kwakungasiko eGiligali; noma kwakungasiko eShilo, lapho bebabenekukhonta kwenkhola yebuhlelo ngaso sonkhe sikhatsi. Kodvwa kwakuseBhetlehema lencane, lapho uMoya waNkulunkulu wawukadze uhamba ngendlela leyimfihlakalo, uveta intfo letsite. Kwakungulapho.

⁸⁴ Kwakungulapho la Khristu bekakadze ete khona. Kwakulapho. Kwakungukhona kanye kulelodobha lelincane lelifanako, neNkhosi italwa, kutsi make, intfombi ntfo, watala indvodzana yakhe lelitibulo. Yakhoseliswa, futsi yalaliswa endlini encabeni yayo lencane, iNkhosi yemakhosi uMbusi wembusi. Lapho kungesikona kuphela lapho Samuweli afika khona kutotsela emafutsa ekugcoba, kodvwa Nkulunkulu watsela etikwaYo, nasetikwemhlaba, Khristu iNkhosi. TiNgelosi tamemetela kufika kwaKhe, futsi tahlabela kubelusi

eceleni kweligcuma, letalandzela Davide inkhosi, iminyaka ngaphambili. Niyayibona imfihlakalo yaNkulunkulu, kutsi yinkhulu kangakanani na?

⁸⁵ Watalelwa kulenzawo yakolo lenkhulu, lokukutsi, uma kumila kolo, timiso tesisekelo sekuphila. Futsi BekaSinkhwa sekuPhila. “NgiSinkhwa sekuPhila. Loyo lodla inyama yaMi anatse iNgati yaMi unekuPhila lokuPhakadze, futsi angeke afe noma angene ekulahlweni, kodvwa wendlulile ekufeni wangena ekuPhileni.”

⁸⁶ IBhetlehema. Leligama lelitsi bheth-el. B-h-e-t-h, bheth, kutsi bheth egameni lesiGrekhi, lisho “indlu.” E-l umele Elohim, sifincito salo. Elohim usho “Nkulunkulu.” B-h-e-t-h, bheth; E-l, E-l nguElohim, longuNkulunkulu, iNdlu yaNkulunkulu, lapho Sinkhwa sekuPhila sibekwe khona. E-l, h-e-m, licedzele, buyisa lo l wakho futsi na e, kusho “ilofu yesinkhwa,” ngesiHebheru, El-hem. E-l nguNkulunkulu, Elohim. B-h-e-t-h sinkhwa, noma b-h-e-t-h yi . . . b-e-t-h “yindlu.” E-l nguElohim, sifincito. Bese-ke E-l-he-m “sinkhwa.” Bekayini Yena na? INdlu yeSinkhwa saNkulunkulu. “INdlu yeSinkhwa saNkulunkulu.” INdlu, bheth; Elohim, Nkulunkulu; El-he-m, sinkhwa. “Indlu yeSinkhwa saNkulunkulu,” kusho iBhetlehema.

⁸⁷ Ngukuphi lapho Bekangatalelwa khona ngaphandle kwaloko na? Kodvwa kwafihlwa kuwo wonkhe umuntfu ngaphandle kwalowomprofethi. Watsi, “Uyovela Yena eBhetlehema.” Bebabuke eJerusalema. Bebabuke kubobonkhe laboShilo labakhulu. Bebabuke ndzawo tonkhe. Kodvwa Uvela eBhetlehema, ngoba kwakuyiNdlu yeSinkhwa saNkulunkulu sekuPhila. Iyibhasikidi yesinkhwa saNkulunkulu, emhlabeni. Nango lapho Bekakhona, watalelwa eBhetlehema. Ayikho lenye indzawo lebekangatalelwa kuyo.

⁸⁸ Kwakungabakhona tintfo letinkhulu letinengi, njengoba bengidadisha kuleliviki ngetingoni takamoya letehlukene kuloko, kutsi kungani Afanele atalelwe eBhetlehema. Ngesikhatsi ngitsintsa letindzawo leti letimbalwa, uMoya loyiNgcwele wavele wangihlwitsa. Futsi ngatsi, “O Nkulunkulu, loko kwenele. Sengiyakubona manje.”

⁸⁹ Bekangeke atalelwe kunoma nguyiphi lenye indzawo ngaphandle kwaseBhetlehema. Kwakuyindzawo yesinkhwa sesive. Kwakusinkhwa sayoyonkhe indlu yakaIsrayeli, sivela lapho. Futsi BekaSinkhwa sekuPhila lesehla sivela eZulwini, iMana yakamoya; ifanele ivele eBhetlehema, lilayini lesinkhwa, indzawo lapho sinkhwa sibekwe khona. IBhetlehema, kubhakwa kwesinkhwa. Manje, Jesu aSinkhwa sekuPhila, “Umuntfu langadla kuso,” Watsi, “futsi angafi.”

⁹⁰ Lesinye sentakalo lesikhulu lengingeke ngisikhohlwe kusibita, leso kumhla Davide asesikhatsini sakhe lesibi kunato tonkhe, ngesikhatsi angulotingelwako. Bekasavele

agcotjiwe. Bekati kutsi bekatoba yini. Bekatoba yinkhosi. Nkulunkulu washo njalo. Kodvwa noko watondvwa. Bekeme emkhatsini wemililo lemibili lemikhulu lejulile. *Lapha* kwakungemaFilisti, ngaseluhlangotsini lunye, emvakwakhe; *lapha* kwakunguSawula, ngakulolunye luhlangotsi. Futsi bekangumntfu longenasive.

⁹¹ Njengoba nje liBandla limile namuhla, liBandla laNkulunkulu leliphilako leliciniso, lelingenahlelo noma yini lenye. Lima lodvwa. Kodvwa, noko, Libe nelugcobo lolutselwa etikwaLo. Liyati kutsi Liyini.

⁹² Kungake kufezeke kanjani eveni, develi etinhlangothini totimbili, achuba Davide na? Besekatsetse siphephelo, etincabeni ehlane nasemigedzeni, etama kubhaca, anelibutfo lelincane lemachawe letsembekile, labambalwa nje lebebakholwa njengaye. Kodvwa lawomadvodza amkholwa Nkulunkulu, kutsi leyo kwakutoba yinkhosi.

⁹³ Kunjalo nemakholwa, namuhla, lelibhacile, tindzawo ngetindzawo, kepha noko ayati kutsi Ngubani lotofika abe yiNkhosi. Angikhatsali kutsi ngubani lotoba nguMengameli. Siyati kutsi Uyeta. Futsi kubonakala kukhweshe kakhulu kunalokwake kwenteka, lapho isayensi itama kubusa ngalokwecile, itsi, “Bangakha umntfu. Bangenta *loku*. Futsi bangatsatsa umgwaja, bese batsatsa imphova futsi bente lomunye umgwaja, kanjalonjalo,” betama kufakazela kutsi Livi laNkulunkulu alinjalo. Noko, kukhona bantfu labamkholwako Nkulunkulu, lowuma ngalokufanele nje njengoba bebasolo bakwenta. Akundzaba kutsi kufikani noma kuhambani, baseloku bamkholwa Nkulunkulu. Nkulunkulu ucinisile. Babambelela etandleni taNkulunkulu letingagucuki. Ekhatsi nemphi, ekhatsi kwetinyembeti, ekhatsi kwekugula nekufa, nayoyonkhe intfo, baseloku babambelele esandleni saNkulunkulu lesingagucuki. Bayati kutsi UyiNkhosi letako.

⁹⁴ Bantfu, namuhla, bayahleka futsi bahlekise ngabo, futsi bababite nge “bagiciki labangcwele,” bababite ngayo yonkhe intfo labayifunako. Kodvwa lawomachawe aNkulunkulu lime letsembekile endzaweni yalo yekusebentela. Bangababita nge “licembu leliphilisako,” ungababita nge “sicuku setinhlanya,” noma ngukuphi lokufisako. Babambelela kuleyoNkhosi. Bayati kutsi Itongena embusweni. Naloku batsatsa liGama laYo ngelite, futsi baphukute futsi bahlekise, babite bantfu labaMkholwako ngekutsi, “tilahlwa, sicuku salabalahlwe,” loko akubakhatsati nakancane. Bahlala ngekwetsembeka endzaweni yekusebentela.

⁹⁵ Lawomachawe lebelinaDavide, lalihlala eceleni kwakhe ngco. Uma kukhuphuka umFilisti, kwakudzingeka lilwe. Noma ngabe kwakungubani, bekancagwa, nhlangothi tonkhe. Davide

tatane, emcondvweni wakhe, adideke aphelile; wacabanga, “Kungenteka kanjani, Nkhosi na?”

⁹⁶ Niyati, baholi ngaletinye tikhatsi bendlula etintfweni libandla lelingati kutsi bendlula kukuphi. Uma ucabanga ngetetsembiso Nkulunkulu latentile, pho kungani kungafezeki na? Abalitjeli libandla labo, ababatjeli labantfu labahambisana nabo, kodvwa kunetingcaki letinengi enhlityweni yemholi sibili.

⁹⁷ Davide ahleti lapho, umphimbo wakhe—wakhe umshisa. Kwakusekhatsi nelihlobo. EmaFilisti lase lisitakele ngaloko kwehlukana emkhatsini waDavide naSawula. NaSawula afuna Davide, ndzawo tonkhe, nemaFilisti, futsi, bese-ke kuba ngemaFilisti afuna emaIsrayeli. Ukhuluma ngesikhatsi sekudideka na? Kutsi nje akube njengoba kunjalo manje. Davide ahambe wayokhosela kulenzawo lencane, kulelodlokolo lelincane, ndzawo tonkhe bekafika kuto, tincaba letincane lebekangabambelela kuto. Wase ukhuphukela entsabeni, ngalelo leliphiso, ekhatsi nelihlobo, lapho kushisa kwakukukhulu kakhulu, umphimbo wakhe woma nkhw, netingcaki nekwesaba enhlityweni yakhe, futsi amangala. “O Nkulunkulu, kungenteka kanjani na? Watsela lawomafutsa etikwami, hhayi ngoba ngatikheta mine, kodvwa ngakhetfwa nguWe. Wangibitelani ekweluseni timvu, ngaleya, wase ungitjela kutsi Unginika loku, kutsi ngikhonte bantfu baKho, futsi lapha Sewungifake emkhatsini wemililo, ndzawo tonkhe na?” Loko kwakuchubeka enhlityweni yakhe.

⁹⁸ Wahlala etikweligcuma, wase ubuka entasi. Futsi lapho emaFilisti bekasangenile ase afaka emasotja encabeni khona ekhatsi eBhetleHEMA, likhaya lakhe lelincane. Ngako-ke, lidolobha lakhe lelincane laselingaphansi kwekulawula kwahulumende wesitsa. Akusiko loko kuphela, kodvwa indlu yababe wakhe lucobo, indlu yaJese, yayingaphansi kwebugcila kumaFilisti. Sasilapho ke sive sakhe lucobo, libandla lakhe lucobo, limelene naye. *Lapha* kwakusitsa lebekalwa naso. *Lapha* bantfu belibandla lebekalwa nabo. Hhayi ngoba bekakufuna, kodvwa ngoba bekaphoceleleka kutsi akwente.

⁹⁹ Tikhatsi letinengi siyaphoceleleka kwenta tintfo futsi nekutsi sisho tintfo lesingafuni kutisho, umholi wakamoya sibili, kodvwa uyaphoceleleka kutsi akwente. Ufanele atsatsa luhlangotsi lwakhe futsi akhombise bunjalo bakhe. “Ngitotsatsa indlela nalabayingcosana labadzelelekile beNkhosi,” kwasho umbhali-maculo.

¹⁰⁰ Ngako bekalapho ke, ngalolosuku lolushisako, akungabateki, aya emuva nasembili, futsi abuka entasi kwendlula kulesosigodzi lesidze, lesicishe sibe ngemamayela langemashumi lamabili nesihlanu entasi lapho, nasemuva. Yayilapho ke indlu yababe wakhe lucobo, e—ebugcilini

kumaFilisti. Kwakukhona Sawula, ngesheya nje ngaley. I. . . Futsi naku kufika *lona*, ahleti emkhatsini ngco, niyabona, kutsi atsatse luhlangotsi. Abona sikhatsi lesikhulu kutsi Israyeli bekasabhidlike wonkhe, libandla labhidlikela emahlelweni lehlukene, njengoba singasho njalo. Nangu Davide emile emuva *lapha*, angati kutsi entenjani, kepha noko ati kutsi kuye kwakuhleti lugcobo. [Akucoshwanga etheyiphini—Umhl.] Bebati kutsi lugcobo lwalulapho. Bebati kutsi Davide bekatoba yinkhosi. Haleluya!

¹⁰¹ Siyati kutsi Ngubani lotawuba yiNkhosi. Akunandzaba kutsi ngubani lotawuba nguMengameli. Ngiyati kutsi Ngubani lotawuba yiNkhosi. Utawuba yiNkhosi. Ngiyati kutsi kubita lokutsite, kuma, kodvwa Nkulunkulu ngisite kutsi ngivale emehlo ami emahlelweni nako konkhe lokunye. Ngibuke ngaloko kubona kwakamoya, ngaley, kutsi UyiNkhosi letako. Ngitokhonta Yena. Uma kukufa, angife. Uma kungumndeni wami, kungulabatsandzekako bami, uma kulihlelo lami, kungiyo yonkhe intfo, angikhonta Yena. Ngiyohlala kuYe. Lelo ngemachawe aNkulunkulu, njengoba kwakunjalo ngaDavide. Bebabeke tandla tabo enkembeni yabo, bahamba, noma ngasiphi sikhatsi. Nguleyondlela emachawe aNkulunkulu lahamba ngayo, eme ngemumo.

¹⁰² Sitsa sitsi, “Utawumele unatse kancane, kutsi ube nebudlelwane.”

¹⁰³ “Angititsintsi tintfo takho letingakahlanteki.” Ameni. Naso ke sitsa. Nalo lichawe lalo.

¹⁰⁴ “O, ungeke wayilahla leyontfo lendzala yemgiciki longwele loyikholwako na?”

¹⁰⁵ “Ngitomkholwa Nkulunkulu. Ngitoma ngeliciniso.” Nako laph’ukhona. Nalo emachawe.

“O, usho kutsi. . .Ayikho intfo lekutsiwa kuphilisa kwaNkulunkulu.”

“Nguloko lokucabangako. Ngati kancono.” Niyabona na?

¹⁰⁶ “Ayikho intfo lekutsiwa ngumbhabhatiso waMoya loNgwele. Letotinsuku selwendlulela embili.”

¹⁰⁷ “Nguloko lenikucabangako. Sengivele ngiWemukelile. Sewephute kakhulu kutsi ungitjele noma yini ngaWo.”

¹⁰⁸ Bebati kutsi lugcobo lwalukulowomfo lomdzadlana lobekabukeka abovana. Bebati kutsi bekatoba yinkhosi.

¹⁰⁹ Kodvwa Davide, emcondvweni wakhe lucobo, bekacakekile. Kwangatsi ngiyabona. Ake sitsi kumbuka umzuzu. Ubuyela emuva ngaphandle lapho futsi uhlala phansi. Ubuka entasi lapho futsi uyacabanga, “Lidolobha lami lucobo lelitsandzekako, iBhetlehema, awuyibuke laphaya: lapho khona tintfo letinkhulu taNkulunkulu yenteke khona; lapho babe wababe wababe wababe wami atalelwa khona; lapho khokhokati-wakhokho-

wakhokho-wakhokho, ngaleya, wakusho ngekhati kuye, ngesikhatsi sekutalwa kwaJuda, lesive sakhe ngivela kuso mine, lapho ngaleya kulele intfo letsite lengetulu kwemvelo. Wayisho indzawo yabo. Nalapho Joshuwa wabeka leyondvodzana, kuye ngco . . . Futsi kusukela lapho kuvele tonkhe letintfo leti lapha. Kufanele kube njalo. Ngangingumelusi wetimvu, futsi Wena watsela emafutsa etikwenhloko yami. Watsi ngiyoba yinkhosi. NgiyaKukholwa. Ameni.”

¹¹⁰ Wase-ke ubuyela emuva wabuka entasi lapho, futsi uyacabanga, “Yebo-ke, le entasi ngaleya edolobheni lakitsi lelincane, lapho ngatalelwa khona, lelocebu lelincane lapho lebenginalo, ngaletotinsuku takadzeni letimnandzi.”

¹¹¹ Bekungabancono kube emaMethodisti bekabuke emuva etinsukwini tawo letindzala letimnandzi, ngesikhatsi asembalwa futsi akhashane emkhatsini, etindlini tesikolwa letincane ngaphandle lapha e-America, awela ngaphansi kweMandla aNkulunkulu, futsi bawatsela ngemanti ebusweni. Bekungabancono kini nine maBaptisti kutsi nibuke emuva lapho laniphuma khona, nani, nabobonkhe labanye babo. Wena, Pentecostali, ubuke emuva lapho ubuya khona. Kunjalo.

¹¹² Ekushiseni kwalemphi lapha, Davide ucala kucabanga. “O, ngisabukhumbula lobo busuku ngilele ngaphandle ngaleya kulelocele leligcuma. Ngiyakhumbula ngesikhatsi ngibuke letotinkhanyeti, kutsi tatihamba kanjani, etulu ngaleya, nekutsi Nkulunkulu wakhuluma kanjani enhlitiyweni yemfana wami lomncane. Ngisakhumbula ngesikhatsi ngingena kanjalo kuMoya, ngalelinye lilanga, ngibuka emafu nemadlelo laluhlata lanemfunti, ngaze ngamemeta kakhulu, eMoyeni, futsi ngahlabela:

INKHOSI ingumelusi wami; angiyukuswela.

Ya, noma ngihamba esigodzini sematfunti lekufa, angiyukwesaba lokubi: ngoba wena unami. . .”

¹¹³ O, hhe! Nangu labekakhona, khona ngco emihlatsini yekufa, ngaso lesosikhatsi, nhlangotsi totimbili. “Ya, noma ngihamba esigodzini selitfunti lekufa! Letotinsuku letindzala letimnandzi, ngesikhatsi uMoya unami, ngesikhatsi Nkulunkulu anami! Ngahlabela tindvumiso taKhe. NgangiMjabulela.

¹¹⁴ “Ngiyakhumbula ngalesinye sikhatsi, kukhuphuka libhubesi lelidzadlana, ngalokunye kusa, futsi labamba lenye yetimvu tami. NaMoya waNkulunkulu wehlela kimi, ngase ngiyaphuma ngalidvumela futsi ngalijuba ticucu. Ngiyakukhumbula loko kukhululwa. O, ngisakukhumbula loko kuhlwa, ngaphambi nje kwekutsi lilanga lishone, libhele langena futsi latsatsa yinye, futsi ngalibulala. Loko kukhululwa lokukhulu!

¹¹⁵ “Ngiyakhumbula ngesikhatsi ngihlabela tindvumiso taKhe, etinsukwini tami tebuntfwana, ngesikhatsi ngeluse timvu

tami. O Nkulunkulu, ngibuyisele kuleyondzawo. Ngibuyisele elutsandvweni lwami lwakucala. Ngibuyisele emuva, futsi ungibuyisele indvuku yami yemelusi. Ngibuyisele umhlambi wami wetimvu. Angibe ngedvwa, ngibuyele lapho, kutsi ngiKukhonte.”

¹¹⁶ Kungukutsi, ngalesinye sikhatsi sicabanga loko. Kodvwa sisekushiseni kwemphi. Kutofanele kubekhona intfo leyentiwako. Sake saba bafana, kanye. Sesingemadvodza lakhulile manje. Kulwa kuyachubeka. Ngiyakhumbula ngesikhatsi timvutfu telisaha tibila, esiyilweni sendlu, nebantfu bakhala kakhulu futsi bamemeta. Futsi wawungeke ufike kuleyondzawo, noma ngukuphi lapha, ngebantfu. Kodvwa akusesiyo leyondlela namuhla. Imphi iyalwa. O! Akusesuye William Branham, umshumayeli longumfana lomncane, akasesuye. Kufanele kubekhona lokuvetako. Yebo, mnumzane. Kutofanele kubekhona intfo leyehlukile. Sikhatsi siyachubeka. Imphi iyalwa. Kushisa kuyachubeka. Sikhatsi sekutsi bakhululwe, bantfu, wonkhe lotfolakala abhaliwe eNewadzini. Manje sikhatsi sesifikile.

¹¹⁷ Davide, nato tonkhe tingcaki takhe, ahambahamba aya emuva nasembali, futsi acabanga. “O, lolusuku lolu lolushisako! Whuu! O, kushisa kakhulu! O, Sawula angahle achamuke ngalapha, emaFilisti ngalapha! Timphi, titungeletile, ndzawo tonkhe. Futsi naku lasikhona, sihleti emlonyeni wemgedze. Kodvwa, noko, emafutsa ekugcoba akimi. Kungenteka kanjani na? O Nkulunkulu, kungenteka kanjani na? O, ngifisa kwangatsi bengingatfola emanti.” Wase-ke umcondvo wakhe ubuyela emuva, kuya le entasi lapho ngasemagedeni aseBhetlehema. Kwakukhona umtfombo. Lapho nje kwakungekho manti lebe kanjengalawomanti.

¹¹⁸ Niyati, iPhalentine inemanti lamabi. Banemanti lanebubi. Futsi banawo ngisho nasemkhuhlaneni wamalaleveva netintfo, kuwo. Futsi incumbi yawo ngemanti lababako, langakubulala.

¹¹⁹ Kodvwa iBhetlehema ikuvuta kwemanti esifundza, futsi. Kwakungekho manti lebe kanjengalawo iBhetlehema beyinawo. Davide bekavamise kucabanga, “Ngesikhatsi ngitsatsa timvu tami futsi ngicale kuphuma ekuseni, ngangiya ngakulowomtfombo ngifike ngingatse. O, aphole kanjani, futsi amnandzi kanjani, futsi bekakucedza kanjani koma!”

¹²⁰ Manje umphimbo wakhe sewuyasha, abe kepha, agcotjiwe. “O, uma benginganatsa emanti!” Manje emachawe akhe. . . Wase uyamemeta kakhulu, ekulahlekelweni kwakhe litsemba, “O, uma kungabakhona longiletsela emanti futsi kulowomtfombo lomdzala ngaleya eBhetlehema!” O, emvakwekuphupha ngatotonkhe tinsuku takhe tasebuntfwaneni nekuncoba, nekumbona endzaweni lapho ahleti khona emkhatsini

wemililo, wamemeta kakhulu, “O, longake angiletsele emanti aseBhetleHEMA!”

¹²¹ Manje, emachawe akhe bekangeke akhona kumusha kucabanga kwakhe, kodvwa, mnaketfu, bekamtsandza ngako konkhe lokwakukuwo. Lesincane setifiso takhe kwakungumyalo kuwo. Lamatsatfu emachaweni akhe lanemandla ahoshula tinkemba tawo, aphuma atsi shelele enkambu, futsi avula indlela yawo, emamayela langemashumi lamabili nesihlanu. Davide, ekuhambeni kwabo, akungabateki wamangala, “Akuphi na? Enteni na? Ayephi na? Ngabe bekati nje kutsi afaka imphilo yawo engotini na?” Asemihlatsini yekufa ngco, ngemugca longemamayela langemashumi lamabili nesihlanu, abhacele kuhlasela ndzawo tonkhe. Netinkemba timanyatela, nemahawu achuma. Kodvwa indvodza yawo, umnakabo lebekakholwa kutsi uyoba yinkhosi, bekafuna kunatsa.

¹²² O, mnaketfu, angati kutsi ngabe emachawe namuhla ayavuma yini kuvula indlela yawo endlule ekugcineni umtsetfo ngemehlo nje, kungabata nekungakholwa, kutsi ahlumeleliseke eBukhloneni beNkhosi, tifiso taYo na? “Lesincane setifiso taKho; uma kuyi-Africa, Indiya, uma kukudzabula esitaladini, noma ngabe kukuphi. Lesincane setifiso taKho, Nkhosi, ngumyalo wami. Kufa akusho lutfo kimi. Kutsandvwa bantfu na? Hhe! Lengingiko, lengiyoba ngiko, akusho lutfo, Nkhosi. Kukugwalisa tifiso taKho.” Lawo ngemachawe lelime eceleni kwaKhe. “Uma bangibita nge ‘mgiciki longcwele,’ uma ligama lami lihlanjalatwa, uma bangikhahlela etitaladini, loko akunandzaba. Sifiso saKho singumyalo wami.” Lelo lisotja sibili.

¹²³ Entani na? Alwa afuna indlela yawo yekwendlula, ate afika kulowomtfombo. Acwilisa libhakede lemanti awakhipha. Futsi nankha abuya, alwa, avula indlela yawo ngesekudla nangesancele, ate afika ebukhloneni baDavide. Atsi, “Nankha tsatsa, nkhosi yami.” O, hhe! Ini na? Umuntfu lobekadvunyatiwe. Umuntfu lobekatondvwa libandla. Umuntfu lobekatondvwa yinkhosi. Umuntfu lobekatondvwa ngemaFilisti. Umuntfu lobekatondvwa ndzawo tonkhe, cishe. Kodvwa licembu lelincane lelamlandzela, bebati kutsi bekayinkhosi letako.

¹²⁴ Namuhla, ngiyanti. Sihlabela emaculo lamakhulu. Sakha emasontfo lamakhulu. Sinetingoma letinkhulu nako konkhe. Sidvumisa kuYe, kanjalo. Kodvwa Jesu watsi, “Etinghliyiweni tenu nikhashane naMi, ngoba nifundzisa iMfundziso imiyalo yebantfu.” Ake uMoya loyiNgcwele ungene futsi wente lokutsite ebandleni, akhombisa Bukhona baJesu Khristu, bayokukhahlela uphume ngemnyango. “NiNgikhonta ngelite. Bayakhonta, kodvwa nikwenta ngelite, nifundzisa iMfundziso lengemasiko ebantfu.”

125 Kodvwa nankho emachawe laMkholwako. Nankho emachawe lema ngaKulo, nekucondza kwamoya, njengaseBhetlehema ngaleya. Niyabona na? Impela, kwakungiyiyo.

126 Davide utsatsa lelibhakede lemanti. Uyawabuka. NeliBhayibheli latsi wawatfululela emhlabatsini, watsi, “Nkhosi, akube kudze nami kutsi nginatse loko, ngoba lawa, ami...Emachawe aKho afake imphilo yawo engotini, kutsi aye ngaleya nekutsi angiletsele lamanti. Yingati yemadvodza. Ngingeke ngikwente.” Nalamanti lamnandzi lafake timphilo tawo engotini, futsi bafohla emigceni yetitsa, kutsi aye ngale futsi awatfole, Davide wawatfululela emhlabatsini, njengemnikelo wekutsandza kwakhe iNkhosi. Kwakungesiko lokubi. Kuphela kwakugwalisa imiBhalo.

127 Ngoba, naloku nje Jesu, avela eBhetlehema, uSinkhwa sekuPhila, UngeManti ekuPhila futsi. Impela, ngiwo. Futsi Wentani na? Wamelelwa kukokokubili kuDavide nemachawe, ngoba BekayiNkhosi, futsi Bekalichawe Lelafika lafohla emigceni yesitsa. Ameni. Wancoba kufa, sihogo, nelithuna, watfulula iNgati yaKhe luCobo, kuze kugwaliseke Johane 3:16.

Ngoba Nkulunkulu walitsandza live kangaka, wate wanikela ngeNdvodzana yakhe letelwe yodvwa, kutsi ngulowo nalowo lokholwa ngiyo angabhubhi, kodvwa abenekuphila lokuphakadze.

128 Kutsi, Akaniketi emanti lebekamelele, kodvwa BekangeManti; kubhubha, bantfu lababhubhako kuze babe nekuPhila. Wakwenta kanjani na? NgeNgati yaKhe luCobo, ngekuYitfulula. AngaYicitsi; leyo yingoti. WaYitfulula, ngesihle, eKhalvari, emvakwekuba seKafohle kuyoyonkhe imigca yesitsa, wase utfulula iNgati yekuPhila kwaKhe, kuze abe yibhasikidi yesinkhwa emhlabeni.

NeMtfombo logcwaliswe ngeNgati,
Lemunywe emitsanjani ya-Imanuweli,
Lapho toni tibhukusha ngaphansi
kwesikhukhula,
Tisusa onkhe emabala ato elicala.

129 Ngiko ke Atalelwa eBhetlehema. Kungako Bekadzingeka kutsi ete, ngoba kwakuyinzawo lapho sinkhwa sitfolakala khona, Sinkhwa sekuPhila. Kwakuyinzawo lapho emanti atfolakala khona. Kuyini na? Emanti ekuPhila. Futsi kuJesu kwakungiko kokubili, Sinkhwa sekuPhila neManti ekuPhila, ngako-ke Bekafanele efike futsi atalelwe eBhetlehema.

“Wena, Bhetlehema yaseJudiya, awusiye yini lomncane kubobonkhe babusi labakhulu na? Ungulojwayelekile nje, umshumayeli lomncane. Ungumfo lomncane nje, kodvwa kuwe kuyovela uMbusi longuwasendvulo, losukela

engunaphakadzeni kuya engunaphakadzeni. Kuta kwaKhe losenkushiwo ngaphambili bekwenteka kusukela nininanini, nasekusukeni engunaphakadzeni kuya engunaphakadzeni.”

¹³⁰ Kungako Atalelwa eBhetlehema yaseJudiya. Yamkhulisa. Futsi, mnaketfu, indzawo Lafuna kukhuliswa kuyo namuhla isesicwini sakho lucobo, inhliyo yakho lucobo, kuze Akhone kuveta ebaleni, akuwe, eManti ekuPhila, kubantfu lababhubhako, neSinkhwa sekuPhila, kubantfu lababulawa yindlala. USinhwa neManti ekuPhila, lokutintfo letimbili letifunekako ekuphileni kwemuntfu, Sinkhwa neManti. Kwetsenjisiwe, impela.

¹³¹ Asikhotsamise tinhloko tetfu nje umzuzwana. Futsi ekwenteni njalo, ngifuna ninginakisise. Nike naba seBhetlehema, manje ekuseni na? Uma ningakaze nibe seBhetlehema. . .

¹³² Yayibitwa nge-Efratha yase—yaseBhetlehema, futsi, iEfratha yaseBhetlehema. Kutsi Efratha kusho “imphandze,” livela egameni lelitsi h-e-m-p. *Hemp* usho “imphandze.” Nesifundza lesidzala sasendvulo lapho sasibitwa nge-Efratha, lokusho kutsi, “kucala kwekuphila.” Khristu watsi, “Uma nihlala kiMi! NginguMvini futsi nine ningemagala.” UyiMphandze yako konkhe kuPhila.

¹³³ Uma ningakaze nite eBhetlehema, i-Efratha yaseBhetlehema, wotani manje ekuseni. Futsi niMemukele njengeMsindzisi wenu, futsi Utonitsetselela tonu tenu. Ningatiphakamisela tandla tenu kuYe na? Futsi nitsi, “Nkhosi Nkulunkulu, ngihawukele manje. Mine manje, lapha, ngita kuJesusu, ngayo yonkhe inhliyo yami. Ngita eBhetlehema yaKho, eManti neSinkhwa sekuPhila. Manje ngiyaMemukela ngengeMsindzisi locondzene nami.” INkhosi ikubusise, mfo lomncane emuva lapho. INkhosi ikubusise. Nkulunkulu akubusise, lomncane.

¹³⁴ Ngabe ukhona lomunye na? Tsani, “Manje ngiyeta; anginalutfo emikhonweni yami. Ngiyema, ngomile. Umphimbo wami womile. Ngiyamangala kutsi ngingayaphi futsi ngitfole kuPhila kweliciniso. Ngiyamangala. Ngijoyine emabandla.” Nkulunkulu akubusise, dzadze. “Ngijoyine emabandla, ngente konkhe lengatiko kutsi kwentiwa kanjani, Mnaketfu Branham, kodvwa angikaze noko ngitsintse lowomtfoombo sibili loniketa kuPhila. ‘Manje ngiyeta, Nkhosi, kutsi ngiKwemukele.’” Ulapha ngenca yakho. Ungasiphakamisa nje sandla sakho na? Utsi, “Ngimi, Nkhosi. Ngimi lona lomile, nalengidzingako.”

INkhosi inibusise, sisakhuleka.

¹³⁵ O Nkhosi Nkulunkulu, loMlayeto lotse kwephuka kancane loletfwe uvela emiBhalweni, noko, kuyo yonkhe imifanekiso Loyibeke lapho, mhlawumbe. “Ufihliwe emehlweni alabahlakaniphile nalabanekucondza, futsi wembulwa

ebantfwaneni bona labayofundza.” Kutsi yaba kanjani leyoBhetlehema lencane, lencane kunawo onkhe! Wakusho kanjani umprofethi loko na? “Awumncane kubobonkhe babusi na?” Kodvwa kwamtfokotisa kakhulu Nkulunkulu kuletsa, avela kuleyondzawo lencane lengakabaluleki, uMbusi wa-Israyeli. Nkhosi Nkulunkulu, iphuma ecenjini lelincane lebantfu logezwe yintsambo lebovu yeNgati yeNkhosi Jesu, Uyoveta, ngalelocembu, ndzawanatsite, Nkhosi, kuwowonkhe lomhlaba, Khristu futsi, lotobusa tonkhe tive ngentfonga yensimbi.

¹³⁶ Ngikhuleka kuWe, Babe Nkulunkulu, kutsi Utoba nemusa kulowo nalowo wetfu lesikhona manje, futsi kwangatsi singeta eBhetlehema yaKho. “O wotani, nonkhe nine labetsembekile,” besisolo sihlabela, “wotani eBhetlehema.” Nkhosi, ababone kutsi akusiko kuya edolobhaneni lelincane, ngaleya, lokwake kwaba sesifanekisweni. Kodvwa baye entfweni sibili, Jesu Khristu, Sinkhwa saNkulunkulu neManti ekuPhila.

¹³⁷ Laba labaphakamisa tandla tabo, bemukele eMbusweni waKho, njengamanje, Nkhosi. Ngoba kungekukholwa kwabo kutsi bameMukele. Kungekukholwa kutsi baphakamise tandla tabo. Futsi kungekukholwa lengikholwa kutsi Uyabemukela. Bagcine, Nkhosi, eBhetlehema, lapho bangayuze beduke noma basuke bahambe njengaNawomi. Kodvwa kwangatsi, uma sikhatsi siba lukhuni, kwangatsi bangahlala ngco eBhetlehema. Kutobancono, emvakwesikhashana. Siphe kona, Nkhosi.

¹³⁸ Manje ngikhulekela kutsi Utoba nemusa kulabo labagulako nalabahlaselekile. Kukhona labo lapha, Nkhosi, labadzinga kutsintsa kwekuphilisa kwaKho. O Nkhosi, Wayibuyisela iBhetlehema kuyoyonkhe inkhatimulo yalo yakucala. Wayibuyisela ngesikhatsi sekucindzeteleka, ngesikhatsi igula. Wayibuyisa ngco futsi wabuyisa naNawomi ngesikhatsi sebhali. Namanje, Babe, sikhulekela kutsi Utoletsa wonkhe Nawomi, nawo wonkhe umuntfu losekhatsi lapha, losekudzingeni. Ngiyakhuleka, Nkulunkulu. O Nkhosi, sekusikhatsi sebhali nje. Ilofu lenkhulu yebhali leyabonwa, yehla egcumeni, iyongena enkambu yesitsa. Ngiyakhuleka, Nkulunkulu, kutsi Utongenisa leyolofu yebhali lenkhulu kulesakhiwo manje, nekutsi Sikhone kuba kubuyisana eku—kuguleni kwebantfu, kanjalo nesono. Futsi uphilise wonkhe umuntfu loseBukhoneni bebuNkulunkulu.

¹³⁹ Ngiyeva nje, Nkhosi, mhlawumbe kukuva kwebuntfu lokucondzene nami, kodvwa ngiyeva kutsi Usedvutane, kusondzela kwaKho manje ekhatsi lapha. Ngiyakholwa kutsi Ulapha. Futsi angikusho loku ngenca yebantfu; Nguwe Lowati inhilitiyo yemuntfu. Ngiyakhuleka, Nkhosi, kutsi ngandlela tsite batowubamba lombono, manje ekuseni, njengalawomachawe. Lowo nguSomandla waKho lomkhulu, eMandla aKho lamakhulu, buKhona baKho lobukhulu. Wena, Longiko, iNdvodzana yaNkulunkulu, iNkhosi, Logcotjiwe,

kutsi Usemkhatsini wetfu! Batokubamba kutsi shati kwaKho, emiphefumulweni yabo, futsi baphiliswe etinhlupekweni tabo. Ngikhuleka lomkhuleko, njengoba ngiwubeka kubo, eGameni laJesu Khristu, iNdvodzana yaKho. Ameni.

¹⁴⁰ Ngiyamkholwa Nkulunkulu, onkhe emaVi aKhe, ngikholwa kutsi yonkhe incenye yeLivi laKhe iphefumulelwe ngekwebuNkulunkulu. Ngikholwa kutsi Akasuye lo “Nganginguye,” kodvwa Ungu “NGINGUYE,” Bukhona lobuphila njalonjalo. Ngiyakukholwa loko, khona manje, emkhatsini webantfu lapha.

¹⁴¹ Wena lophakamise sandla sakho, titfolele libandla. “Ubhabhatiswe, eGameni laJesu Khristu, ubite Nkulunkulu, ugeza tonono takho,” ukholwa kutsi kuFika kwaKhe masinyane kukhona, futsi. Utobonakala, ekuFikeni kwaKhe kwesibili.

¹⁴² Ngiyakholwa futsi kutsi Bukhona baKhe bulapha kuphilisa labagulako, kusindzisa labo labadzingako. Awudzingeki kutsi ungaze ukhulekelwe ngamunye ngamunye nje. Ngikufakazele loko, ngalolobunye busuku, kubantfu, kutsi nje ngangifuna kubakhombisa kutsi kwakwentekeni.

¹⁴³ Bekukhona libhungu lelitsite, lelihleti, lingibuka khona manje, lebeselinetinsuku lilele embhedzeni. Umphimbo walo wawuvuvuke kabi ngangekutsi lalingasakwati ngisho kudla noma lutfo. Nekushisa kwalo kwakuphakeme kakhulu kuletulu. Futsi lalitjele uyise nenina, “Tfumelani, nitfole uMnaketfu Branham ete atongikhulekela.” Futsi ngandlela tsite bebangafuni kungikhatsata, ngoba ngangimatasatasa. Futsi Intfo letsite nje yangiholela kutsi ngiye endlini yabo.

¹⁴⁴ Sisahleti lapho, betama kuletsela lelibhungu lipulete, linelicandza lelitsambe mbamba nalenye intfo letsite, nemabhontjisi latsite labhucwe acolisakala. Futsi lalitama kugwinya. Lalisolo likucovacova, tsatse u—umuno bese liyawabhuca. Ematinyo alo onkhe bekavuvukile angaphandle, nebovu buphuma kuwo. Futsi—futsi litama kukubhuca, *kanjalo*, futsi, ngemuno walo, futsi litama kukwehlisa emphinjeni walo kanjalo. Futsi latsi kudla noma kabili, futsi alikhonanga kuchubeka; lakufuca kwabuya.

¹⁴⁵ Ngangihleti lapho, ngaphandle kwemkhuleko. Kukhona intfo nje letsite lencane, longeke watjela umuntfu kutsi kwentekani. Cha. Ngatsi, “Nkhosi, Nkhosi, sekusondzele ekupheleni kwemnyaka manje. Kukhona lokutako, intfo letsite lensha. Ngivumele, Nkhosi. Ngabe ngiko loku na? Ngabe ngiko loku na?” Futsi kwatsi nje masinyane ngingasho loko, futsi ngiyasho manje, enhlityweni yami manje, “Ngiyati kutsi Ikhona lapha,” lelibhungu lelula sandla, ladla futsi, laphindze ladla, ladla futsi, ladla futsi, futsi lalishaya lalikhotsisisa lonkhe lipuleti lalo, lase lingena emotweni yalo lesuka lahamba.

¹⁴⁶ O, InguNkulunkulu, niyabona, Bukhona baYo, Bukhona baYo. Abu. . . KuYivumela ibekhona nje.

¹⁴⁷ Ngalololunye lusuku ngesikhatsi batsatse lesi sekugcina, nesitfombe lesisandza kuphuma. Ngesikhatsi ngiYibona ime lapho, ngasibuka. Ngacabanga, “Yebo-ke, ngike ngayibona iNgelosi yeNkhosi kuleto, futsi ngiyati sasisihle kakhulu.” Kodvwa lapho Itsetse lesi. Kwatsi-ke cishe ngensimbi yesitsatfu ekuseni, Yangivusa yase ingitjela kutsi kwakutoba yini, futsi yangichazela konkhe, nekutsi kukanjani ngetikhali nako konkhe, futsi yangikhombisa tintfo kuko lebengingakaze ngitibone. Ngahamba ngayosilandza, futsi ngasibuka, futsi nako kwakulapho. Ngangingakaze ngikubone phambilini. O, kwaletsa kutivela lokumnandzi kanjani kimi, indvudvuto, kwati kutsi Ikhona.

¹⁴⁸ Ilapha, buKhona baYo nje. NeBukhona beNkhosi babulapho kutophilisa labagulako. Bukhona beNkhosi bulapha kutophilisa labagulako. Bukhona beNkhosi bulapha kuletsa kuhlabeke etonini. Bukhona beNkhosi bulamkhatsini webantfu baYo, futsi IyiBhetlehema yaNkulunkulu, legwele Sinkhwa neManti. Ngitfokota kakhulu (anitfokoti nine na?) kutsi sinenzawo lesita kuyo, kutsi sidle futsi sihlale kuze kubephakadze.

¹⁴⁹ Manje iNkhosi inibusise. Unako lofuna kukusho, mnaketfu na? [Umnaketfu Neville utsi, “Cha.”—Umhl.]

Asisukume sime ngetinyawo tetfu, umzuzwana nje. Liculo letfu lelidzala lekusikhipha, “Hamba neliGema laJesu.”

¹⁵⁰ Bangakhi labatsandza iNkhosi na? Asinibone niphakamisa tandla tenu tibheke etulu, manje, tandla tenu tisaphakeme. Manje tehliseni bese uchawula lomunye lome eceleni kwakho. Utsi, “Nkulunkulu akubusise, sihambi. Nkulunkulu akubusise.” Kunjalo, bese-ke kuba ndzawotokhe. Kulungile. Loko kukwekutsi nje kuze natane lomunye nalomunye. Kulungile.

¹⁵¹ Manje asibheke ngco ngasemazulwini futsi sihlabele leliculo manje.

Hamba neliGama laJesu,
Mntfwana welusizi newekudzabuka;
Litokukunika injabulo nendvudvuto,
Hamba nalo noma uyaphi.

Gama leliligugu (Gama leliligugu), O
limnandzi kangaka!

Tsemba lemhlaba nekwetsaba kweliZulu;
Gama leliligugu (Gama leliligugu), O
limnandzi kangaka!

Tsemba lemhlaba nekwetsaba kweliZulu.

Manje khumbulani. . .



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