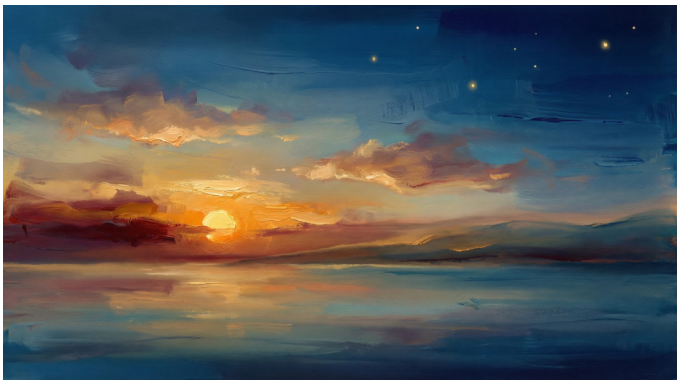
UMBUZO WESABATHA

THE SABBATH QUESTION



"Kutheni ukugcina imini yeSabatha? Yintoni injongo yeSabatha? Yenziwa ngubani? Yenziwa nini, yenzelwa bani?"

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AMASHUMI AMATHANDATHU EENYANI MALUNGA NOSUKU LWESIXHENXE

KUTHENI ukugcina usuku lweSabatha? Yintoni injongo yeSabatha? Yenziwa ngubani? Yenziwa nini, yenzelwa bani? Loluphi usuku lweSabatha lokwenene? Abaninzi bagcina usuku lokuqala lweveki, okanye iCawe. Banawo na ubungqina

beBhayibhile boku? Abanye bagcina usuku lwesixhenxe, okanye uMgqibelo. Sinaso na isiBhalo ngaloo nto? Nazi iinyani malunga nazo zombini iintsuku, njengoko zichazwe ngokucacileyo eLizwini likaThixo:

1. Emva kokusebenza iintsuku zokuqala ezintandathu zeveki edala lo mhlaba, uThixo omkhulu waphumla ngosuku lwesixhenxe. (Genesis 2:1-3.)

2. Oku kwalityabeka elo suku njengosuku lokuphumla kukaThixo, okanye usuku lweSabatha, kuba iSabatha ithetha ukuphumla. Ukuzekelisa: Xa umntu ezalwa ngosuku oluthile, olo suku lutsho lube lusuku lwakhe lokuzalwa. Ngoko ke xa uThixo waphumla ngosuku lwesixhenxe, olo suku lwaba lusuku lwakhe lokuphumla, okanye lweSabatha.

3. Ngoko ke usuku lwesixhenxe luya kuhlala luyiSabatha kaThixo. Ungaluguqula na usuku lwakho lokuzalwa oluphume ngalo uye kolunye ongaphuma ngalo? Hayi. Ngokunjalo akunakuluguqula usuku lokuphumla kukaThixo uye kolunye usuku angaphumlanga ngalo. Ngoko ke usuku lwesixhenxe luseyiSabatha kaThixo.

4. UMdali walusikelela usuku lwesixhenxe. (Genesis 2:3.)

5. Walungcwalisa usuku lwesixhenxe. (Eksodus 20:11.)

6. Walwenza iSabatha emyezweni wase-Eden. (Genesis 2:1-3.)

7. Lwenziwa phambi kokuwa; ngoko ke alulomfanekiso; kuba imifanekiso yaziswa emva kokuwa.

8. UYesu uthi lwenzelwa umntu (Marko 2:27), oko kukuthi, lwenzelwa uhlanga, njengoko igama elithi "umntu" alinakuphela; ngoko ke lwenzelwa umNtu weentlanga kunye nomYuda.

9. Lusikhumbuzo sendalo. (Eksodus 20:11; 31:17.) Ngalo lonke ixesha siphumla ngosuku lwesixhenxe, njengoko uThixo wenza ekudaleni, siyakhumbula eso siganeko esikhulu.

10. Lwanikwa kuAdam, intloko yohlanga lwabantu. (Marko 2:27; Genesis 2:1-3.)

11. Ngoko ke ngaye, njengommeli wethu, kuzo zonke iintlanga. (IZenzo 17:26.)

12. Asiyiwo amaziko amaYuda, kuba lwenziwa kwiminyaka engama-2,300 phambi kokuba kubekho umYuda.

13. IBhayibhile ayizange iyibize ngokuba yiSabatha yamaYuda, kodwa isoloko isithi "yiSabatha kaYehova uThixo wakho." Abantu mabaqaphele ukuba bayithyile

njani na imini engcwele yokuphumla kukaThixo.

14. Kubhekiswa ngokucacileyo kwiSabatha neveki yeentsuku ezisixhenxe kubo bonke ubomi bobuhlolokazi. (Genesis 2:1-3; 8:10, 12; 29:27, 28, njl.)

15. Yayiyinxalenye yomthetho kaThixo phambi kweSinayi. (Eksodus 16:4, 27-29.)

16. Waza uThixo wayibeka entliziyweni yomthetho wakhe wokuziphatha. (Eksodus 20:1-17.) Kutheni eyibeke apho ukuba yayingafani nezinye iimiyalelo ethoba, ezonke zivunyelwa ukuba azinakuguqulwa?

17. ISabatha yosuku lwesixhenxe yawiselwa umthetho ngelizwi likaThixo ophilayo. (Duteronomi 4:12, 13.)

18. Waza walobhala umyalelo ngomnwe wakhe. (Eksodus 31:18.)

19. Wawukrola elityeni elikhulayo, ebonisa indalo yawo engenakonakala. (Duteronomi 5:22.)

20. Lwagcinwa ngobungcwele emkhombeni osengcweleni yeengcwele. (Eksodus 40:20,21; 1 Kumkani 8:9; ISityhilelo 11:19.)

IINYANI ZE-21 UKUYA KU-40

21. UThixo wakwalela umsebenzi ngeSabatha, nakwelona xesha lingxamisekileyo. (Eksodus 34:21.)

22. UThixo wabatshabalalisa amaSirayeli entlango kuba bayihlambalaza iSabatha. (Hezekiyeli 20:12, 13.)

23. Luphawu lukaThixo wenyaniso, esimazi ngalo ukumahlukanisa koothixo bobuxoki. (Hezekiyeli 20:20.)

24. UThixo wathembisa ukuba iYerusalem iya kuma ngonaphakade ukuba amaYuda ayigcina iSabatha. (Yeremiya 17:24, 25.)

25. Wabathumela ekuthinjweni eBhabheli kuba bayophula. (Nehemiya 13:18.)

26. Wayitshabalalisa iYerusalem ngenxa yokutyeshelwa kwayo. (Yeremiya 17:27.)

27. UThixo ukuvakalise intsikelelo ekhethekileyo kubo bonke abeentlanga abaya kuyigcina. (Isaya 56:6, 7.)

28. Oku kusesiprofeteni esibhekisa ngokupheleleyo kwixesha lobulungiseleli bamaKristu. (Bona Isaya 56.)

29. UThixo uthembise ukusikelela bonke abagcina iSabatha. (Isaya 56:2.)

30. INkosi ifuna siyibize ngokuba "ibekekile." (Isaya 58:13.) Lumkani, nina bavuyayo ukuyibiza ngokuba "yiSabatha endala yamaYuda," "lidyokhwe yobugqili," njl.

31. Emva kokuba iSabatha engcwele inyathelwe "izizukulwana ezininzi," iya

kubuyiselwa ngemihla yokugqibela. (Isaya 58:12, 13.)

32. Bonke abaprofeti abangcwele bayigcina imini yesixhenxe.

33. Xa uNyana kaThixo wezayo, wayigcina imini yesixhenxe bonke ubomi bakhe. (Luka 4:16; Yohane 15:10.) Ngoko ke walandela umzekelo kaYise ekudaleni. Asinakukhuseleka na ngokulandela umzekelo wabo bobabini uYise noNyana?

34. Usuku lwesixhenxe lusuku lweNkosi. (Bona ISityhilelo 1:10; Marko 2:28; Isaya 58:13; Eksodus 20:10.)

35. UYesu wayeyiNkosi yeSabatha (Marko 2:28), oko kukuthi, ukuyithanda nokuyikhusela, njengoko indoda iyinkosi yomfazi, ukumthanda nokumgcina (1 Petros 3:6).

36. Wayimela iSabatha njengeziko lenceba elenzelwe ukulunga komntu. (Marko 2:23-28.)

37. Endaweni yokuyiphelisa iSabatha, wafundisa ngononophelo indlela ekufuneka igcinwe ngayo. (Mateyu 12:1-13.)

38. Wafundisa abafundi bakhe ukuba bangenzi nto ngosuku lweSabatha ngaphandle koko "kusemthethweni." (Mateyu 12:12.)

39. Wayalela abapostile bakhe ukuba iSabatha igcinwe ngomthandazo iminyaka engamashumi amane emva kovuko lwakhe. (Mateyu 24:20.)

40. Abafazi abanqulayo ababenoYesu bayigcina ngononophelo imini yesixhenxe emva kokufa kwakhe. (Luka 23:56.)

IINYANI ZE-41 UKUYA KU-60

41. Iminyaka engamashumi amathathu emva kovuko lukaKristu, uMoya oyiNgcwele ulibiza ngokucacileyo ngokuba "lusuku lwesabatha." (IZenzo 13:14.)

42. UPawulos, umpostile weentlanga, walibiza ngokuba "lusuku lwesabatha" ngo-A.D. 45. (IZenzo 13:27.) Wayengazi na uPawulos? Okanye masikholwe abafundisi banamhlanje, abathi yayeka ukuba yiSabatha ekuvukeni kukaKristu?

43. ULuka, umlandeli wamaKristu ophefumlelweyo, obhala kude kube ngo-A. D. 62, ulibiza ngokuba "lusuku lwesabatha." (IZenzo 13:44.)

44. Abaguqukeli beentlanga bayibiza iSabatha. (IZenzo 13:42.)

45. Kwibhunga elikhulu lamaKristu, ngo-A. D. 49, phambi kwabapostile namawaka abafundi, uYakobi ulibiza ngokuba "lusuku lwesabatha." (IZenzo 15:21.)

46. Kwakusisiko ukubamba iintlanganiso zomthandazo ngolo suku. (IZenzo 16:13.)

47. UPawulos wafunda iziBhalo kwiintlanganiso zikawonke-wonke ngolo suku. (IZenzo 17:2, 3.)

48. Kwakusisiko sakhe ukushumayela ngolo suku. (IZenzo 17:2, 3.)

49. Incwadi yeZenzo yodwa inika ingxelo yakhe yokubamba iintlanganiso ezingamashumi asibhozo anesine ngolo suku. (Bona IZenzo 13:14, 44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4, 11.)

50. Akuzange kubekho mbambano phakathi kwamaKristu namaYuda malunga nosuku lweSabatha. Obu bubungqina bokuba amaKristu ayesalugcina usuku olufanayo namaYuda.

51. Kuzo zonke izityholo zawo nxamnye noPawulos, abazange bamtyhola ngokungaluhoyanga usuku lweSabatha. Kutheni bengenzanga njalo, ukuba wayengalugcini?

52. Kodwa uPawulos ngokwakhe wavakalisa ngokucacileyo ukuba uwugcinile umthetho. "Ndingonanga nto kumaYuda, nangakwitempile, nakuKesare." IZenzo 25:8. Oku kungenzeka njani ukuba wayengayigcinanga iSabatha?

53. ISabatha ikhankanywa kwiTestamente Entsha izihlandlo ezingamashumi amahlanu anesithoba, kwaye ngonqulo, inesihloko esifanayo nesaseTestamenteni eNdala, "usuku lwesabatha."

54. Akuthethwa lizwi ndawo kwiTestamente Entsha malunga nokuba iSabatha iphelisiwe, isusiwe, iguqulwe, okanye nantoni na enjalo.

55. UThixo akazange amnike imvume namnye umntu ukuba asebenze ngayo.

56. Akukho mKristu weTestamente Entsha, phambi okanye emva kovuko, owakha wasebenza ngosuku lwesixhenxe. Fumana umzekelo omnye onjalo, siya kunikezela umbuzo.

57. Akukho ngxelo yokuba uThixo wakha wayisusa intsikelelo yakhe okanye ukungcwaliswa kwakhe kusuku lwesixhenxe.

58. Njengoko iSabatha yagcinwa e-Eden phambi kokuwa, iya kugcinwa ngonaphakade emhlabeni omtsha emva kokubuyiselwa. (Isaya 66:22, 23.)

59. ISabatha yosuku lwesixhenxe yayiyinxalenye ebalulekileyo yomthetho kaThixo, njengoko waphuma emlonyeni wakhe, kwaye wabhalwa ngomnwe wakhe

elityeni eSinayi. (Bona Eksodus 20.) Xa uYesu waqala umsebenzi wakhe, wavakalisa ngokucacileyo ukuba akazanga eze kutshabalalisa umthetho. "Musani ukucinga ukuba ndize kutshabalalisa umthetho okanye abaprofeti." Mateyu 5:17.

60. UYesu wawohlwaya kabukhali abaFarisi ngokwenza imiyalelo kaThixo ingabi namandla ngemisiko yabo. (Mateyu 15:6) Ukugcinwa kweCawe nako kusisiko sabantu kuphela.

AMASHUMI AMANE EENYANI NGECAWE

1. Eyona nto yokuqala ebhalwe eBhayibhileni ngumsebenzi owenziwa ngeCawe, usuku lokuqala lweveki. (Genesis 1:1-5.) Oku kwenziwa nguMdali ngokwakhe. Ukuba uThixo wawudala umhlaba ngeCawe, ingaba kubi na ukuba thina sisebenze ngeCawe?

2. UThixo uyalela abantu ukuba basebenze ngosuku lokuqala lweveki. (Eksodus 20:8-11.) Ingaba kuphosakele na ukumthobela uThixo?

3. Akukho namnye kubahlolokazi owakha wayigcina.

4. Akukho namnye kubaprofeti abangcwele owakha wayigcina.

5. Ngomyalelo ocacileyo kaThixo, abantu bakhe abangcwele balisebenzisa usuku lokuqala lweveki njengemini yokusebenza eqhelekileyo kangangeminyaka engama-4,000 ubuncinane.

6. UThixo ngokwakhe ulibiza ngokuba lusuku "lokusebenza." (Hezekiyeli 46:1.)

7. UThixo akazange aphumle ngalo.

8. Akazange alisikelele.

9. UKristu akazange aphumle ngalo.

10. UYesu wayengumchweli (Marko 6:3), wasebenza kumrhwebo wakhe de waba neminyaka engamashumi amathathu ubudala. Wayigcina iSabatha wasebenza iintsuku ezintandathu evekini, njengoko bonke bevuma. Ngoko ke wenza umsebenzi onzima ngeCawe.

11. Abapostile basebenza ngayo ngelo xesha linye.

12. Abapostile abazange baphumle ngayo.

13. UKristu akazange ayisikelele.

14. Ayizange isikelelwe nanguwuphi na igunya lobuthixo.

15. Ayizange ingcwaliswe.

16. Akukho mthetho wawunikwa ukuba unyanzelise ukugcinwa kwayo, ngoko ke akukho kutyeshela ngokuyigcina. "Apho

kungekho mthetho, akukho kutyeshela." Roma 4:15. (Bona kwakhona 1 Yohane 3:4.)

17. ITestamente Entsha ayikwaleli ndawo ukuba kusetyenzwe ngayo.

18. Akukho sohlwayo sibekwe ngokutyeshelwa kwayo.

19. Akukho ntsikelelo ithenjisiweyo ngokugcinwa kwayo.

20. Akukho migaqo enikeziweyo ngendlela emayigcinwe ngayo. Ingaba bekuya kuba njalo ukuba iNkosi ibifuna siyigcine?

21. Ayizange ibizwe ngokuba yiSabatha yamaKristu.

22. Ayizange ibizwe ngokuba lusuku lweSabatha kwaphela.

23. Ayizange ibizwe ngokuba lusuku lweNkosi.

24. Ayizange ibizwe nangokuba lusuku lokuphumla.

25. Akukho sihloko singcwele sibekwe kuyo. Kutheni ke siyibize ngokuba ingcwele?

26. Ibizwa nje ngokuba "lusuku lokuqala lweveki."

27. UYesu akazange ayikhankanyele nangayiphi na indlela, akazange alithathe igama layo emlonyeni wakhe, ngokubhaliweyo.

28. Igama elithi "Sunday" alifumaneki kwaphela eBhayibhileni.

29. UThixo, uKristu okanye abantu abaphefumlelweyo abazange bathethe nelilodwa ilizwi elixhasa iCawe njengemini engcwele.

30. Usuku lokuqala lweveki lukhankanywa izihlandlo ezisibhozo kuphela kwiTestamente Entsha iphela. (Mateyu 28:1; Marko 16:2, 9; Luka 24:1; Yohane 20:1, 19; IZenzo 20:7; 1 KwabaseKorinte 16:2)

31. Ezintandathu zezi zibhalo zibhekisa kuloo suku lokuqala lweveki lunye.

32. UPawulos wayalela abangcwele ukuba bajongane nemicimbi yabo yemihla ngemihla ngolo suku. (1 KwabaseKorinte 16:2.)

33. KwiTestamente Entsha iphela sinengxelo yentlanganiso yonqulo enye kuphela eyabanjwa ngolo suku, kwaye naleyo yayiyintlanganiso yasebusuku. (IZenzo 20:5-12.)

34. Akukho mboniso wokuba bakha baba nentlanganiso ngalo phambi okanye emva koko.

35. Kwakungeyiyo isiko labo ukuhlangana ngolo suku.

36. Kwakungekho mfuneko yokuqhekeza isonka ngolo suku.

37. Sinenkcazelo yesihlandlo esinye kuphela apho kwenziwa khona oku. (IZenzo 20:7.)

38. Oku kwenziwa ebusuku - emva kwezibini zasebusuku. (Iivesi 7-11.) UYesu wasibhiyozela ngobusuku bangoLwesine (Luka 22), kwaye abafundi bakhe ngamanye amaxesha bayenza yonke imihla (IZenzo 2:42-46).

39. IBhayibhile ayitsho ndawo ukuba usuku lokuqala lweveki lukhumbula uvuko lukaKristu. Esi sisiko sabantu, esiphikisana nomthetho kaThixo. (Mateyu 15:1-9.) Ubhaptizo lukhumbula ukufa, ukungcwatywa, novuko lukaYesu. (Roma 6:3-5.)

40. Ekugqibeleni, iTestamente Entsha iyathula ngokupheleleyo malunga notshintsho losuku lweSabatha okanye nabuphi na ubungcwele bosuku lokuqala.

ISIPHELO

Nazi iinyani zeBhayibhile ezikhulu ezilingana nekhulu kulo mbuzo, zibonisa ngokupheleleyo ukuba usuku lwesixhenxe yiSabatha yeNkosi kuzo zombini iTestamente eNdala neNtsha.