

Oktoaba 30 kumfuata Mungu - Joshua 24:1-15

Nilitoa nchi juu ambayo alikuwa na si taabu na miji alikuwa na si kujengwa. Wewe makazi katika yao na ni kufurahia mazao kutoka mashamba ya mizabibu na mizeituni hukuipanda. "Kwa hiyo sasa, stahi Bwana. Kumtumikia kwa uaminifu na uaminifu. Kuweka kando miungu ile ambayo baba zenu waliitumikia ng'ambo ya Mto, na huko Misri na kumtumikia Bwana. Lakini kama inaonekana vibaya kwa maoni yako ya kumtumikia Bwana, kisha kuchagua leo yule mtakayemtumikia. Kuchagua ni miungu ile mababu zenu waliitumikia ng'ambo ya Mto au miungu ya Waamori ambao ardhi kuishi.

Lakini familia yangu nami kumtumikia Bwana." **Joshua 24:13-15**

msomi Kale Terence Fretheim ananukuu Walter Brueggemann, msomi mwingine OT. "Ni uwezekano vurugu kwa ajili ya Bwana ni kueleweka kama kukabiliana na vurugu, ambayo kazi hasa kama kanuni muhimu ili kudhoofisha na kuondoa utulivu vurugu nyingine.' Na hivyo," Fretheim anaendelea, "vurugu Mungu ni 'si kipofu au vurugu uchu, lakini makusudi katika utumishi wa mwisho bila vurugu. Kwa maneno mengine, vurugu Mungu, iwe katika hukumu au wokovu, ni kamwe mwisho katika yenyewe, lakini daima ni kutekelezwa katika utumishi wa makusudi wa kina zaidi salvific Mungu kwa viumbe: ukombozi wa watumwa kutokana na ukandamizaji (*Kutoka 15: 7; Zaburi 78: 49-50), mwenye haki kutoka maadui zao (Zaburi 7: 6-11), maskini na mhitaji kutoka wanyanyasaji wao (Kutoka 22: 21-24; Isa 1: 23-24; Jeremiah 21:12), na Israeli kutoka kwa maadui zake (Isaya 30: 27-33; 34: 2; Habakuki 3: 12-13)*" Akinukuu Abraham Heschel, "Hii ni moja ya maana ya hasira ya Mungu. mwisho wa kutojali 'kwa heshima na wale ambao wamekumbwa na ukatili binadamu. Katika hivyo kusema jambo, zoezi Mungu ya ghadhabu, ambayo ni pamoja na vurugu, ni hatimaye neno la habari njema (kwa wale walioonewa) na habari mbaya (kwa madhalimu). "

Wiki ijayo: mfululizo hadithi inaendelea. **Waamuzi**

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I gave you land on which you hadn't toiled and cities you hadn't built. You settled in them and are enjoying produce from vineyards and olive groves you didn't plant. "So now, revere The Lord. Serve Him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live.

But my family and I will serve the Lord." **Joshua 24:13-15**

Old Testament scholar Terence Fretheim quotes Walter Brueggemann, another OT scholar. "*It is likely the violence assigned to Yahweh is to be understood as counter-violence, which functions primarily as a critical principle in order to undermine and destabilize other violence.' And so,*" Fretheim continues, "*God's violence is 'not blind or unbridled violence,' but purposeful in the service of a nonviolent end. In other words, God's violence, whether in judgment or salvation, is never an end in itself, but is always exercised in the service of God's more comprehensive salvific purposes for creation: the deliverance of slaves from oppression (Exodus 15:7; Psalm 78:49-50), the righteous from their antagonists (Psalm 7:6-11), the poor and needy from their abusers (Exodus 22:21-24; Isa 1:23-24; Jeremiah 21:12), and Israel from its enemies (Isaiah 30:27-33; 34:2; Habakkuk 3:12-13).*" Quoting Abraham Heschel, "*This is one of the meanings of the anger of God: the end of indifference' with respect to those who have suffered human cruelty. In so stating the matter, the divine exercise of wrath, which may include violence, is finally a word of good news (for those oppressed) and bad news (for oppressors).*"

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THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Sisi ni mashahidi wa hadithi wa Mungu.

Mungu sumu watu wa agano.

Kusikia O Israeli! Bwana Mungu wetu ni Mungu Mmoja.

Hadithi Mungu ilikuwa utambulisho wa Israeli.

Kulikuwa na upinzani katika nchi ya ahadi.

Nini Mungu aliwaita kufanya, required msaada wake.

Hadithi Mungu haina mwisho matatizo.

Kuheshimu Mungu inakaribisha uwepo wake.

Sisi ni kukombolewa kutoa ukombozi.

Mtakayemtumikia mtu. Nani wewe kutumika?

Sisi kuwepo kwa watu ambao ni bado hapa.

Kuwaambia hadithi ya Mungu kwa dunia.

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

We are witnesses to the STORY of God.

God formed a covenant people.

Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is One God.

God's STORY was Israel's identity.

Opposition in the promised land.

What God called them to do, required His help.

God's STORY doesn't end problems.

Embracing God and His STORY brings His presence.

Redeemed to redeem.

You will serve somebody. Whom will YOU serve?

We exist for people who aren't yet here.

Lord, help us extend Your STORY to the world.