

GIVE ME A HUMBLE HEART

SCCC

S - Scriptures

(All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John.

C - Consideration

In this context, John was in prison and sent some of his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. John's faith seemed weak and Jesus, after answering John's disciples quoted from Malachi, the prophet, "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." How did John prepare the way to Jesus? The verse I chose above is the answer for this question. Sinners after confronting by John, repented were baptized, and came to Jesus. However, the next verse said: "But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves because they had not been baptized by John.)" In the next event, in the same chapter, Jesus was a guest of a religious leader when a woman described as lived a sinful life came with an expensive perfume and drop it on Jesus' feet: "When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

C – Commitment

I read this chapter this morning and I could see that the lack of theological knowledge by the crowd and the "worse" of sinners as tax collectors, gave them a heart to humble themselves to listen to the tough rebukes of John's message, while the teachers of the law, hardened their hearts and prideful, had rejected God's plan to save humanity. I see this tension still happening, knowledge is good, but could become poisoned. That is why Jesus had told his disciples, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, you had a perfect plan since the fall of men. You are on the throne; you had done all, to save us. You had sent Jesus to die for my sins, to be my Lord and my Savior. I pray my God for deliverance from arrogance. Give me a broken and contrite heart that I might be a true worshipper like that woman who had cried with thanksgiving on the feet of Jesus. My God, help me to grow daily in my understanding of the significance of the cross; then, I would say like Paul: "What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ." In Jesus's name. Amen.