

SCCC – DID I SHED INNOCENT BLOOD?

S - Scriptures

“So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.” Numbers 35: 33

C - Consideration

The Lord had instructed Israel concerning murders, and He wrote in the Law, “But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.” Ex. 21: 23-24 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man”. Genesis 9:6 Eventually, Israel ended up breaking the commandment, as recorded in Psalm 106, “They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel... and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.” Since the murder of the first man, Abel, millions have been slain on earth.

C – Commitment

I thought about the Scriptures I chose for my devotional today. God made a covenant with Noah telling him that whoever would murder someone, the killer had to die; then, He said the same thing to Moses - whoever injured intentionally someone had to be punished by the same injury. Whoever shed innocent blood the sentence was death, otherwise, the land would be profaned, defiled, polluted. Therefore, just through the execution of the murderer, justice would be satisfied. I think about Jesus’ murder. Who did murder Him? I thought I had never killed anyone, but I was wrong. I did. My iniquities took Him to that cross. He said “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.” What an amazing love from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, for is also written by Isaiah, “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” I should be condemned and sentenced to hell, but He took my place. He shed His blood on the earth that was defiled because of my sin; He died my death, and three days He rose in victory! I am free! I am forgiven! I am heading for eternity to live with my God. What a glorious blessing!!!

C – Call

My God, how can I be grateful enough? There was nothing I could have done. I was a lost sinner, without hope, without You. But, because of Your mercy, love and grace, You sent Your

beloved Son; He became a man and died for me. Thank you, my God! Thank you my Lord and Savior Jesus forever and ever. In His name, Amen!