

SCCC – THE LESSONS FROM A DEBILITATED SERVANT

S - Scriptures

“The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.” Psalm 41: 3

C – Consideration

David started Psalm forty-one, speaking about the blessings upon those who look after the helpless and the poor. He pointed out divine promises such as deliverance, preservation, prosperity, and victory over their enemies. He mentioned how the Lord would comfort and heal them in their infirmities. The context showed that David is placing himself among the blessed ones; therefore he could claim God’s promises. What was his battle at the time? He was very sick and debilitated in his bed. In his prayer, he acknowledged that he was a sinner, and thinking that his disease might have some root of sin, he asked the Lord for mercy, forgiveness, and healing. He also shared with God that behind his back, his enemies were gossiping, slander, and spreading the following, “When will he die and his name perish? “A vile disease has afflicted him; he will never get up from the place where he lies.” Summarizing, he remembered God’s promises, he admitted his sinful nature and confessed, denounced to God the curses of his enemies, ending his prayer in faith, “I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me. Because of my integrity, you uphold me and set me in your presence forever,” and worshiping the Almighty, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.”

C – Commitment

I have a great friend who is now eighty-eight years old. He told me once that he never went to a hospital in his whole life, and seldom would he catch a cold. I told him that I could not boast in the same way. At nine I had tuberculosis; in my earlier twenties, I had chronic esophagitis; in my late twenties, I had two thrombosis in my left leg; one year after I had a heart attack, in my forties, I had a brain illness. I told my friend that the Lord had blessed him with physical strength; however, he also blessed me every time I had health issues. Presently, I am sixty years old and, like David, I can say, “I praise the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.” God had always healed me, even when doctors told my family to prepare for my funeral. It was not because I did something for the poor, but was an act of love, mercy, and grace of Him. Related to David, I am a sinner, and my blamelessness comes from Jesus’ death and resurrection. This is called justification; Christ’s righteousness was credited on my account. But, one thing I remember every time I faced sicknesses, always I heard voices reminding me of my past sins. David mentioned about people cursing him and desiring his death; in my case, the devil and his demons were whispering in my ears all his lies, accusing me, cursing me, and doing all that they could to prevent me to believe that my God would hear my confessions, forgive my sins, heal my diseases and restore me back to fulfill His divine destiny for my life. With very few exceptions like my elderly friend, all of us are vulnerable to

diseases. Our bodies are mortal, and one day we will depart from this earth. Nevertheless, when sicknesses come, we have to remember some identities: Who we are: children of God, who the devil is: the greatest liar and wicked being of the universe and, who our God is: The Almighty Creator and our Eternal and Loving Heavenly Father.

C – Call

My God, thank You for the healings You gave me during my illnesses. At this time, I would like to pray for a dear brother in our church. Lord, I pray that You would deliver him from the slandering voice of Satan, that You would keep his faith strong, and that he would get completely restored to move on in the mission You have planned for him. My Heavenly Father bless him and bring to nothing the plans of the enemy. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen!