

SCCC – THREE THINGS I SHOULD KNOW

S - Scriptures

“For God does not show favoritism.” Romans 2: 11

C – Consideration

The Scriptures show that we all came from the same parents. No matter the color of our skin, the country we were born in, or the language we speak; therefore, in this very short passage of the New Testament, the apostle Paul stated that God would not follow human behavior; He treats and gives His blessings to all. Jesus said that “He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.” On the other hand, James wrote in his letter, that we would not follow God’s ways, “Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

C - Commitment

In this human versus divine contrast, we have to watch our hearts in three ways. The first one is not to fall into the error of discriminating against others because of their appearance, social and cultural background, race, or color. Peter had to deal with this problem as he wouldn’t consider it possible for a Roman soldier to become a spiritual brother. In his worldview such a thing was immoral, but God blessed the Roman man and all his family with the same blessings he had poured on Peter and other Christian Jews. Surprisingly, he said, “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.” The second one - I should not be angry when someone for whatever reason, discriminates against me. I should consider man’s sinful nature that unfortunately is always prompted to show favor to some and disfavor to others. The third one - I should keep in my heart that God loves me not because of what I do, but because of who He is. God is love! And, in order to save this sinful creation, Jesus revealed in the Scriptures, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

C – Call

Lord, thank You for Your love for me. I didn’t deserve it, but because of such love, You sent Jesus Christ, Your Son to die for my sins. My God, forgive me that many times I had discriminated against others, and other times I kept resentment against those who despised me in their hearts. Give me a wise and broken heart that would glorify, praise, love, and serve You. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!