

SCCC – FIND AN ANSWER TO GOD

S - Scriptures

“I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars. Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this?” Judges 2: 2

C – Consideration

God had asked the question above, that He knew the answer to, but He wanted them to think about and find out the causes of their apostasy. In the next verses, there are some of the reasons. “Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. As a result, they did everything God had told them not to do. “Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. The Israelites lived among the Canaanites. They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.” Eventually, they reaped the penalties of their sins “The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of the king of Aram, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years.”

C – Commitment

From Exodus to Deuteronomy, God spoke hundreds of times warning Israel not to fellowship with the pagans from Canaan, because they would turn them away from the Lord. Moses wrote the curses they faced if they would disobey. Nonetheless, there is one thing that called my attention to the narrative. It is the fact that the next generation didn't know the Lord. I think the most important answer to the question is right here. Why didn't they know the Lord? Apparently, nobody taught them about the Lord. Look what God had told Joshua and his generation to do, “Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.” Joshua and the elders were godly men, however, they disobeyed the Lord as well, when they forgot to instruct their children what they knew and personally experienced about God.

C – Call

Lord, many times I am angry when I see much evil and ungodliness in this post-Christian nation. I can easily point out their terrible sins and I am already seeing the consequences. My God, I have to admit that I am responsible in part for their falling away. Forgive me when I could have shared Your word with them, and yet I didn't. Lord, in the days of the judges, You

called godly men and women to deliver Your people from their enemies. Do the same in our days. Call Your servants to speak loudly Your word to the church and to fight the enemies that are oppressing them. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen