

SCCC – THE BIBLE’S SUPER-HEROES

S - Scriptures

“And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Matthew 11: 2

C – Consideration

Years before, John had declared, “I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.” Then John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and resting on Him. I myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” He had pointed out twice at the beginning of his ministry, “Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” However, when confined in Herod’s dungeon, the prophet forgot the revelations and visions God had shown him about Jesus. John was not the only one to have the same “spiritual amnesia”. There were many more in the Scriptures that struggled at times of trials. Another example was David. He was anointed by Samuel to be the next king in Israel, many people, including the insane King Saul, had affirmed this, as they saw God’s plan in progress; yet in the midst of his fears, David thought to himself, “One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand.” God had never promised such a thing to David, but at that moment fear overcame his faith,

C – Consideration

We have a tendency to picture in our minds, God’s people in the Bible as super-spiritual heroes. Because of this wrong idea, many times we feel that our own spirituality is nothing when compared to Abraham, Moses, Paul or John and others. For this reason many have ended up backsliding, others are frustrated because they couldn’t see the glorious Christianity they had pictured. James reinforced in his epistle the truth about the matter. He wrote, “Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.” The journey of a believer might show wonders, great testimonies; however, there will be times of fears, trials, of sorrows, and when such times come we must remember the Scriptures. It was in the most terrible moment, in the midst of the most excruciating pain, and the greatest injustice ever being done on earth, when Jesus was dying on the cross, that God brought salvation to a lost world. Our glory will come one day, when our Savior returns to raise John, Moses, David, Peter, me, and you who have decided to follow Jesus, to live forever in His presence.

C – Call

My God, thank you for reminding me of the struggles of Your servants in the Scriptures. So when doubts and fear come, I would know that I am not alone, and I would seek you in prayer, and not allow the enemy's lies to take hold of my mind. Lord, help me to keep my eyes on You, to keep records of the wonders You have shown me, to be grateful in every situation. I pray for my brethren in the world who might be struggling like David and John in their faith. Bless their hearts with Your peace. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen!