

SCCC- BLAMING THE WRONG PERSON

S - Scriptures

“We have heard it with our ears, O God; our ancestors have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.” Psalm 44:1

C – Consideration

The Psalmist was watching the terrible condition of Israel, and in prayer, he shared with God, his struggles: “our adversaries have plundered us, and devoured like sheep. Among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us. I live in disgrace all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.” He stated that all difficulties, trials, and persecution were God’s fault: “You made us retreat,” “You gave us up” “You sold your people,” “You have made us a reproach,” “You have made us a byword.” It seems that he ignored a very important fact as he blamed God. According to the Scriptures, calamities came upon Israel, because they sinned and abandoned the Lord. Therefore, their problems were the consequences of their own behavior.

C – Commitment

Apparently, in this Psalm, a sincere, but misinformed servant of the Lord was battling in prayer, charging God for the disgrace of Israel. Like a kid, he spoke, “Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? He used these expressions to make his point, why was God sleeping, rejecting, and forgetting his people? Why was He no longer performing His mighty acts on their behalf like before. This childlike prayer brings to mind the loving God we serve. How many times, like the Psalmist, I had prayed without wisdom, blaming God for the problems of the world, wrestling and questioning why He didn’t solve the pain, afflictions, and suffering of people. The Lord patiently heard me, allowing me to speak, and trying to “teach him what to do.” But, I learned that He is much smarter than me. Isaiah wrote on God’s Sovereignty, “I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things. “Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it. Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’?”

C – Call

Lord my God, You are so wonderful! You are so gentle! You are God almighty! Thank You for every time You spoke to me and taught me through Your word. Lord, I looked back and I can say that I have grown a little. There is still much more opportunity for me to grow, but I am glad that I am a child of a loving Father, in Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.