

## **SCCC – THE REASONS FOR PROSPERITY AND POVERTY**

### **S- Scriptures**

“Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country.”

### **C - Consideration**

The narrative of Israel’s misery in Gideon’s time has many lessons for me. According to the Scriptures, the nation’s enemies were compared to locusts, “They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts... The Midianites, the Amalekites, and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. As locusts do, the Scriptures pointed out: “they invaded the land to ravage it. Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.” Studies say that a locust can eat approximately its own weight in fresh food per day, which is about two grams every day. A very small part of an average swarm eats the same amount of food in one day of about 2,500 people. What was the cause of such plague among the Israelites? The angel of the Lord, answered this question, “I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to me.”

### **C – Commitment**

When Israel woke up from their spiritual blindness, repented, and prayed, God called a man to deliver the nation from their enemies. It is important to understand that this battle was the greatest example of spiritual warfare in the Scriptures. Israel was worshipping a false god, and had turned away from the Lord. Consequently, they received what their false god could offer them: oppression, poverty, humiliation, since this is the only thing the devil gives to those who worship him. In order to start delivering the nation, it was necessary for a leader among God’s people to break the covenant with the darkness. This man was Gideon, “Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.” I believe we are going to see much impoverishment, famine, pestilences in the world, for like Israel; many Christian nations have turned their back on Christ and are serving Baals. I can see the swarms of locusts invading the USA, Canada, and the United Kingdom and devastating our wealth. I hope they would wake up and repent, for the Amalekites, Midianites and other demonic powers are destroying all the blessings that the former godly generations built for us to enjoy.

### **C – Call**

My Heavenly Father, our leaders, and our people are sinning greatly against you. We are worshipping false gods, disobeying Your words. We forgot that You were the One that has blessed North America. Lord, our hearts became very proud and arrogant, and eventually, the curses will come as consequences of this evil. My God, give to the church here and in the

world the same anointing that was on Gideon, to break the altars of Baals from our backyards. Lord, give boldness to the prophets to speak loudly and clearly against the abominations that are being committing against You. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to honor Your Name and Your Word. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.