

SCCC – GOD BLESSES FAITHFULNESS

S - Scriptures

“Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.” Exodus 32: 29

C - Consideration

This is the account about the golden calf Israel had made while Moses was on the mountain with God. A few days earlier Moses had read the Law and its regulations to the community and they responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.” Therefore, they already knew the second commandment, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.” Unfortunately, they broke their promise, and from idolatry, they moved to anarchy. “Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control.” “So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.” Moses, challenged all the twelve tribes to choose between the false god they created and the Lord, as would happen years later when Elijah the prophet would call Israel to decide between the false god Baal and the Lord. In Moses’ case, the only tribe to respond to the call and stayed on God’s side was the tribe of Levi.

C - Commitment

I see in this narrative that a time would come when paganism and idolatry infiltrate among God’s people just as it happened in the history of Israel. Jesus rebuked most of the seven churches in the book of Revelation because of idolatry and compromise. In the narrative in Exodus, we see that the chief priest (Aaron) gave in to the people and ended up making the golden calf because he couldn’t stand against the pressure of the crowd. What a challenge for me! Where would I stand when the Holy Spirit would ask me to choose between the sound doctrines or misguiding teaching of false prophets, apostles and teachers? The Scriptures state that the Levites, because they were zealous for the Lord, not after the crowds, God had blessed them.

C – Call

My Father, I don’t know how strong my faith is to resist the wickedness of my days. Help me so that when the time comes to choose which way to follow I wouldn’t compromise, going after the crowd. Lord, help not just myself, but the community of believers, so we would not make a golden calf and turn away from you. My God, I am already witnessing a great number of people who are apostates and trying to convince others to follow their wickedness. Lord, have mercy on us. Revive us, so we would follow the example of Levi, standing in your side. In Jesus’ name. Amen.