

SCCC - THE TRUTH THAT MAKES ME REJOICE – Part two

S – Scriptures

“They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.” Acts 1: 10

C – Consideration

In the context of this verse above, Jesus was taken up before their eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Following the narrative, the two angels replied: “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

C- Commitment

In this passage, there are some things in common with the resurrection narrative. The women went into Jesus’s tomb in despair and sorrow and found it empty. Two angels told them that Jesus had risen; therefore, they should not be looking for the living in a cemetery. Then, the two messengers quoted the same words that Jesus had told them before, concerning His death and resurrection. In this event, the disciples watched their beloved Lord disappearing in the sky; probably grieving and confused as had happened during Jesus’s death. Again, God had to send his messengers to remind them what Jesus had spoken a few days before: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” I am wondering what the angels think about our skepticism. Zechariah the father of John Baptist paid a high price to doubt the words of the angel Gabriel: nine months without speaking. God speaks to us very clearly, but circumstances and troubles can make me forget very easily His words. Jesus exhorted His people with warnings and promises: don’t be troubled, have faith, wait patiently, I am preparing the place for you all, and soon I will be back to take you home. When I think of His warnings I inquire of my soul: Am I obeying the Lord? When I think of His promises my heart rejoices!!!

C – Call

My God, help me not to allow troubles to steal Your word from my heart or to rob my trust in You and in Jesus. I thank You that You have sent the Holy Spirit to teach me and to guide me in all the truth. My Father, thank You that Jesus is coming back to take me home. This is my praise and this is my prayer. In His name, I pray. Amen.