

SCCC – DAVID’S STEPS TO VICTORY

S - Scriptures

“Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds along with those who are evildoers; do not let me eat their delicacies.” Psalm 141: 4

C – Consideration

David, in this Psalm, is praying to make sure he would not lose his first love. He wanted to please God and he knew the steps to get it. His prayer was not with Pharisaic motives, but by a sincere and deeper concern about his walk with the Lord. His first words were, “I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense, may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.” In faith, he desired the very presence of the Father. He didn’t want a dead liturgy, or to fulfill a religious duty, but he wanted a relationship. He asked for self-control to his heart’s emotions, to learn and to know when to speak and when to be silent, “Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.” He also pleaded with the Lord for deliverance from worldliness, from people who had no fear of God, from lustful desires that Satan would bring before his eyes, from contamination from sin, what he called, “do not let me eat their delicacies.”

C – Commitment

Another request of David in the same Psalm was for the provision of the right and godly people around him. He didn’t ask to avoid their reproach when he would be wrong, he seems to be receptive and ready to repent of his sins, as he said, “Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it, for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers.” Later, his son Solomon would affirm the same truth about a sincere rebuke in contrast with flattering words of the ungodly, “It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools.” David teaches that from time to time we should search out our personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. And he pointed out two steps for us: be sincere when we pray and be wise of what we ask. Following these two actions, we ask for deliverance from the devil’s trap, from wrong company, from foolishness, and lack of discipline. Adding to that, we ask for the divine gifts, and to be open for the rebuke of God’s prophets. As a result, we will walk in victory over sin and in fellowship with God.

C – Call

My God, help me to follow David’s steps. Like him, I want to be close to You. Deliver me from the evil one, help me to walk in the Spirit, give me the wisdom to listen more than to speak, to humble me when Your prophets rebuke me, and to rejoice to know that You will answer my plea. Lord, help my brethren that I know and that I don’t know in the same way. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.