

SCCC – HOW AM I PRAISING HIM?

S - Scriptures

“Praise the LORD, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.” Psalm 135: 2

C – Consideration

The Psalmist is exhorting and calling his people to worship the Lord. He reminded them of the many reasons why they should do it, “Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good”; the Lord made the heavens and earth, the Lord had delivered Israel from slavery, the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants. Then, he shared his knowledge, and compared; “I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths. Those who make them will be like them and so will all who trust in them.”

Consideration

This portion of God’s word has exposed that I can be in the church, doing all my religious duties, as the Levites did in the temple. I could sing in the choir, teach in Sunday school, preach a good sermon, engage in different ministries, and yet lose my sight of the God Whom I am serving. He pointed out that those who make and worship false gods become like them. As those idols are dead, unable to hear, to speak, to understand, so are those who believe in them. Consequently, if am I worshiping, and serving the true God, who listens, hears, understands, and knows me, how can I treat Him as those who worship after false gods? How can my liturgical acts of worship be dead? I have to take this truth to my heart, and as a result, my lips will praise Him, and, then, my mind service is an act of worship for His glory, not a mere ritual in the temple

C – Call

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me to praise You, and to love You with all my heart, all my soul, my entire mind, and all my strength. Help me to see how great You are, how merciful You are, how gracious You are, and how much I need You now and forevermore. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.