

LOOKING INTO THE RIGHT DIRECTION

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S – Scriptures

“Should you then seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them. For I will bring disaster on all people, declares the Lord, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life.” Jeremiah 45: 5

C – Consideration

This prophecy Jeremiah delivered for the scribe Baruch. He appears in the book as a helper when Jeremiah started to face persecution, imprisonment and difficulties to accomplish his task. According to the text, Baruch had just finished writing a scroll dictated by the Prophet to the wicked king Jehoiakim. The next verse says: “You said, ‘Woe to me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest.’” Then, the final blow came upon Baruch, paraphrased: God’s will shall be done, therefore, stop thinking about your earthly desires, and personal ambitions. In the end, the only thing you will have as a reward is your life. To make sure he understood this reality on a personal level the Scriptures added: “But the LORD has told me to say to you, ‘this is what the LORD says: I will overthrow what I have built and uproot what I have planted, throughout the earth.’” Then, the final blow came upon Baruch, paraphrased: God’s will shall be done, therefore, stop thinking about your earthly desires, and personal ambitions. In the end, the only thing you will have as a reward is your life.

C – Commitment

Sometimes, like Baruch, I had allowed my soul to look at the things this world has to offer, which caused ambitions and desires that stopped me to fulfill my call and my vows I had done to the Lord. These thoughts bring self-pity, anger, and bitterness in my heart. I have to remember that God sent Jesus to save my life on the cross, to spare me from hell; and to take me to heaven, everything else that I might have or desire to have on this earth will be destroyed, exactly as happened to Judah, when they went into captivity and the Babylonians burn down Israel’s properties.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, I thank you that your Son came to save my life, he died on the cross to pay for my sins. Forgive me, my God, when I allowed greed to get into my heart, and I become angry and, consequently unfruitful. Help to think about the things from above, and not on the earthly ones. I pray this in Jesus’s name. Amen.