

The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

How many times do we hear the words, God understands. You are just fine where you are. God knows your circumstances. God knows you are doing your best. He understands when you do it your way. He is a God of love. In fact, everyone is going to heaven – so don't worry. God wants you to feel good about yourself and be happy.

Beloved, let us go to the Word of the Lord to see what He says, to hear His Word. Perhaps their god says those things, but the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob set the standard of holiness to which we are called. Those who have been washed and made holy by the Blood of the Lamb will walk in obedience to the Word of the Lord as stated in His Holy Word, the Bible.

Yes, we are to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ daily, moment by moment in our thoughts, our actions and our words. It is a way of life in Jesus.

Plumbline: I Peter 2.9, 10

But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Some would question why my colleague and I are in the ministry that we are. Of course, the answer is because the Lord Jesus Christ called us to this ministry to build up the body of Christ.

Building up the body of Christ is encouraging those who know Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior to continue walking steadfastly in His ways. One of the ways is to remain faithful to the reading of the Holy Bible. When we ask people if there has been a time when they have asked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts to be their LORD and Savior and have repented of their sins, most say, Yes – though some are hesitant and when some of the comments come, you know they may know about Jesus, but do **not** know Him intimately.

When we ask if they are reading the Bible daily, some will say they are, and you know they know the Word. They come alive. Others will say – well, maybe – uh – once a week. They are being truthful, but it is our place then to remind them they cannot discern the voice of the Lord Jesus without knowing Him through His Word.

I have to admit that there are times when I wonder whose voice I am hearing though I am in the Word of the Lord Jesus daily. I often say that Satan is a ventriloquist, and it is challenging – uh – no, downright hard to discern the voice of the Lord Jesus (John 10). But, I must remain in the Word of the Lord Jesus and grow in Him and His ways. The more that I read His Word, the more I come to know Him more intimately and know His ways and His will.

Satan is the father of deceit and will take you down a road that looks and feels similar to that which Jesus is calling you.

How many times have I heard Mrs. Lowery say, For every truth of the Lord Jesus, Satan has a counterfeit. Every time the Lord reveals more of His Word, Satan will give a counterfeit for it. How do bankers decipher the real from the counterfeit? By studying the real document.

People of God, read the Word of the Lord and hide His Word in your heart that you may not sin against Jesus.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee