

# The Plumbline

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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?

The Lord makes clear that we are to walk as He leads. We are to stop when He says, "stop." We are to go when He says to go. It is easier to hear the word go; it takes more clarity for us to stop when the Lord says stop.

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, **stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

They that wait upon the Lord  
Shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings as an eagle.  
They shall run and not be weary.  
They shall walk and not faint.  
Teach me, Lord;  
Teach me, Lord, to wait. (Isa 40.31)

### Plumbline: Joshua 3.8; Exodus 14.13

And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, **ye shall stand still** in Jordan

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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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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

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

How many of us know of a surety that we have walked in the way the Lord has directed when all is well – uh – when all *feels* well and *looks* so good, and the world is applauding what we are doing?

Now, how many of us know of a surety that we have missed the direction of the Lord when all *feels* like failure and *looks* like failure not only to the world but also to the other members of the body of Christ? Remember Job to whom those came and told Job that it was because of sin in his life that all went so wrong? How many times have you had "members" of the body of Christ tell you that what you are doing is wrong because they have judged you to have sin in your life?

God corrected Job's "friends" who judged Job falsely, who decided that there must be sin in Job's life – just because his life did not look like their lives. The Lord Jesus makes it clear that those with sin in their own lives need to repent before condemning another and certainly before falsely accusing and broadcasting their assessment of something of which they know nothing about – such as Job's friends (Mt 7.3-5; Luke 6.41-42).

I know of a situation where a member of the body of Christ chose to walk in obedience to the Lord and all seemed to go so wrong for the person. But the person heard from the Lord and understood that the *appearance* of success is not the measure of whether the person heard the voice of God in the direction they moved. God is not calling us to success, but to obedience.

The world and many "members" of the body of Christ will stand and tell you not to step into the waters that God has already parted for you to cross. But the Lord Jesus calls a people set apart from the world and the State Church this day to walk with Him through the waters, through the flood and through the fire.

Can you sing,

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" in which some of the words are: The Cross before me; the world behind me. Though none go with me, still will I follow (Jesus).

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