

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?

So you want to see Jesus? To be so close to Him as to see Him in His glory? You want to experience the presence and power of His glory?

I recall another who also wanted to see Jesus. In fact, scripture tells us that he followed Jesus that awful day; he followed so close that the Roman soldiers – well the Gospel of Matthew says it this way: “And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross” (Mt 27.32).

I wonder if he were so fearful that day as to think he got just a little too close to the Master and that he, himself, might end up on that cross that day. I believe his life was changed that day, that he experienced the presence and power of HIS glory. He knew what it was to follow Jesus on the *Via Dolorosa*, to see Jesus.

Plumbline: Luke 14.27

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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.

How do we begin following Jesus through His death and resurrection? How do we die to our own desires and will? Certainly we cannot accomplish that by our own efforts alone; it is a work of the Holy Spirit in a willing and obedient heart.

However, we can be careful to recognize opportunities to submit our will to the Lord, one step at a time. If this becomes a part of our daily lives, we will find ourselves increasingly surrendering to Him. We must (1) be willing to submit to Him and (2) be obedient to Him.

Many years ago, I had a strong dislike for a lady in our church. She had falsely accused one of my sisters, speaking harshly to her, my sister who, in my opinion, was a godly lady.

I knew I should forgive this woman, but I did not want to forgive her; I wanted to tell her what I thought of her. Finally, I prayed, “Lord, I do not like this woman. If you want me to love her, You will have to help me.” The next time I saw this woman, I felt the warmth of love flow down over me and through me. I knew this love did not originate with me.

At times, I pray, “Lord, make me willing to accept Your will in this matter.” This prayer is an ongoing prayer in my life as the enemy continues coming in situations desiring to distract me from **seeing Jesus**.

This death to self requires a constant vigil upon our hearts and minds. The Apostle Paul simply said, “...I die daily” (I Cor 15.31).

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