

The Plumbline

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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 hard it is to walk in the joy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ when the enemy is on your heels! However, we are called to rejoice in the Lord in all things. Too often I pray, "Let thy mantle fall on me, a double portion of thy Spirit, Lord;" but I whine when this happens. You see, what I really meant is, Lord, I want Your glory to be upon me. I want to serve you in great power to accomplish Your holy will. However, I do not want the pain that goes with the mantle of God in Christ Jesus – may the Lord forgive me for I truly want more and more of Jesus. I do want to serve Jesus Christ with all of my heart, my life. I also want to rejoice in what the Lord is doing in me and, I pray, through me for His glory.

The Plumbline: Philippians 4.4

Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice.

Nehemiah teaches us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. How do you **Stand Strong**? Rejoice as did the apostles in Acts 5.41.

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.

Elisha knew the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the living God. Elisha knew well his enemies, and he **Stood Strong** because he walked with the Lord and trusted the Lord to work in his life. He, like Nehemiah, did not get distracted gossip, fear, false accusations, threats, lies, ridicule . . .

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, **Fear not: for they that [be] with us [are] more than they that [be] with them.**

And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha (II K 6.15-17).

Do not be afraid when the Lord Jesus Christ is going before you and you are hearing His word, and are walking in obedience to Him. Also, be like the apostles in Acts 5 who were not alarmed when they were called to suffer as they knew the Lord had gone before them. They were not afraid to walk the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross* with Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God.

They walked in the joy of the Lord and His peace which passeth all understanding. Read the following several times and let it minister to your heart, to your soul (Acts 5.38-42).

And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten [them], they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Are you listening to Jesus or someone else?

Whom are you following?

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