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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?

Sin runs rampant today, many times in our own lives, but we do not see it. Remember Luke 6.41? “And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?” How hard it is to look at ourselves and know our sinfulness. How easy it is to look at others and behold their sinfulness!

Isaiah Six sheds light on this as Isaiah stands before the Mercy-seat and experiences the glory of the Lord. As he experienced the glory of the Lord, he experienced his sinfulness and said, “Woe is me for I am undone.” Oh, I stand in need of the Lord and His forgiveness. As the old spiritual says, “It's me; It's me; It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.” What about you?

The Plumbline: Luke 17.4

And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

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.

One's inability to forgive as the Lord Jesus Christ teaches comes out of one's pain in one's own life, issues the person has not addressed and surrendered to the Lord God Almighty. When one has much pain in his life and is not able to acknowledge the pain and the cause, that person allows everything that comes into his life to attach itself to the pain in his life – unless he submits himself to the Lord and seeks forgiveness for his sins in his own life. The Psalmist gives us insight to this in Psalm 25.18: “Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.”

The following passage says it well and is an excellent teaching in this area of our lives. Joseph understood though he had been deeply hurt that the Lord God of Israel was on His throne in the midst of all that happened to him.

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father.

And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we [be] thy servants.

And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for [am] I in the place of God? (Gen 50.1-19)

May the Lord help each one of us who are truly followers of Jesus Christ to be as Joseph was and realize our need of forgiveness of our sins and our need to forgive others as Jesus did and commands us.

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