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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?

Obedience unto death may be the call of God upon your life as it was for so many of the great saints of old. Queen Esther knew that her life was in the service of God as she went before the king without his request for her – as Mordecai realized that his life was in the service of God when he refused to bow to Haman/Satan.

Many are seemingly bound to this world's goods, this world's life and ways. Esther understood her life was in the service of God and His people; she was willing to follow the Lord at all costs, “**If I perish, I perish.**” Our lives are to be in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, to walk in obedience to HIM – come what may.

Plumbline: Luke 9.23

And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

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.

You cannot make it to the top of the mountain as did Moses? Or to the throne into God's presence? Neither can I – on my own. I cannot make one gigantic leap and be there – but I will endeavor to follow the Apostle Paul's example (Read Ph 3.7-16).

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Ph 3.14).

I have determined that I will keep pressing toward the “mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Let me restate what is written in *The Message* as it explains how we can go with Moses to the top of the mountain of God. It helps us understand how Queen Esther and Mordecai were willing to lay their lives before the King of kings for His people, and to be willing to say, as did Queen Esther, “**If I perish, I perish.**” She understood this life was not about her but about the Lord's will in the lives of the people of God in Christ Jesus – as we need to understand.

Becoming one with the Lord, coming into the presence of His throne, His glory, is to enter through the rent veil into God's presence at the Mercy-seat. To go behind the veil, one must be stripped of all vestiges of sin and fleshly desires – purified and clothed in the righteousness of Christ. This journey we must make **alone**, but going into battle against the enemy requires the body of Christ to support one another in prayer and fasting.

This requires valuable time spent in the Lord's presence –in the Word, prayer, and worship. It means abiding in Him and He in us, aware of welcoming His presence every moment. It means dying to all attitudes, all thoughts, and all desires contrary to God's will. It means:

... that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

And **be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Rom 12.1, 2).

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