

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?

People of God, abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ is a daily, moment by moment walk with Him, walking the *Via Dolorosa* with Him. If we are not in the Word, reading the Holy Bible and listening to the Great Shepherd, we will be caught unawares and will be ensnared by the enemy, by Satan, who is so subtle that we may not know we have strayed until we have crossed the chasm – if we continue walking with the enemy.

The Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Bible, is clear in the commands that are set before us – if we are to live with Jesus Christ forever and ever in heaven.

Plumbline: James 4.7, 8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.

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.

Jesus tells us in John 15.4 to abide in Him – and He in us. Notice verse 7:

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

How do we do this? We do not give Satan a foothold, but walk in the Spirit with our minds tuned to the Word and our thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ. We resist Satan's temptations and guard our minds and hearts against the attacks, thoughts, and attitudes of Satan – being diligent to allow the Holy Spirit to continuously cleanse us. We spend time with the Lord and in His Word, yielding our will to His will and dying to our carnal nature that we might have the nature of Christ and be molded into His image. This is necessary for abiding in Christ and being clothed with His righteousness.

Jesus said if we abide in Him, we may ask what we will, and it shall be done. When we are abiding in Jesus, our hearts will be melded with His, and we will submit our wills to Him, to what He wants in us and for us.

Submitting ourselves to God is to resist the devil. When we stand firm in the Lord and face the enemy in the Name of Jesus Christ, when we face the enemy **in the presence of the Lord**, the enemy, Satan, will flee.

The scripture also says that we are to draw nigh to God. Isaiah stood before the Mercy-seat knowing that as he drew near to the Lord God, as he acknowledged he was a sinner and sought forgiveness for his sins, then the coal was taken from the altar, and he was cleansed. It was in the presence of the Lord God, being cleansed by the Lord, that he, with singleness of heart, was ready to respond to the Lord with "Here am I, send me" (Isa 6.1-8).

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