

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?

Desiring more and more of The Shepherd, coming to know The Shepherd, Jesus Christ, is to walk with Him on the *Via Dolorosa*, *The Way* of the Cross. It is a hard but glorious life to live in Him, to seek His face, that we might live for Him and with Him through all eternity – beginning now, today.

The Lord Jesus Christ calls us to “Come follow Me” (Lk 18.22). It is laying down everything that we might know Him and love Him because He first loved us (I Jn 4.19).

Jesus Christ, The Shepherd, laid down His life for us that we might have salvation in Him today and forevermore and calls to us to surrender our all to Him and to learn of Him daily; and we shall know His rest – come what may.

Plumbline: Matthew 11.29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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.

We must return to our first love (Rev 2.4) and seek first the Kingdom of God (Mt 6.33), seeking to know The Shepherd. We come to know The Shepherd, Jesus Christ, by being in His Word – not using it as some do to wrangle, but that we personally might come to a greater knowledge of Him and His ways.

We return to our first love as we are more and more in the Word, reading the Bible consistently and in context. One way is to read a book at a time in the Bible, asking the Lord to direct our reading that we might with singleness of heart and mind come to know the Lord Jesus Christ in a greater measure.

This is not about how quickly you can read a book in the Bible, but about how much you read with your heart, rereading small portions that “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God” (Ps 42.1).

We must learn of Him in our hearts, walking with Him moment by moment.

Fellowship with others who are walking with the Lord, who are in the Word of God that they might grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, can strengthen us on our journey with The Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Prayer is another way of knowing the Lord, discerning His voice, listening to Him. We must be reading the Bible that we shall know if what we are hearing is from the Lord Jesus Christ. What we *hear* must align with the Bible. This takes a life devoted to walking with the Lord and to the studying of His Word, the Holy Bible, to know if what we hear aligns with the Bible. When we hear something that we think is from the Lord, we must read the Word, the Bible, and seek discernment. We cannot know this if we do not know the Bible, His Holy Word.

It is a walk with The Shepherd by being in His Word, living for Him according to His Word that will bring us great joy and peace in our daily lives.

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