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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 many places in the Bible do we read, “**Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord;**” “Be not afraid nor dismayed;” “Be strong and of a good courage;” “**Only be thou strong and very courageous;**” “Ye shall not [need] to fight in this [battle]: set yourselves, stand ye [still], and see the salvation of the Lord with you;” “**Fear not, nor be dismayed;**” “He [it is] that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed;” “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God [is] with thee whithersoever thou goest;” “**Be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns [be] with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they [be] a rebellious house.**” (Ex 14.13; II Ch 20.15; Jos 1.6, 7; II Ch 20.17; Jos 10.25; Dt 31.8; Jos 1.9; Eze 2.6)

How many times and how many ways do we need to see the Word of the Lord coming to us commanding us to trust in Him to fight our battles for us?

Plumbline: II Chronicles 20.15b

...Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle [is] not yours, but God's.

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.

The Holy Bible teaches that we are to abide in the Lord Jesus Christ; we are to walk in the Spirit and live in the Spirit (Rom 8). It is a way of life in Christ Jesus. John 15.1-8 makes it clear that we are to abide in the Lord God in all that we do – for His glory.

The Psalmist gave us a prayer for our daily life when he cried out to the Lord in Psalm 25.2, “O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed . . .” We live in a time in which many have forgotten the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that all will be well when they die. Oh, not so according to the Word of the Lord.

It would do us well to read Revelation 3.1-6 to understand that the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) sets before His people the way of life. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn 14.6). There is but one way, and it is in Jesus Christ. The church of Sardis, as with the other churches, chose not to follow the commands of the Lord. They chose to walk with the world. Revelation 3.5, 6 are important to us as we consider our response to the Lord’s command to confess Him before all.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This walk with the Lord, confessing Him before men, is a daily walk at home, at work – wherever we are. We need to have the strength and holy boldness to say with Paul in Romans 1.16:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Let us pray one for another that we shall stand strong in Jesus Christ and confess Him to the world as our Lord and Savior.

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