

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?

Time is of the essence, lest we falter and are overcome by the pursuer, the enemy, Satan, and his apostles, deceitful workers, and ministers. These are days in which the response to sin is, "I believe differently than some, but it is okay." Have you heard the term, unity in diversity? How can you have unity with the enemy, with Satan and his followers?

Jesus made it clear:

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (II Cor 6:15-16).

Plumbline: Joshua 2.16

Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

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.

A command from the Word of the Lord: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you" (II Cor 6:17). The Bible makes it clear that the followers of Jesus Christ cannot walk with the world; you cannot serve two masters. "...for either [you] will hate the one, and love the other; or else [you] will hold to the one, and despise the other..." (Lk 16:13).

In my youth, it seemed that a distinct line existed separating a life lived for the Lord Jesus Christ from one lived according to Satan's worldly standards. Today, so many professing to live for the Lord have become lax in their stand for a godly life according to the Word of God and have accepted a worldly mentality and lifestyle contrary to the Bible. This acceptance of the world's ways is damning to a person's relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a time of decision, as Joshua made clear "...choose you **this day** whom ye will serve ... but as for me and my house, **we will serve the Lord**" (Jos 24:15).

In the first part of this verse, Joshua says, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord..." There are those for whom it is a burden; it is troublesome to make decisions, especially against the world today.

It is time to make a decision for the Lord, to live for the Lord and to decide to "...love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength..." (Mk 12:30).

The mentality of the world is rapidly becoming that described in Isaiah 5:20.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

To counteract such evil influence, we need more time in private communion with the Lord; we need to **Haste to the "Mountain of the Lord"** where we learn of His ways and grow in Christ, taking on His nature. In the Mountain of His Presence, there is strength to withstand Satan's influence and temptations; there we will find strength, boldness, determination, and love for the Lord that will remain strong in the time of persecution.

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