

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?

The world and “churches” today invite you to do it their way. They would have you believe they are goodly people and make you feel something is wrong with you for not going their way, for **not** “coming down” to them.

They may well be goodly people, but the Lord demands of His people a **godly** life, a people who walk with Him on the *Via Dolorosa*, who keep His commandments, His statutes, who walk in His righteousness and holiness – who will **not** “come down” to the enemy. He seeks a people who will live for him as did St. Stephen as he was stoned to death for speaking forth the truth of God in Christ Jesus (Acts 6; 7).

The Word says to mark them who **are** walking after the Spirit (Phi 3.17), but notice the plumbline! The Word also addresses those who are **not** walking after the Spirit (I Tim 6.3-5; I Cor 5.11; II Thes 3.6, 14; II Tim 3.5; II Jn 1.10-11).

The Plumbline: Romans 16.17 and 18

Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them** which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine [Gk: instruction] which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**

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.

Beware! I am reminded of Matthew 7.22-23:

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

There are many who say they know Jesus Christ, but do not. There are many who may be known as those who “prophesy, cast out devils, and have done many wonderful works” – using the Name of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says:

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [*it were*] possible, they shall deceive the very elect (Mt 24.24).

We need to be in the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Living Word and the written Word, abiding in Him and He in us (Jn 15.1-11), that we shall walk with Him as servants, that we might **not** “come down” to the enemy. In Nehemiah, we see the children of Israel working together to rebuild the wall. They did **not** “come down” to the enemy.

True prophets of God do not miss the mark! We need to be in the Word and read the Prophets of God that we might walk in the light of the Lord, that we might be obedient unto Him, seeking the will of God as we, the body of Christ, and work together for His glory that we might **not** “come down” to the enemy.

If we are in Christ and Christ in us, we will find ourselves becoming more and more like Him. We will speak the Word of the Lord without fear; we will do the work of the Lord without fear; we will not be disturbed or distracted by the enemy.

People of God, read the Word of the Lord and hide His Word in your heart that you may not sin against the Lord, that you might **not** “come down” to the enemy.

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