

The Plumbline

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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?

Walking in holiness is walking with those that are of the body of Christ, those who love the Lord Jesus and are on the **Highway of Holiness**. Walking in Holiness is not an allegiance to any person except Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel). It is as each member of the body of Christ comes out from among those who are NOT of the Lord and seeks Jesus Christ daily in their/our lives that we come together in unity, the unity of the Holy Spirit. It is as we are united in Jesus Christ that we are one in Him.

There are no options to willfully walk in sin and, at the same time, be a member of the body of Christ. One cannot walk with a divided heart, with Satan and with the body of Christ. A divided heart is dead – dead in Christ Jesus.

Today is the day of salvation! Awaken if you are not on the **Highway of Holiness**! And those of us endeavoring to walk in holiness according to the Holy Bible, may we stand with Moses in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ in His command.

Plumbline: Matthew 5.44 (43-46)

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

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 are reminded of Moses as the nation of Israel walked in their own willful, vile way, walked in disobedience to the Lord God. They were blatant about their sin, their vile personal sins and collective sins with the golden calf and how they *worshiped* the golden calf, their behavior . . . (Ex 32).

Then, later in the history of Israel, they were in confederacy and communion with the people around them, worshiping their idols, their false gods: a people seemingly always walking in disobedience, walking in sin. Israel would promise to walk in obedience to the Lord God, then would turn away from God. They at times thought they could walk with the heathen/pagan nations and their gods while “acting” like they were walking with the Lord God Almighty, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

Let us look at Moses and how he interceded for the children of Israel in their deep sin. Moses prayed and interceded for them, stood in the gap (Ex 32.31-33), **but did not walk with them**. Read the Word of God and see that Moses did not stand with them in their sin. Moses walked with the Lord and was called to “Come Up Higher” (Nov, 2014 *Message*). The people were commanded not to go up with Moses when the Lord called him to hew out two stones for the the Lord to once again write the Ten Commandments.

Moses had love for the people he led out of Egypt and later to Canaan, for a people walking in grave sin, who wanted God to be their genie while they walked in sin. Moses understood love, the love of God in Christ Jesus, when he stood in the gap and interceded and prayed for the people – **but did not walk with them**!

We are reminded of St. Paul in his writings regarding Alexander the Coppersmith (II Tim 4.14-17; I Tim 1.20) and Hymenaeus and Philetus – **Paul did not walk with them**!

We are reminded of a prayer by Martin Luther of the 16th century. Oh, how we pray the following:

Grant forgiveness also to those who have harmed or wronged us, as we forgive them from our hearts. They inflict the greatest injury upon themselves by arousing thy anger in their actions toward us. We are not helped by their ruin; we would much rather that they be saved with us. Amen.

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