

The Plumbline

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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?

People of God in Christ Jesus, time is of the essence! We are nearing the time of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Holy Church. Our lives need to be full of Him, full of the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and the written Word, the Holy Bible, that we shall be ready to spend eternity with Him, now and forevermore.

I believe that if we love the Lord Jesus Christ, we long for that day when we are called to be with Him and be around the throne worshiping Him through all eternity (Rev.7.9-17).

Plumbline: Ephesians 6.16-18

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

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.

How many times have I seen a church experience a wonderful revival, the Holy Spirit present – doing a great work! People were restored and renewed in the Lord; others were saved; healings took place; it was simply accepted that something wonderful would happen. Then the presence of the Holy Spirit began to wane. People became lax in their prayer life; Satan convinced them that all they needed was to look the same, do the same things, use the same words – but the results were **not** there. They had succumbed to the use of man's programs and understanding; they had accepted the counterfeit. The worship service was no longer WORSHIP, so the emphasis switched to PRAISE. People were not taught that worship and praise are different. Both are important, as the Bible teaches; but they are not interchangeable. When one of these is lacking, there is an empty void in one's life – and a lack of the power of God in operation.

WORSHIP is to bow down before God, not only to bow in a physical position, but also to bow one's heart before Almighty God as did Moses (Ex 34.8), Job (Job 1.20), and Ezekiel (3.23). They knew who they were NOT but Whose they were as did Isaiah (6.1-8) – and humbly bowed before Him.

When one experiences the powerful presence of the Lord in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit, there is nothing to say, nothing to do but bow before Him, to lay our lives before Him as did Isaiah (6.5).

Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

PRAISE is to sing unto the Lord, to make music unto the Lord as we read all through the Psalms and other Books of the Bible (Torah, History, Prophets . . .). Praise can also be spoken unto the Lord (Ps 35.28; 145.21).

When we are in the Word of God, reading the Bible daily with our hearts and living for the Lord Jesus Christ, we will know Acts 19.20 to be real, to be truth in our own lives. Is that not the prayer of each who love the Lord Jesus Christ with their lives?

"So mightily grew the Word of God and **prevailed**" in the lives of the people in Acts who loved the Lord and longed for more of Him in their lives daily.

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