

# 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?

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you. O my soul, rejoice.  
Take heart, my King, in what you hear.  
May it be a sweet, sweet voice in your ear.

Author unknown

The question today is do we know what love is as we read about Jesus Christ Who gave His life for you and me. What an experience as Peter came to know love, as history reveals he gave His life for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ – as did Paul. Ten of the disciples were martyred for their love for Jesus Christ.

I am brought low when I realize that love is being willing to give your all to Jesus – come what may. So many all through history have been asked to give their lives for Jesus Christ, and, yet many more have not – but they still love the Lord with a willingness to lay it all down for Him.

Let us seek the Lord and what He wants of us and teach us - that we may know His love and share His love as He directs us day by day.

### Plumbline: Deuteronomy 6.5; Matthew 22.37

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

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.

I sense that we do not understand love as we speak the word *love*. I hear said, I love my dog, I love this food, I love . . . and on it goes. People say they looked up a word in the Greek or Hebrew to better understand something, and, yet, they have no more knowledge than before.

I recall forty some years ago when I heard a pastor preach on John 21. He explained it that Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him three times because that represents the triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I wanted to ask him where did he get his "sermon" for the morning, but I did not. I chose to say that his Greek New Testament read differently than the one I use. He looked around quickly and asked, "Could we talk later?" No, there was no discussion then or later.

I have sat through some "sermons" and wondered where in the world do people get their information for sermons. Oh, yes, most all I know go to the plastic and push a button. And, there is one ready made for you to give forth as the truth of a god as though they had studied many hours on the sermon. The sad part is that those listening do not read the Bible nor do they care to understand it. So, therefore, just say anything that makes people feel good – and you have a following.

My point is: How long since you asked the Lord what He wanted preached or taught? How long since you were in love with the Lord and loved His Word, eager to open the Word and see what the Lord has for you? Oh, seek the Lord in your personal life and grow in the Lord – then ask the Lord what HE wants of you.

Then my question is, Why are you standing on the pulpit instead of behind the pulpit to give forth the Truth of the Lord? Do you love Jesus? Do you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you been called to preach or to teach?

I ask you, Do you love my Lord? the Lord Jesus Christ?

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