

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?

The time is near when we need to heed the Word of the Lord concerning Lot's wife and many others through all history, who have chosen to look back.

Looking back weakens our resolve to go on with the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to hear Paul's word to us concerning his own life from Philippians 3.13, 14 for the time is near when the Lord is coming, and no time can be wasted on looking back. How often some want to take something from their past with them which delays their obedience to the command of the Lord: "Remember Lot's wife."

In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back (Lk 17.31).

When looking back to take from the past whether in the above scripture, or to take something of a memory of the past, beware. What lies in our past will distract us from the voice of the Lord as He calls us to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Plumbline: Genesis 19.17, 26

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said,
Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain;
escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.
But [Lot's] wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

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.

When we are distracted with what lies behind us, we often miss what lies before us. But missing what lies before us can bring to us greater hardship than what lies behind us, if we are not prepared for that which lies before us.

The enemy knows how to distract us with the past so we do not see, so that we are unaware of the battle that lies before us. Looking back may cause us to continue on the same road, the broad road that leads to destruction, the road that leads away from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Mt 7.13, 14).

Paul made it clear that he had let go of his past, he had repented of his sins, had given it all to the Lord Jesus Christ that he might go on with the Lord, to walk with the Lord, to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do],
forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phi 3.13, 14).

In the midst of the hardships Paul endured for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he did not look behind him for the joy of serving the Lord Jesus Christ; he reached forth unto that to which was before him, a life in Jesus Christ, serving the Lord with his life. Paul understood that he could not serve the Lord while looking at those things which were behind him, the life of sin that was behind him. He chose to repent and move on knowing the Lord had a calling upon his life.

Where are you in your life? Have you repented of your sins and, like Paul, forgetting those things which are behind, are you reaching forth unto those things which are before you in Christ Jesus? Are you serving the Lord with all your heart?

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