

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?

It seems many have taken lightly the Word of the Lord, "Prepare to meet thy God," (Amos 4.12). The word *prepare* in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament, is to be "fixed, securely determined; to be steadfast, established; to make ready."

"Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel - This is a military phrase, and is to be understood as a challenge to come out to battle. As if the Lord had said, I will attack you immediately. Throw yourselves into a posture of defense, summon your idols to your help: and try how far your strength, and that of your gods, will avail you against the unconquerable arm of the Lord of hosts!" (Adam Clarke Commentary on the Bible)

The Wisemen prepared to meet their God, Jesus Christ, with their whole heart. It was not an easy road they traveled, in more ways than one. The two year journey through the desert was most difficult, but also the journey of being opposed by King Herod, putting their lives in grave danger. If you recall, the males, two years and under were slaughtered by King Herod because of his fear of the new born King, King Jesus – and his opposing those who followed Jesus Christ.

Plumbline: Amos 4.12

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: [and] because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

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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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

"Prepare to meet thy God" is a teaching of long ago. This has not been preached or taught for many years. Someone might take offense! We must not upset anyone. We must ensure people are happy. We must tell them how wonderful they are – and on goes the many claims for this world of today - and for many years now.

From whom do you think this teaching comes? How many times have I heard people say, "Oh, I go to church; I'm okay." Do you not realize that Satan has never missed a Sunday (or any other time) in church? He is a "church-goer" also and he never ever misses going to church.

Traveling coast to coast for the Lord for ten years made us aware of the teaching, "Be sure to be in church on Sunday." When we asked people, "Is there a time in your life that you repented of your sins, and asked Jesus Christ to come into your life to be your Lord and Savior," the answer many times was, "Oh, I go to church." "Do you read the Bible every day?" "Oh, I have some good books I read."

Walking in obedience is preparing to meet thy God. I am reminded of Joshua who commanded the children of Israel to "Prepare" and Samuel also.

Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it (Jos 1.11).

I Samuel 7.3 is another scripture using this same understanding of the word, *prepare*.

And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, [then] put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

We must go forward speaking forth the Truth of the Lord God Almighty regardless of what the world tells us, regardless of restrictions in this nation being made upon those who truly know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We must go forth encouraging, edifying, the body of Christ in preparing to meet our Lord and Savior, walking a life of holiness to which each of us are called. We must "Prepare to meet thy God."

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