

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?

porches of many houses, and as the false priests tried to carry their heavy statue, they slipped in the deluge, and their idol crashed to the pavement, breaking its arm and head.

"When the storm finally abated, the pagan priests quickly repaired the idol and announced he had made a grave mistake. The annual celebration, he said, was to have fallen, not on January 11, but on January 14.

"Lord," Watchman Nee **prayed**, 'give us good weather until that hour. We have much to do.' During the next three days, the seven young men evangelized around the clock, and thirty villagers confessed Christ as Lord.

"When the revised day arrived, exactly at the appointed hour, another mammoth storm hit Meihwa. From that moment, paganism's hold on the island was broken. A church was established. And the faith of seven young men was dramatically strengthened for their years of ministry to come."

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Do you seek the Lord in your life, ceasing not to pray?

Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.17

Pray without ceasing.

Jam 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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.

Let me share with you how one young Chinese evangelist shared the gospel to the people in a fishing village in Mei-hwa in mainland China. The year was 1920. Here are some excerpts taken from the story titled "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" The story is written by R. J. Morgan:

"Despite intense effort, the young men (the Chinese evangelists) didn't see the slightest results to their witnessing. The villagers ignored them. Finally, the youngest of the evangelists, Kuo-ching Lee, shouted to a crowd in frustration, "What's wrong with you? Why don't you believe?"

"'Oh, we do believe,' came back a reply. 'We believe in our great king, the God Ta-Wang. He never fails us.'

"As Kuo-ching questioned the crowd, he learned that every year, the village staged a great festival for their god, TaWang. For the last 286 years, it had not rained on that annual festival day. And as it turned out, the celebration was only two days away, on January 11. Impulsively, Kuoching Lee announced, "Then I promise you, our God, who is the true God, will make it rain on the eleventh.

"The crowd took up his challenge. 'Say no more,' they replied. 'If there is rain on the eleventh, then your **JESUS** is indeed God. We will be ready to hear Him.'

"Convinced that God intended to perform a miracle on the eleventh, the leader of the mission group Watchman Nee instructed his young Chinese evangelists to broadcast the challenge throughout the area. The Lord God of Elijah would send rain on January 11, a day that had not seen a drop of rain in almost three centuries.

"The news spread quickly, and everyone in the village became caught up in the excitement of the contest. It was the subject of every conversation.

"When January 11 dawned, it was a perfect day. The sun rose in a cloudless sky, and Watchman Nee had to shield his eyes from its brightness. The villagers, assured that Ta-Wang was the true good after all, scurried about preparing for their festival. Deeply disturbed, Watchman began to **pray**, 'Lord, this doesn't look like the rain that You. . .' Suddenly, his **PRAAYER** was interrupted by 2 Kings 2:14: Where is the Lord God of Elijah?

"Quickly dressing, Watchman Nee joined his companions at the breakfast table. As they bowed their heads over the food, he offered a simple blessing: 'Father, please accept our **prayer** as a gentle reminder that You promised to answer the challenge of the demongod today. Even though not a cloud appears in the sky, we trust in Your promise.'

"Before Watchman Nee pronounced the 'Amen,' the seven young evangelists heard a few drops hitting the tiled roof. As the rain began falling, villagers hurried to protect their false god, hoisting him onto a platform to be carried down the street. As they started off, the rain fell in the streets, then a torrential downpour. Water rose in the streets until it reached the

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