

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?

Sanctifying the Lord is declaring and proclaiming His Holiness as did the seraphim in Isaiah Six.

Blessing the Lord and singing His praises, proclaiming Him King of kings and Lord of lords, the only true and living God, may bring separation from those who know not the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus.

A life of holiness and lifting up Jesus Christ will cause us to walk another way, a road that may be lonely, a road that may be condemned by the world - and the those standing on pulpits, and churchgoers.

Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and [let] him [be] your fear, and [let] him [be] your dread (Isa 8.13).

Plumbline: I Peter 3.15, 16

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

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.

How we want to be blessed and lifted up in the Lord. How many times do we ask the Lord, "Bless me, O Lord." I recall a dear friend who was on National Geographic many years ago. They videoed her at the altar of her church praying, "Bless me, O Lord, that I might be a blessing to others."

My heart was deeply touched when I heard that; it brought me to realize I need to repent of not praying for others as they desire and stand in need as do I to be blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

This brings me to the scripture, ". . . sanctify the Lord God in your hearts . . ." How do we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts? How do we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts? Why are we to sanctify the Lord in our hearts?

I am concerned that we too often just want to be blessed by the Lord, and, yet, we are not aware of His holiness, of His glory, of Who He is. Isaiah Six reveals to us the glory of the Lord and the Seraphims crying out, "Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.

I believe we would not be able to stand under the power of the glory of the Lord.

The Psalmist writes much about blessing the Lord. The following is only a few verses, and there are other verses in the Bible teaching us to lift high the Name of Jesus, to sanctify the Lord...

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons (Ps 16.7)

Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people (Ps 96.2, 3).

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good [things; so that] thy youth is renewed like the eagle's (Ps 103.2-5).

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