

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?

The Lord calls us to follow Him. When we come to know Him, we are to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness . . ." This is a call to walk a life of holiness, to know His love and share it with others. But there is more to this call, the call to the *Via Dolorosa*, *The Way of the Cross*, in the Gospels. Let us look at Mark 10.17-21. A man had information about Jesus and about keeping the law, but in reading the following (Mk 10.17-22), we see that he did not **know** the Lord

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God.

Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Plumbline: Matthew 16.24, 25

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

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.

Let me digress to my understanding of what it is to seek to know someone.

When my late husband and I met, I did not go any place to gather facts about him. I was not interested in seeking what may be called knowledge for the sake of gathering of information. As we walked together, went to church together, were out in the community together, praying to the Lord Jesus Christ together, reading the Word of the Lord together, I **came to know him**.

When one is introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ, one has to step out in faith and accept His love, trust Him with all their heart. Then one has to begin walking with the Lord and, yes, talking with Him. But, one has also to learn to listen to His voice according to the Word of God in Christ Jesus, the Holy Bible. When someone tells me what they believe the Lord said to them, and it does not align to the Holy Bible, I know they are listening to other voices – not the Lord God Almighty. There are many false teachers, preachers, prophets, Christs.

And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here [is] Christ; or, lo, [he is] there; believe [him] not:

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect (Mk 13.21, 22).

There is another part to seeking Jesus Christ and coming to know Him. When we read His Word, we must also "hear," **obey** His voice. Seeking Jesus Christ is to walk with Him. To walk with Him is to obey Him. When we surrender our lives to Him, we will walk the *Via Dolorosa* with Him. Do not look around to see if others are with you because the Bible tells us that there are few that walk the straight and narrow way.

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 theret:

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).

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