

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?

Oh, that we might come to the place where Moses was when he counted the cost of following the Lord, of walking in obedience to the Lord, when he received his *marching orders* to lead a people who were whiners, who never knew the joy of the Lord, but walked the way of the enemy (Num 16).

And he said, My presence shall go [with thee], and I will give thee rest.

I do not believe we could stand under the power of the presence of the Lord, and, yet do we not seek the presence of the Lord in our lives, crying out with Moses for the Lord to show us *The Way*. I am reminded of Ezekiel in Ezekiel 3.23. Oh, the power of the Lord when He reveals His glory to His chosen vessels. The Lord calls us to "Come up higher," and it is a walk we must make alone. Nobody else can do it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves – as did Moses.

Plumbline: Exodus 34.2, 3

And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

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.

Moses asked for it, for all the discouragements, the problems, the hateful people, when he said, "Yes" to the Lord, "Yes" to lead the people out of Egypt. Moses went through some hard training, many, many years in the desert, before ever the Lord God called him to lead the people out of Egypt. His life was hard, and a life of discouragement, but Moses loved the Lord and chose to hear (obey) the voice of the Lord, to obey at all costs.

However, Moses, like some of us in the midst of our discouragements ask of the Lord to encourage us on, show us the way (Ex 33.12-18)

And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation [is] thy people.

And he said, My presence shall go [with thee], and I will give thee rest.

And he said unto him, If thy presence go not [with me], carry us not up hence.

For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? [is it] not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that [are] upon the face of the earth.

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

I cannot imagine experiencing what Moses did in the presence of the Lord God, when he said to the Lord, "Show me thy glory." There is a cost to experiencing the glory of the Lord, as did Moses. There is a cost when we walk with the Lord, when we choose to serve the Lord as did Joshua.

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