

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?

Job is a court scene, if you read it in the original language. God is the judge, the jury, and the prosecutor. You do not have a "chance" when the Lord God is all three. Read Chapter 37:

Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?
(37.14, 15).

Oh, where were you, Job, when the Lord hung the stars? It is in this chapter that Job realizes that his life is not about him. It is about the Lord God Almighty and our giving glory to the Lord in our lives, in the midst of all that comes our way, all that is endeavoring to take our eyes off the Lord Jesus Christ, all that is discouraging us, all that is pressing in on us in our lives.

When these times of trials come, we must turn our eyes upon Jesus. Read Job 42. Contrary to those "preaching" and teaching that this world is about us, I implore you to turn away from them, watch for those who endeavor to distract you from the Lord, and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, giving unto Him all honor and glory and praise - in the midst of your life at all time. Place your name where Job's is in verse 14.

Plumbline: Job 37.14

Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

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.

Oh, awaken and let us go on with the Lord and in His Holy Word. We need to travel with Job of the Old Testament.

Recall the dialogue between the Lord God and Satan in Job One? Satan makes it clear that he believes Job is living for the Lord because all is well for him (Job 1.10, 11).

Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

God tell Satan that he can do what he wants with Job, but he cannot take his life (v 9). Read verses 10-19 and you will see the devastation that touched Job's life. And, yet - read the next three verses. Job did not turn from the Lord God because of what happened in his life. He did not blame God for the travesty in his life. He worshipped the Lord, trusting the Lord with his life.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,
And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Much happened in Job's life after that - and not positive necessarily. Job's three enemies, uh, I mean three friends went to Job in their self-righteousness saying what many say today. In essence, Job, if you were living right all this would not have happened. When evil comes into our lives, it seems those sitting in the bleachers are the first to make a judgment call on others. The dialogue between these three and Job entails chapters two through 36.

Beautiful is Chapter 37 forward. When evil comes into our lives, it is a test of our faith, and a witness to the world for the Lord when we can trust the Lord with our lives - if we are living in obedience to the Lord, a life of holiness;

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