

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?

AMatthew Henry summed up well the meaning of Amos 8.4-10.

The rich and powerful of the land were the most guilty of oppression, as well as the foremost in idolatry. They were weary of the restraints of the sabbaths and the new moons, and wished them over, because no common work might be done therein. This is the character of many who are called Christians. The sabbath day and sabbath work are a burden to carnal hearts. It will either be profaned or be accounted a dull day. But can we spend our time better than in communion with God? When employed in religious services, they were thinking of marketings. They were weary of holy duties, because their worldly business stood still the while. Those are strangers to God, and enemies to themselves, who love market days better than sabbath days, who would rather be selling corn than worshipping God. They have no regard to man: those who have lost the savour of piety, will not long keep the sense of common honesty. . . .

Plumbline: Amos 8.4-7 ff

Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,
Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?
That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; [yea], and sell the refuse of the wheat?
The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

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.

Read Amos 8.4-10. Is this what we are doing because people have rights to hurt others, to ensure they have their rights to do whatever they want - at whatever cost necessary, for one's own pleasure and experience of power?

Look around you and, as you watch the rioting, because each person believes they have rights to hurt others to get what they want, to prove their power over others, what is you *feel*? Many believe they have rights to hurt others, and use them as a way of venting their anger that is more at themselves than others. Anger many times is because of one's own failure - needing to blame others. Oh, many may say they have not harmed anyone, so therefore they are just wonderful; however, the negative understanding of goodness is not what the Lord Jesus teaches.

Oh, the selfish nation will be destroyed by their own undoing as they walk blindly believing they are satisfying themselves to accomplish what they want.

I heard one say, of a young family member that they were so proud of the young person because that young person was fighting for their rights and the rights of others, and was going to show others what is like not to have what they want - by destroying the property of others endeavoring to destroy the person.

Today, two wrongs make a right it seems - as long as you keep saying "jesus, jesus" while doing it. However, their jesus is not the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel. For the Holy Bible does not teach what is today marketed as truth, believed to be acceptable, believed to be the right way to do things.

Where, oh where, are the preachers of the Word of God in Christ Jesus who not only know the Word of God but live it and preach it today that the souls of people will be saved and live a godly life?

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