

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?

Ifear we are walking in our own willful ways, believing ourselves to be gods. And it is with hate that we see people, people of all ages, going forth in hate saying, "I'll teach them" or "Nobody is going to tell me what to do" while they burn and tear down other people's property - who do not do what they want. They even kill and steal and burn down anything in sight - laughing as they do it. Then comes Sunday, and maybe they go to their square building where the one, hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum, fails to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ - lest someone might be offended - while the world is being overtaken by the enemy, by Satan, himself, through any one who follows him and his word. Oh, how sad that we are not hearing the Word of God going forth that this nation might stand.

Plumbline: I Peter 4.16-18

Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

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.

Life is challenging, especially in these days that lie before us. Many are alone, no place to go that is safe from the weapon of Satan to divide and plunder the body of Christ. Many have died from the weapon used by Satan to separate people in many ways. 1) We are divided by distance lest the weapon is upon us and we get the *plague*. 2) We are divided by careless attitudes, lest we be obedient to the magistrates (those in authority). For some say, "No one is going to tell me what to do," (including the Lord God, I fear). Others say, "I am not responsible for other people and if they die by the *plague*, so I am not going to do what is helpful for others to protect them. 3) We are divided by who follows the Word of the Lord and who does not.

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, [but] gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, [and] hating one another (Tit 3.1-3).

There is a time to obey not the law of the land, but that is only when it goes against the Holy Word of the Lord God. The followers understood this. Read Acts Five as it deals when to walk against the government.

And when they had brought them, they set [them] before the council: and the high priest asked them,

Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should NOT teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be] a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and [so is] also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him

When they heard [that], they were cut [to the heart], and took counsel to slay them. (Acts 5.27-33).

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