


God's Plumb Line


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Amos 7:7-8 (7)Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. (8)And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.

With the absence of objective assurance here and there, we would dwell in a world of religious make-believe. Our Lord sometimes proves Himself before man by showcasing His Deity through an undeniable occurrence like the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Humanity can attest to the truths of God through observation and experimentation (1 Kings 18:30-39). Man, therefore, is without excuse.

And from time to time, the Lord also verifies the relationship we have with Him by instantly responding to a prayer or miraculously saving us from an unfortunate situation. On the flip side, if He needs to get our attention, He will wake us up by permitting a trial or test to alert us that the communion is degrading. It keeps us from sinking into self-contentment and pride, which both will cause a separation from Him.

In the principle of the plumb line, this is what God is addressing. Amos comprehended that the Lord was using it to evaluate the morality, spirituality, and genuineness of the people against the standard. This evaluation would answer the question, "Are they really the people of God?" God wants to know if they are showcasing His characteristics.

The concept of a Spiritual Standard of Measure shifted directly into the churches of the New Testament. The Lord uses almost identical imagery, a measuring rod, in **Revelation 11:1** "*Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there"*". To the church in Laodicea, the Lord uses fire to refer to a test instead of a plumb line. (**Revelation 3:14-22**)

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At His service,
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