

# THE PLEASANT VIEW PLUMB LINE

"...I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel..." (Amos 7:8)

## THE PLUMB LINE OF GOD

Amos, the prophet, wrote to and worked among a heathen people. He was sent from his homeland of Tekoa, in the southern kingdom of Judah, to Bethel, in the northern kingdom of Israel, where the king, Jeroboam II, made his residence. Under the leadership of Jeroboam II, Israel had conquered her enemies, therefore allowing her to enlarge her borders and through a vast agricultural ability, brought much prosperity to her people. At this time Israel had enjoyed a period of peace, tranquility, and prosperity for sixty years, therefore influencing the people to become very lackadaisical in her religious attitude, causing them to give themselves to materialism, self-indulgence, pride, and cruel oppression.

In addition to the worldly attitude of the northern nation of the divided kingdom, the people were still greatly influenced by the introduction many years earlier of calf worship, therefore making them an idolatrous people. Jehovah sent Amos, his prophet, to these northern people to proclaim judgment upon them and in doing so Jehovah provided a number of visions for Amos to aid him in his work.

*"Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more..."* (Amos 7:7-8). In this particular vision Amos records that he saw Jehovah upon a wall with a plumb line in his hand. A plumb line is a standard of straightness for making walls to be perfectly vertical without lean or sag.

In Exodus 20 and following, Jehovah had formed the united nation of Israel from his people delivered forth from Egyptian bondage by providing the law of Moses as a plumb line to establish the nation upon solid religious principles. Now, after hundreds of years of apostasy from that standard of righteousness, God sets his plumb line among them once again to illustrate the extent to which they had wavered from the true way and to encourage them to realign themselves with that standard.

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**SUNDAY AM**

The Freedom We Enjoy

Text: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

II. Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

III. Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

**a merry heart doeth well...**

Bill's wife was about to have their first baby. One day the nurse at the maternity ward answered the phone, and Bill's excited voice was on the other end.

"This is Bill Jones!" he yelled. "I'm bringing my wife in right now—she's about to have a baby!"

"Try to keep calm," said the nurse. "Is this her first baby?"

"No!" he yelled. "This is her husband."

Have you ever wondered why *abbreviation* is such a long word?

**SUNDAY PM**

For What Hast Thou Called Me?

Text: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Together We Must \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

II. Together We Must \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

B. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

C. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?

III. Together We Must \_\_\_\_\_

A. We must \_\_\_\_\_

B. We must \_\_\_\_\_

C. We must \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Together We Must \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Brethren,*

*I want to say a quick word of thanks to all who worked on my study. It is ideal in all purposes of my work. Thank you.*

*Andy*

Today Jehovah continues to have a plumb line set in the world and among his people. Wherein that plumb line in the days of Amos was the Old Testament law of Moses, today that plumb line is a new and better law, established, taught, and ordained by Jesus Christ (Hebrews 8:7-13). Today Christians teach and preach among a heathen people who have enjoyed peace and prosperity, therefore influencing them to be very lackadaisical in her religious attitude, and giving themselves to materialism, self-indulgence, pride, and cruel oppression. Today Jehovah sets before the world and among his people the plumb line of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ as the righteous standard.

How far has the world wavered from that perfect completeness sought in the word of Jehovah? It should be the purpose of every child of Jehovah God to use this plumb line, this standard, to persuade people to measure themselves by the standard and in those areas of which they fall short then go about the necessary steps to correct themselves. The word of Jehovah is "*quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword*" (Hebrews 4:12), "*given by inspiration of God, and is profitable*" (II Timothy 3:16), and "*the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth it*" (Romans 1:16). Therefore, as the ultimate and perfect plumb line of God is set before all of mankind, all should look toward it and it only as the sole religious authority for the lives of people who earnestly want to serve Jehovah and one day be saved for all eternity. This weekly bulletin is named "The Plumb Line" in expectation that it will advocate the truth and aid souls in measuring themselves according to the pattern.

*-Andy Brewer*

**GBN AT THE RYMAN  
JULY 1-3, 2007**

**Sunday, July 1:**

4:30 PM - Doors Open Central Time

6:00 PM - Congregational Singing  
Jeff Scott

6:30 PM - "Repentance"  
Tom Holland

7:30 PM - Stay with us for a visit to  
"Tom Holland's Pastime Porch"

**Monday, July 2:**

8:00 AM - Doors Open Central Time

9:05 AM - "Life and Time of N. B.  
Hardeman" Garland Elkins

9:55 AM - "The Power of God's Word"  
Winford Claiborne

10:45 AM - "Reformers and Restorers"  
B. J. Clarke

5:00 PM - Doors Open Central Time

6:30 PM - Congregational Singing  
Jeff Scott

7:00 PM - "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"  
Winford Claiborne

8:00 PM - "God's Foolishness vs. Man's  
Wisdom" James Watkins

**Tuesday, July 3:**

8:00 AM - Doors Open Central Time

9:05 AM - "Life and Time of N. B.  
Hardeman" Garland Elkins

9:55 AM - "Rightly Dividing the Word of  
Truth" James Watkins

10:45 AM - "Reconciliation"  
Tom Holland

5:00 PM - Doors Open Central Time

6:30 PM - Congregational Singing  
Jeff Scott

7:00 PM - "What Church to Join"  
B. J. Clarke

8:00 PM - "The Great Commission"  
Jim Dearman