

## Amos 7:7-8

**<sup>7</sup> Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.**

If something is even to the horizon we call that level, but if it is perpendicular to the horizon, then it is plumb. As a builder one of the most accurate and ancient tools for determining plumb, is the plumb line. Today we use levels and even lasers to accomplish this task, but still they can be inaccurate and may be in need of being recalibrated; but the plumb line needs no such calibration to maintain its accuracy. Why am I going into such detail about the simplicity and accuracy of this tool; because it is exactly the one the Lord chose to refer to here in this verse? Even after thousands of years and all of the technological advances that have been made, God's choice still exceeds the rest.

What is the Lord talking about here with putting a plumb line in the midst of His people? The plumb line represents God, and His Commandments, Laws and Covenants. They are perfect and unchanging. The discrepancy lies within each one of us. We vacillate back and forth from Rejection to Rebellion. Please follow along with me closely here. When man steps away from God and His Law; man steps either into a path of rejection or rebellion. You may wonder what this has to do with your Christian walk, but it may very well explain why you or someone you know swings as a believer from one destructive pattern back to another without any breakthrough. How many of us have experienced a besetting sin that pulled at us until we gave in. We knew it was wrong and even sinful. Only then, after we embraced that sin, did we lapse into rejection or some other passive destructive mode. Fornication is one of the sins that can bring this type of madness into a person's life. Every fiber in your being cries out for intimacy; yet after the intimacy has been fulfilled, a new low or cloak of shame comes on you as well.

This pattern is maddening!! So how can it be broken? The only way to break the patterns of sin and destruction in our lives is through the power of the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ. First, you must confess your sin to God, and I would recommend a mature brother or sister in Christ who can help hold you accountable. Second, you must repent!! No longer allowing yourself to return to the stronghold that has controlled your life. Third, forgive anyone who has any influence of bringing this sin in to your life, including yourself. Lastly, get into the Word of God! If you don't allow the power of God's Word to renew your mind, you will only walk this out in defeat. Ultimately, what is it that each one of us is looking for? Freedom, freedom from sin, freedom from pain, freedom the strongholds in our lives; can you be free, absolutely, but that freedom comes only on God's terms, not yours. I can tell you from experience that God set me free from two addictions that I was convinced I would take to the grave. You can be free as well. Don't let Satan convince you for one more day that you can't be free! My prayer is that you will discover the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ; and that the sin in your life that has been crippling and destroying your walk, and testimony, will be broken in the name of Jesus. I bless you to be free in Jesus' name.