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Men seek to define their own standards of that which is beautiful, that which is proper, and that which is satisfying. Yet these standards are constantly changing and are different between various peoples of the world and the times in which they live. Art reflects these ever changing standards as well as music and other forms of cultural expression. What one society holds up as worthy of note is completely ignored by another, even as what constitutes wealth and the things necessary to happiness in this life are quite markedly different in various regions of the world.

Yet regardless of where one goes or what age one may be from there are certain standards used in building which do not change from one society to another. To depart from these “standards” is to produce an inferior product. Those “standards” are “level”, “square”, and “plumb”. Any builder in any society must employ these “standards” and cannot ignore them. There is only one condition which can be defined as “level”. There is only one condition which can be defined as “plumb” and there is only one condition which can be defined as “square”. There are numerous shapes, angles, and curves which can be found yet all of those various shapes derive their form from their deviations from that which is level, plumb, and square. There are many “straight lines” which can be found as well but they all have their origins in those “standards” which do not deviate, and their definitions arise from their relationship to the same in one fashion or another.

The LORD has built HIS Kingdom with a STANDARD that does not deviate at all. *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”* *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* Paul declared it like this, *“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”*

In order to rightly observe this construction one must behold the STANDARD and recognize that this is not the work of men but of HIM who is the wise MASTERBUILDER, This is not an edifice which is dependent on others to complete, nor do the materials of which this House is built participate in its construction. Each stone is shaped and placed by ONE BUILDER and HE well deserves the praise for that edifice which is without compare.

The LORD showed Amos a wall and then HE asked him what he saw. He could have commented upon the materials with which the wall was constructed, or perhaps the orientation of it in relation to other landmarks. Instead he saw HIM who held a PLUMBLINE with which the wall was constructed and that sight overshadowed the wall itself and struck fear in Amos’ heart. Carnal men have been shown a STANDARD but they have gladly deviated from it. Most by ignorance and natural rebellion, but some have done so by going about to establish their own righteousness and walking in the ways of carnal religion. Much contentment is found in seeking out a religion which appeals to the flesh and exalts the free will of men. The flesh is always ready to worship a god of their own choosing and design. They are especially satisfied to find one who thinks like they do, answers when they call, and is always ready to deviate from one narrow standard. They love a god who “understands” their weaknesses and who will turn a blind eye to their transgressions.

The wall that the LORD showed to Amos was perfectly plumb because HE who built it will not in any wise deviate from that STANDARD of RIGHTEOUSNESS which HE has set forth. JESUS CHRIST is the STANDARD by which all things shall be compared. HE is the PLUMBLINE in the LORD’s hands. HE who is of purer eyes than to look upon sin will not accept any righteousness which does not meet that STANDARD. Isaiah said that the very best that men have to offer, are nothing but filthy rags in the sight of a HOLY GOD. CHRIST crucified is the only acceptable doctrine as we look to the PLUMBLINE. The imputation of HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS to the elect and the imputation of their sin to HIM is the only doctrine which measures up to this PLUMBLINE. It is HIS work alone which establishes the ground of the justification of HIS people. They cannot participate in a work which HE has finished. All other doctrines must be considered false which do not present the work of CHRIST alone as the sole grounds whereby the sons of GOD are justified before the law. HE has cancelled their sin debt by HIS own blood.

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