

The Blessed Life

A Study of the Beatitudes

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Message Title: The Pure in Heart

Message Text: Matthew 5:8

Introduction:

Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

This past week my mom had two cardiac arrests. My dad was quick to call the paramedics and begin CPR until they came. When they arrived, they administered the defibrillator six times before getting a pulse again. These were terrifying moments! While the doctors did their best to discover the cause of the cardiac arrest and the “death rhythm”, they could not. One of the doctors did say in a consultation that a _____ could cause the heart to have rhythm issues. A virus is an infective agent that can do a lot of damage to one’s heart. We certainly see that the purity of our physical heart matters! As Jesus introduced His sermon on the mount, on the North West coast of the Sea of Galilee, He describes the attitudes and attributes that He desires for those of His Kingdom to develop. In a brief, concentrated statement, Jesus urged His disciples to develop the attribute of purity in their hearts. Through His Word, we will see that the purity of our spiritual heart matters to Jesus.

1. The _____ of Purity

_____ truth is essential to our understanding of purity.

A. Purity is Defined by _____

NOTE: God’s specific revelation of Himself through His Word alone defines purity.

Leviticus 19:2 *Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.*

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DEFINITION—PURE: guiltless, clean; in a state of ritual cleanliness or free of guilt and sin; holy (*101x in Scripture*)

QUOTE: The emphasis here is on inward purity and reality in contrast to external respectability. —J. Oswald Sanders

1 Peter 1:15–16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

B. Purity is _____ in our Heart

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DEFINITION—HEART: your inner self, innermost being; mind; will and emotions.

NOTE: Pure is an adjective. It describes an attribute of heart that God blesses.

Psalm 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts...

Psalm 24:3-4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, Nor sworn deceitfully.

QUOTE: If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself. —D.L. Moody

2. The _____ of Purity

Pursuing purity will require us...

A. To be _____ about our Condition

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

B. To be _____ about our Limitation

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting

Jeremiah 17:10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

C. To be _____ for Purification

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me.

NOTE: Purification is a *work of God* in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

D. To _____ in on our Heart

QUOTE: The heart of the problem is always the problem of the heart.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.

See Matthew 15:16-20

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, And the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

E. To _____ God's Word in our Heart

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

Psalm 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

QUOTE: The more we know about who God is, the more we can become like Him in His moral attributes. —Continue Discipleship

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

John 17:15-17 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 17 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

3. The _____ of the Pure

A. The Pure in Heart _____ God

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DEFINITION—SEE: to perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight.

NOTE: God is enough for the disciple *who is ONE toward Him.*

Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

B. The Pure in Heart have _____ Vision

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NOTE: *See* also carries the idea to see clearly and distinctly.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

QUOTE: Sin befogs the vision. —J. Oswald Sanders

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

QUOTE: Cleanness of heart brings clearness of vision. —J. Oswald Sanders

See Isaiah 6:1-8

FOR THE PURE IN HEART

The _____ of God will be clear.
“...*I heard the voice of the Lord.*”

The _____ of God will be clear.
“...*Who will go for us...*”

Our _____ for God will be clear.
“*Then said I, Here am I; send me.*”

Conclusion

"In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God." —Robert Murray McCheyne



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