

## Blessed are the Pure in Heart

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**Matthew 7:13-14** "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."

"But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

### **PURE IN HEART**

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

#### ♥ **3 Hearts**

#### ♥ **The Physical Heart**

#### ♥ **The Emotional Heart**

### SONG OF SOLOMON

- 3:1 *All night long on my bed I looked for the one my **heart** loves; I looked for him but did not find him*
- 4:9 *You have stolen my **heart**, my sister, my bride; you have stolen my **heart** with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.*
- 5:6 *but my beloved had left; he was gone. My **heart** sank at his departure. I looked for him but did not find him. I called him but he did not answer.*

#### ♥ **The Spiritual Heart**

- *Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human **heart** was only evil all the time.*
- *Genesis 8:21 ...Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human **heart** is evil from childhood...*
- *Exodus 7:13 Yet Pharaoh's **heart** became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.*
- *Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise your **hearts**, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.*

- *Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your **heart**, for everything you do flows from it.*
- *Proverbs 11:20 The Lord detests those whose **hearts** are perverse, but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.*
- *Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have kept my **heart** pure; I am clean and without sin"?*
- *Matthew 15:18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the **heart**, and these make a man 'unclean.' [19] For out of the **heart** come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

### ♥ "Pure" in Heart

- *Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is **deceitful** above all things and **beyond cure**. Who can understand it?*
- **Ezekiel 36:26** I will give you a new **heart** and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your **heart of stone** and give you a **heart of flesh**.
- We need NEW hearts!
- We must be born again, accepting submission to the Spirit of God and He makes us a NEW creation, with a spiritual heart that is alive in Christ
- Once we have a NEW heart; it is then possible to have a PURE heart!
- **A PURE heart is Undivided – Singly focused on God**
- *Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.*
- *Romans 7:21-23 It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. [22] I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; [23] but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.*
- **A PURE heart is Clean – Set apart for God's purposes**

- *Rev. 21:27 **Nothing impure** will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.*
- *Hebrews 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be **holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.***

## 🔥 "Seeing" God

- **Physically**

**Moses saw God's 'back'**

**No human (except Jesus) has seen the face of God**

- 1 Timothy 6:15 God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom **no one has seen or can see**. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.
- **In His Creation**

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- **In History**

The prophets of God, events that came to pass
- **In Others**

**John 9:3** "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the **works of God** might be **displayed in him**
- **In Faith**

Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. [25] He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. [26] He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. [27] By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; **he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.**

- ***In Jesus***

**In Jesus we see the character of God, expressed through a perfect life.**

**John 14:9** *Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

- ***One Day Face to Face***

**1 John 3:2** *Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for **we shall see him as he is.***

- ***Progress towards a Pure Heart***

- **Prayer** - Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*
- **Flee temptation** - 2 Tim. 2:2 *Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*
- **Be accountable to a trusted friend** - Prov. 13:20 *Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm*
- **Guard your heart** - Prov. 4:23 *Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.*
- **Col. 3:1-4** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*
- **LET GOD MAKE YOU PURE**

**1 John 3:2-3** *Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] Everyone who has this hope in him **purifies themselves, just as he is pure***