

**Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"**  
**"The Reward of Purity"**  
**Matthew 5:8**  
**Part-13**

- Matt 5:8
- Prov 21:2
- Matt 23:25-28

**The bottom line is that the Lord can see our hearts; and when our hearts are pure, we can see Him.**

**We will ask 4 questions in our study this morning:**

1. Who Are The Blessed?
2. What Is Being Pure in Heart?
3. What is The Blessing of Being Pure in Heart?
4. How Do You Become Pure in Heart?

**1. Who Are The Blessed?**

- Matt 5:8

We're looking at The Sermon on The Mount, Matthew 5-7  
We're looking at the section called The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12

**Beatitudes** - means "have these attitudes"...beautiful attitudes  
(not DO-Attitudes)

**These describe the character traits and qualities of those who belong to Christ's kingdom.**

**This sermon was addressed to Disciples** - "learners, pupils, followers of the teacher and teachings"

- ~ This sermon is not a new standard by which a man can be saved!
- ~ This sermon does not replace the Ten Commandments
- ~ This sermon is impossible to fulfill thru human resources  
You must be: Born again

**"Blessed" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness" This word was used of Greek gods that alone were said to have possessed a joy and happiness that could only be enjoyed in**

**the divine.**

Blessed (divine happiness) is God's blessing and approval upon us, Literally "The applause of heaven" a result of God Himself being pleased with us. That if we truly want God, if we truly want the spiritual than these beatitudes are for us.

**Who Are The Blessed? Those that God approves, heaven applauds.**

**Beatitudes 1-4 Our Response to God:**

1# Beatitude is "Blessed is the Poor in spirit"

2# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who mourn"

3# Beatitude is "Blessed are the gentle"

4# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

**Beatitudes 5-8 Our Response to Man: (Merciful, Pure, Peace Maker, Persecuted)**

5# Beatitude is "Blessed are the Merciful"

6# Beatitude is "Blessed are the pure in heart"

**2. What Is Being Pure in Heart?**

- Matt 5:8

**8 Things That Being Pure is Not!**

1. This does NOT mean pure in ceremony
2. This does NOT refer to pure in mind in regards to education, learning..... you can see God
3. It does NOT mean pure in morals: • Rom. 2:1-16
4. It's NOT talking about pure in health & wealth
5. It is NOT speaking of being pure by birth
6. This is NOT speaking about being pure in conduct
7. It's NOT a reference to pure in schedule

8. It's is NOT referring to pure in experience

- Matt 5:8
- Psalms 24:3-4

**Pure** – has two different meanings First, it means “to make pure by cleansing from dirt, filth, or contamination” and was most often used to describe metals that had been “refined by fire until they were free from impurities.” It was also used for “soiled clothes that had been washed clean,” and of “grain that had been carefully sifted to remove all impurities.”

**The word sincere, integrity, non hypocritical. “A sculpture – sincere and pure, would chip and produce a statue without wax”**

Second, it refers to being “**unmixed, as having no double allegiance.**” The basic idea is that of “integrity, singleness of heart, as opposed to duplicity, or a divided heart.”

- James 1:8
- James 4:8

**pure in heart, “A person with a passion for purity is one who has been cleansed in character so that the way he or she looks in public is the way he or she is in private.”**

**In the Bible, the heart - represents “the deepest emotions and also the mind and the will. It is a comprehensive term that refers to the whole person.”**

- Jer 17:9-10
- Matt 12:34-35
- Matthew 15:8
- Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)
- Matt 15:18-20

**We don't sin because of our surroundings; we sin because of what's in our heart.**

- Eze 36:26

### **Examples of being pure in heart:**

#### **1. Jacob -**

- Gen 32:24-31

#### **2. David -**

- 1 Sam 16:6-7
- Psalm 51:10-13

#### **3. Isaiah -**

- Isa 6:1-7

#### **4. Thief on the cross – Matthew 27:44**

- Luke 23:39-43

### **3. What is The Blessing of Being Pure in Heart?**

- Matt 5:8

**Why are the pure in heart blessed?** for they shall see God. Literally, "for they and they alone shall continuously see God"

#### 1. We see God in the Present

We can see God thru Creation

We can see God thru History

We can see God thru the Family of God

We can see God working in our own lives - • Job 42:5

We can see God in the Bible - Heb 11:24-27

#### 2. We will see more of God – • 2 Cor 3:18

#### 3. We will see God in the Future – • 1 Cor 13:12-13

- 1 John 3:2-3

- Rev 22:4

#### **4. How Do You Become Pure in Heart?**

Legalism -

Modernism -

Activism -

Monasticism -

The pursuit of purity is a joint venture.

- Phil 2:12-13

#### **What can we do?**

1. Acknowledge an impure heart
2. Accept the fact that only God can give us a pure heart
3. Ask God to give me a pure heart: • Psalm 51:10
4. Put to death deeds of flesh by "yielding" to the Holy Spirit: • Rom. 8:13
5. Draw near to God: • James 4:7-10
6. Avoid complaining and arguing: • Philippians 2:14-15
7. Watch what we watch: • James 1:27
8. Find a faithful friend