

## The Beatitudes: The Pure in Heart

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### Matthew 5:1-10 NASB

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
- 2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,
- 3 Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the **gentle**, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the **PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.**
- 9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who have been **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### Matthew 5:8 NASB

- 8 Blessed are the **PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.**

**pure** (*katharos* - clean, pure, clean from corrupt desire, blameless, innocent, unstained)

**heart** (*kardia* - soul, mind, will, character, emotions)

**see** (*horaō* - to see with the eyes, to see with the mind, know, perceive, experience, discern clearly)

### James 2:24 NASB

- 24 You **SEE** (*horaō*) that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

### Acts 8:23 NASB

- [Peter to Simon] "For I **SEE** (*horaō*) that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

### 1 Thessalonians 5:15 NASB

- 15 **SEE** (*horaō*) that no one repays another with evil for evil.

### Hebrews 11:27 NASB

- 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as **SEEING** (*horaō*) **HIM WHO IS UNSEEN.**

**THE MORE SEPARATED FROM SIN, THE MORE SEPARATED UNTO GOD, THE MORE YOU WILL INTIMATELY KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD.**

- **Justification** is salvation in Christ alone, by faith alone, not by any works or merit of our own.
- **Sanctification** is the work of the Holy Spirit, separating from sin, separating unto God, by the power of God, not by any self-discipline of our own but by surrendering to His work in us.

*Many confuse justification and sanctification, thinking sanctification is returning to the works of the Law by trying to produce a righteousness. Sanctification is the result of justification. Jesus didn't just forgive us of our sin, He also set us free from our sin. Having been freely forgiven, I have also freely been set free, how can I continue in sin?*

*To embrace the justification of the Cross, you must also embrace the sanctification of the Cross. Having received the forgiveness of the Cross, you must also receive the cleansing of the Cross. You cannot separate the sanctification of the Cross from the justification of the Cross.*

**Romans 6:1-7 NASB**

**1 WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? ARE WE TO CONTINUE IN SIN SO THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE?**

**2 MAY IT NEVER BE! HOW SHALL WE WHO DIED TO SIN STILL LIVE IN IT?**

**3 OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH?**

**4 THEREFORE WE HAVE BEEN BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

**5 FOR IF WE HAVE BECOME UNITED WITH HIM IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, CERTAINLY WE SHALL ALSO BE IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION,**

**6 KNOWING THIS, THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, IN ORDER THAT OUR BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH, SO THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES TO SIN;**

**7 FOR HE WHO HAS DIED IS FREED FROM SIN.**

*The requirement and goal of holiness and purity has never changed. God has never lowered His standards. What has changed is how we get there.*

*Once you receive justification by faith, the cleansing power of sanctification goes to work in the heart; but the cleansing power is of the Holy Spirit, not human will-power, not self-discipline.*

**Psalm 24:3-4 NASB**

**3 WHO MAY ASCEND INTO THE HILL OF THE LORD? AND WHO MAY STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE?**

**4 HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 NASB**

14 **DO NOT BE BOUND TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS; FOR WHAT PARTNERSHIP HAVE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LAWLESSNESS, OR WHAT FELLOWSHIP HAS LIGHT WITH DARKNESS?**

15 **OR WHAT HARMONY HAS CHRIST WITH BELIAL, OR WHAT HAS A BELIEVER IN COMMON WITH AN UNBELIEVER?**

16 **OR WHAT AGREEMENT HAS THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS? FOR WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; JUST AS GOD SAID, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE."**

17 "Therefore, **COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,**" says the Lord. **"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; AND I WILL WELCOME YOU."**

18 **"AND I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO ME, "SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.**

1 **THEREFORE, HAVING THESE PROMISES, BELOVED, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL DEFILEMENT OF FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.**

**John 14:21-23 NASB**

21 **"HE WHO HAS MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPS THEM IS THE ONE WHO LOVES ME; AND HE WHO LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED BY MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE HIM AND WILL DISCLOSE MYSELF TO HIM."**

22 **JUDAS (NOT ISCARIOT) SAID TO HIM, "LORD, WHAT THEN HAS HAPPENED THAT YOU ARE GOING TO DISCLOSE (*emphanizō - manifest, exhibit to view, show one's self, to appear*) YOURSELF TO US AND NOT TO THE WORLD?"**

23 **JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM."**

**THE GREATER THE PURITY IN HEART, THE MORE YOU WILL CLEARLY KNOW AND PERCEIVE GOD. THE MORE CORRUPT THE HEART, THE MORE YOUR VISION AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD WILL BE DISTORTED AND MARRED.**

**Psalms 18:25-26 KJV**

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 **WITH THE PURE THOU WILT SHEW THYSELF PURE; AND WITH THE FROWARD (*iqqesh - perverse, crooked*) THOU WILT SHEW THYSELF FROWARD (*pathal - to twist, to wrestle*).**

**Titus 1:15-16 NASB**

15 **TO THE PURE, ALL THINGS ARE PURE; BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE DEFILED AND UNBELIEVING, NOTHING IS PURE, BUT BOTH THEIR MIND AND THEIR CONSCIENCE ARE DEFILED.**

16 **THEY PROFESS TO KNOW GOD, BUT BY THEIR DEEDS THEY DENY HIM, BEING DETESTABLE AND DISOBEDIENT AND WORTHLESS FOR ANY GOOD DEED.**

**Ezekiel 14:1-8 NASB**

1 Then some elders of Israel came to me and sat down before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

3 "SON OF MAN, THESE MEN HAVE SET UP THEIR IDOLS IN THEIR HEARTS AND HAVE PUT RIGHT BEFORE THEIR FACES THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF THEIR INIQUITY. SHOULD I BE CONSULTED BY THEM AT ALL?"

4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "ANY MAN OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WHO SETS UP HIS IDOLS IN HIS HEART, PUTS RIGHT BEFORE HIS FACE THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF HIS INIQUITY, AND THEN COMES TO THE PROPHET, I THE LORD WILL BE BROUGHT TO GIVE HIM AN ANSWER IN THE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE MULTITUDE OF HIS IDOLS,

5 IN ORDER TO LAY HOLD OF THE HEARTS OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WHO ARE ESTRANGED FROM ME THROUGH ALL THEIR IDOLS."

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "REPENT AND TURN AWAY FROM YOUR IDOLS AND TURN YOUR FACES AWAY FROM ALL YOUR ABOMINATIONS."

7 "FOR ANYONE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL OR OF THE IMMIGRANTS WHO STAY IN ISRAEL WHO SEPARATES HIMSELF FROM ME, SETS UP HIS IDOLS IN HIS HEART, PUTS RIGHT BEFORE HIS FACE THE STUMBLING BLOCK OF HIS INIQUITY, AND THEN COMES TO THE PROPHET TO INQUIRE OF ME FOR HIMSELF, I THE LORD WILL BE BROUGHT TO ANSWER HIM IN MY OWN PERSON."

**PURITY OF HEART STARTS WITH:**

1. Renewing the mind in God's Word.
2. Separating from the worldly, sinful and the evil influences.

**Matthew 6:22-23 NASB**

22 "THE EYE IS THE LAMP OF THE BODY; SO THEN IF YOUR EYE IS CLEAR, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF LIGHT."

23 "BUT IF YOUR EYE IS BAD, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF DARKNESS. IF THEN THE LIGHT THAT IS IN YOU IS DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THE DARKNESS!"

**Romans 12:2 NASB**

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be **TRANSFORMED** (*metamorphoō - to transfigure, change*) **BY THE RENEWING** (*anakainōsis - renewal, renovation, complete change*) **OF YOUR MIND**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**2 Corinthians 11:2-3 NASB**

2 FOR I AM JEALOUS FOR YOU WITH A GODLY JEALOUSY; FOR I BETROTHED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, SO THAT TO CHRIST I MIGHT PRESENT YOU AS A PURE VIRGIN.

3 BUT I AM AFRAID THAT, AS THE SERPENT DECEIVED EVE BY HIS CRAFTINESS, YOUR MINDS WILL BE LED ASTRAY (*KJV - "corrupted"*) FROM THE SIMPLICITY AND PURITY OF DEVOTION TO CHRIST.

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NASB**

4 FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT OF THE FLESH, BUT DIVINELY POWERFUL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF FORTRESSES.

5 WE ARE DESTROYING SPECULATIONS AND EVERY LOFTY THING RAISED UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND WE ARE TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST.