

## The Way We Are To Be - Pure in Heart

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### Matthew 5:1-10 ESV

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 [THE NEED FOR RELATIONSHIP] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

4 [THE PATH TO RELATIONSHIP] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

5 [THE TRUST OF RELATIONSHIP] "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

6 [THE PURSUIT OF RELATIONSHIP] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

7 [THE HEART OF RELATIONSHIP] "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

8 [THE PROTECTION OF RELATIONSHIP] "**BLESSED ARE THE PURE** (*katharos* - purified, clean, clear, free from corrupt desire, free from sin and guilt) **IN HEART** (*kardia* - the soul or mind, the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, affections, purposes), **FOR THEY SHALL SEE** (*horaō* - to see with the eyes, to see with the mind, to perceive, know, to experience) **GOD.**"

### Can you know and experience God with an impure heart?

Psalm 15:1-5 ESV A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

3 who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

4 in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

5 who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

2 Corinthians 6:16-17 ESV

16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome (*eisdechomai* - to receive, to take into one's favor) you.

John 14:21-24 ESV

21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest (*emphanizō* - manifest, exhibit to view, to show one's self, appear, to disclose) myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered 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 home (*monē* - to stay, abide, dwell, indwell, residence) with him.

24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

John 15:9-11 ESV

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:14-15 ESV

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

1 John 3:6-10 ESV

6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Jude 1:3-4 ESV

3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-15 ESV

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

15 Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

**Forgiveness of sins is different than the purity of heart; the two are not the same. Forgiveness is the legal standing of justification. Purity of heart is the experiential cleansing of sanctification.**

**1 John 1:9 ESV**

**9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse (*katharizō* - to make clean, free from the defilement of sin, to consecrate by purifying, to remove by cleansing) us from all unrighteousness.**

- **JUSTIFICATION** - "...forgive us our sins..."
- **SANCTIFICATION** - "...to cleanse us..."

**The forgiveness of sins is just the first step towards purity of heart.**

**What you permit to enter your heart through your sensory perception will either cleanse or corrupt your spirit (*conscience, intuition, communion*) and your soul (*mind, will and emotions*).**

**James 1:27 ESV**

**27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained (*aspilos* - spotless, free from censure and vice, unsullied, irreproachable) from the world.**

**Matthew 6:22-23 ESV**

**22 The eye (*ophthalmos* - the eyes, the eyes of the mind, the faculty of knowing) is the lamp (*lychnos* - candle, lamp, light, illuminator) of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,**

*Matthew 5:29 ESV*

*29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.*

**23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!**

**2 Peter 2:6-10 ESV**

**6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he [God] condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;**

**7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed (*kataponeō* - exhaust with labor, wear down, oppress, harass, vex, make trouble for) by the sensual conduct of the wicked**

**8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting (*basanizō* - to torture, vex with grievous pain, to distress, to harass) his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);**

9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,  
10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling (*miasmos - the act of defiling, polluting, contamination, uncleanness*) passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones.

Genesis 3:6 ESV

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 19:17-20 ESV

17 And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."

18 And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords.

19 Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

20 Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there--is it not a little one?--and my life will be saved!"

**Purity of heart is not only what you keep out, but what you put in.**

Romans 12:2 ESV

2 Do not be conformed (*syschēmatizō - to conform one's self, mind and character to another's pattern*) to this world, but be transformed (*metamorphoō - to transfigure, transform, changed into another form*) by the renewal (*anakainōsis - renovation, complete change for the better*) of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV

22 to put off (*apotithēmi - to put off, aside or away, cast off*) your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

23 and to be renewed (*ananeōō - to reform, renovate, renew, to be spiritually transformed, to take on a new mind*) in the spirit of your minds,

24 and to put on (*endyō - to clothe with, to be clothed, to put on, be endued*) the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:9-10 ESV

9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed (*anakainōō - to be changed into a new kind of life, to make new, new strength and vigour is given*) in knowledge (*epignōsis - precise and correct knowledge, full discernment*) after the image of its Creator.