

## Blessed are the Pure in Heart

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### Matthew 5:8

**"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."**

- **see** (*optanomai*) to appear, to be seen
  - "This is a Hebraism, which signifies, possess God..." Adam Clarke
  - John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot **see** the kingdom of God."
- **pure** (*katharos*) without mixture, what is separated and purged, clean, pure, without undesirable elements, free from the contaminating influences of sin

### Titus 1:10-16

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.  
11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.

12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

15 To the **pure** (*katharos*), **all things are pure** (*their perception and judgment are clear and accurate*), **but to the defiled** (*miaino*) **and unbelieving, nothing is pure** (*their perception and judgment are distorted and corrupted*); **but both their minds and their consciences are defiled** (*miaino*).

16 **They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works**. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

- **pure** (*katharos*) without mixture, what is separated and purged, clean, pure, without undesirable elements, free from the contaminating influences of sin
- **defiled** (*miaino*) stain, pollute, corrupt, ***everything passing through also becomes stained***
- **minds** (*nous*) mind, reason, intellect, reasoning faculty
- **consciences** (*suneidesis*) to know together with, joint-knowing, moral and spiritual consciousness, capacity to know right from wrong, innate discernment
- **When we become defiled, not only is our thought process corrupted, but the innate discernment to know right from wrong is corrupted.**
- **When we become defiled, our view and vision of God is corrupted. We do not, cannot, know, understand nor see Him clearly (accurately).**

### Matthew 16:21-23

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

22 And Peter took him aside and **began to rebuke him**, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."

23 But he turned and said to Peter, **"Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."**

#### **John 13:5-11**

5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, **"Lord, do you wash my feet?"**

7 Jesus answered him, **"What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."**

8 Peter said to him, **"You shall never wash my feet."** Jesus answered him, **"If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."**

9 Simon Peter said to him, **"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"**

10 Jesus said to him, **"The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."**

11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

#### **PRINCIPLES OF PURITY**

- **Forgiveness is instant, but purity is a process.** (*1 Peter 1:22 - Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth...*)
- **Illumination and renewing the mind (*cleansing the mind*) is a mutually dependent, self-perpetuating process.**
- **When we permit a defiling thought, a defiling attitude, a defiling lust, a defiling action or activity into our lives, just how long will it take for our mind and conscience to be cleansed? How long will it take for that defilement to escalate into addiction and bondage? And is the risk worth it?**
- **How many of our thoughts and judgments are skewed by corruption and we have no idea just how far we have drifted from God's heart and mind?**

#### **THREE SOURCES OF CORRUPTION:**

- Satan and his demons
- World System
- Flesh

#### **Ephesians 4:22-24**

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

23 and to **be RENEWED in the spirit of your minds,**

24 and to **PUT ON THE NEW SELF, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

- **renewed** (*ananeoo*) "*going up to a higher stage*", to make new, sanctified reasoning, new levels of spiritual comprehension and reality, take on a new mind, spiritually transformed

#### **Colossians 3:9-10**

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 in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

#### **Romans 12:2**

**"Do not be conformed to this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the RENEWAL (*anakainosis*) of your MIND, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."**