

# Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

- *Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God* Mt. 5:6
- *Blessed* = Any attribute or accomplishment that brings honor success, happiness and esteem!
- Jesus reveals the things that God will honor. Those who are praised by God will be blessed indeed!
- *Then each one's **praise** will **come from God**.* 1Cor. 4:4
- ***praise** is **not from men but from God**.* Rom. 2:29
- *they loved the **praise of men** more than **the praise of God**.* Jn. 12:43

# He that hears THESE sayings

- Mt 7:24-28

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does them**:

- Like a wise man who built house on rock

- did not fall because it was built on the rock

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does not do**:

- Like a foolish man who built house on sand

- it did fall because it was built on sand

- Since eternal praise can only come from God. Hearing and doing is our only choice.

● ***Purer in heart O God Help me to be (150)***

● *May I devote my life Wholly to Thee*

● *Watch Thou my wayward feet,*

● *Guide me with counsel sweet*

● *Purer in heart Help me to be*

● ***Purer in heart O God Help me to be***

● ***Teach me to do thy will*** *most lovingly*

● *Be Thou my Friend and Guide*

● *Let me with Thee abide*

● *Purer in heart Help me to be*

● ***Purer in heart O God Help me to be***

● *That I Thy holy face One day may see*

● ***Keep me from secret sin***

● ***Reign Thou my soul within***

● *Purer in heart Help me to be*

# Gauging Purity

- Everything that comes from that hands of God has pristine purity and perfection.
- Man's additions and modifications create pollution in both the material and the moral realms.
- The closer we are to God's original creation. The purer the environment and heart we will be.
- A pure heart by God's standards and expectations:
- *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:26*

# Our Pollution: Of our own making

- Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have **sought out many schemes.**"  
Eccl 7:29 Gen 6:5 – **every imagination evil**
- I was once alive apart from the law, but **when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.** 10  
The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. Rom 7:9-11
- Doesn't mention which commandment
- Do not remember **the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions**; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. Ps 25:7
- We polluted our heart one decision/choice at a time



# The Commands that Brought Death

- Jesus lists them individually – Not a comprehensive list any lust defiles a man.
- *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man . . . Mt 15:19-20*
- Once learned there is only one way to bring back purity.
- *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Prov 4:23*

# Hearts Work Properly When Pure

- *To the **pure all things are pure**: but to **them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure**; but **both their mind and their conscience are defiled**.. Titus 1:15-16*
- This is not always global or universal.
- Each one of us has emotions and desires that make us see our own sins and normal and everyone else as defiling.
- In the realms where we are pure – Everything is pure. In the realms we are defiled nothing is pure

# How Each Heart become Polluted

- *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But **each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. James 1:13-16*
- We created them and bound ourselves to them one thought / desire at a time polluting our heart to the present degree.
- We can make it pure the same way. Cleansing and removing one thought/desire at a time.



# How to Cleanse a Polluted Heart

- The problem we all face is that our hearts were polluted BEFORE we obeyed the gospel.
- *The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. Jer. 17:9-10*
- How do we make pure what was defiled?

# God Tests – We Must Pass His Tests

- *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, **the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts**, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you **put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness**. Eph 4:22-24*
- *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. Col 3:5-10*

# The Vital Nature of a Pure Heart

- *Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, and hath not sworn deceitfully. Ps 24:3-4*
- *The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their walk are His delight. Prov 11:20*

# Purity a Continual Process

- *but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I Jn 1:7-9*

# The Essence of Purity

- *For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let **us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.** 2Cor 6:14-7:1*



# All that should be ...

- *But the end of the charge is love out of a **pure heart** and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 1 Tim 1:5*
- *holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience**. 1 Tim 3:9*
- *I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a **pure conscience**, 2 Tim 1:3*
- *But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of **a pure heart**. 2 Tim 2:22*

# David's Counsel to his Son

- *As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 1 Chr. 28:9*
- *14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. Heb 12:14*

# Seeking a Pure Heart

- *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. I Jn 2:15-17*

# Enter by The Narrow Gate:

if you do not **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jn. 8:24

unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish. Lk. 13:5

if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom. 10:9-10

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who **believes** and **is baptized** will be saved; Mk. 16:15-16

**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Ats 2:38

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