



# Matthew 5:8

## Pure Hearts

Series: The Beatitudes




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### Questions

- If you could have any present now – what?
- What activity, thing provides most pleasure
  - What do you have the most pleasure in?
- What is the main purpose of your life?

### The right answer to all of those – is the same thing

- Not being hard or cruel if answered differently
- Yet – want to draw you to what Bible says
- Psalm 16:11 
- Answer to all those – Christ – relationship with

### Continue our study today in Beatitudes

- Is exactly this we want to talk about

# I. Seeing God

## 1. Seeing – Greek – optanomai

a. Idea of seeing with understanding – to perceive

b. Ex - text in Greek...see, but not w/understanding 🖥️

## 2. Seeing God – what makes heaven to be heaven

a. Reading in Rev 19-22 – seeing lost of what will be

b. Greatest theme – there and throughout Bible

c. Talk more about this in a moment

## 3. Seeing God – is what we are to look for now

### a. Go to Phil 3

i) Excellence of knowledge of Christ

ii) Knowing Him

iii) This is maturity

iv) Song – Give me one pure and holy passion

b. Seeing God, knowing God – highest reality in heaven and here on earth

i) Ought to be, needs to be your aim

## II. Flow of Beatitudes

### 1. How do we get to Seeing God – flow of beatitudes

a. Not random, can't just jump in – flow

### 2. Work through once – showing flow

a. See that first four are the main work of them

b. Next four – more fruit – though still with application

### 3. Work through again

a. See each in relationship to knowing God

b. **Poor** – have no ability in myself

c. **Mourn** – this lack, is sin against God, creation

d. **Meek** – surrender life to Him

e. **Hunger** – Long, cry for His work

f. **Mercy**...mercy comes before knowing God

i) Trying not to lose you here – but is important

ii) Note Mercy comes first

iii) Does this mean – right with others before God?

iv) No, yes.

A. No – cannot – need God, 1<sup>st</sup> four beatitudes

B. Yes -before can press on into Christ – mercy

C. God will not let us press into Him, when wrong with others

D. See in Matt 5

E. Work it through practically

F. See it in 1 Pet passage about husbands

### 4. Whatever pure in heart is

a. It results in seeing God

b. Flows from first work of 1<sup>st</sup> 5 beatitudes

# III. Pure Heart

## 1. Heart is the issue, location need to focus on

- a. Heart – Biblically– inner man– emotions, mind, will
  - i) Not just sappy emotionalism – real, inside
- b. In one sense, to Bible student – common theme
  - i) Religion – focuses on externals
  - ii) God wants the internal
  - iii) **Pro 4:23; 23:7; Mat 18:8-9; 15:9-10** 📖

## 2. Pure is the quality

- a. Katharōs – clean, purified, unsoiled, unmixed
- b. Freedom from divided affections
- c. Some have translated it “single”, unified
- d. Opposite is hypocrite, duplicity
- e. It is a synonym for Holy - used for only 1 thing

## 3. Put the two together – Pure Hearts

- a. Heart – that is totally His, focused on Him

## 4. Pure Hearts is NOT – external purity

- a. Internal, not external – that is the key
- b. Yet – even as I say it – wonder if you believe it
- c. In Church History–great emphasis on Monasticism
  - i) If could do nothing else...could be pure – NOT
  - ii) Didn't, doesn't work – wrong focus
- d. Today – may feel if were in FT ministry – have
  - i) Think that if they could do that – but pure- NOT
- e. Not external – not an external purity
  - i) But if have internal, external will change

## 5. Pure in heart – IS heart, inside

- a. **Heb 12:14** 📖
- b. Idea is – always with Him, focused on Him
- c. **Col 3:23** 📖 – all to the Lord, even Joy
- d. **Idea is never do anything without Him**
  - i) **Pray always, rejoice always...always**
- e. **I think about that even with this season**
  - i) So many – want Christ – wonder if what they need is a change in externals
  - ii) Wonder if God is not saying, no, this is what you need – can go through with Him
- f. **To see Him – truth is Christian – His is with us**
  - i) His promise is to never leave us
  - ii) Our problem is we don't perceive Him
  - iii) To see Him, is to live in perception of Him

**Brother Lawrence - When he began his business, he said to God with a filial trust in Him, "O my God, since Thou art with me, and I must now, in obedience to Thy commands, apply my mind to these outward things, I beseech Thee to grant me the grace to continue in Thy Presence; and to this end do Thou prosper me with Thy assistance. Receive all my works, and possess all my affections."**

## 6. Examples

- a. See in Heaven
- b. See in Jesus Prayer
- c. See in Paul
- d. See in David – **Psalm 27:4** 📖
- e. See in Moses – **Ex 33** 📖

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## Conclusion

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**I just want to tell you there is more – more of God and Christ than you have ever imagined**

- Excellence of knowledge – surpassing
- Everything else is empty, pale and poor

**How do we be pure in heart**

- Again – not a change in externals
- Danger is to see this as just a philosophy
- Won't work
- Poor, Mourning, Meek, Hunger
- Make sure no need of mercy...produces purity

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Sinner – gospel

Sinner – right now you estranged from Christ

Your sins have separated you – no ability to fix

Christ died- if you will take – and enter in – relationship