

Blessed are the Pure in Heart



Although the beatitudes are very simple statements, as we are seeing in this study, there is a great depth in grasping what they look like in our lives today. The pure in heart, much like the meek and those that mourn are commonly misunderstood. It is so easy to assume that the Lord is laying down a boundary against immodesty, pornography and smutty talk. And, many who steer very far from those evils still miss the essence of what this beatitude is about.

- Phillips translates this: "Blessed are the utterly sincere..."

The word for "pure" (Katharos) means to be unadulterated. It refers to something not mixed or polluted. This is the idea behind the "unblemished" animals. This would be a purist. Chaste is another descriptive word for pure. It is to be single minded. It is a person who does not have divided allegiance.

1. The first beatitude was centered upon the spirit (*Blessed are the poor in spirit*). This beatitude is directed towards the heart (*Blessed are the pure in heart*). Again, reminding us of the spiritual nature of the beatitudes.

2. This is one who has a singular _____ and ambition and that is to please the Lord (2 Cor 5:9)
 - his motives are _____
 - this is not one who is _____ with God

Paul mentioned some who preached out of selfish ambition rather than **pure** motives (Phil 1:17)

- this is not the spirit that wishes services could end so one could go about doing other things

"When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may open the wheat market, to make the ephah smaller and the shekel bigger, and to cheat with dishonest scales" (Amos 8:5)

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon."

- ❑ 2 Corinthians 11:2 "...for I betrothed you to one husband" - meaning Christ
- ❑ Ps 24:3 "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a **pure** heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully."
- ❑ James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify** your hearts, you double-minded."
- ❑ 1 Tim 1:5 "The goal of our instruction is love from a **pure** heart and a good conscience and a faith without hypocrisy"

3. This means to be unmixed in a _____, in t _____, and in a _____.

- This person acts with absolute i _____ and transparent _____ and genuine spirit
- This person will honesty c _____ his sins before God

Unlike the Pharisee who prayed in arrogance (Lk 18:9-12)

Unlike the hypocrites who were more concerned about what _____ thought than what God thought (Mt 6:1)

Unlike the hypocrites who looked good on the _____ but were nothing on the inside (Mt 23:25-28)

4. The resulting blessing of this beatitude is that they will see God

- Moses desired to see God's glory but was only allowed to see God's backside (Ex 33:20-23)
- A similar blessing is found in Rev 22:4 "and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads"
- Seeing God is much more than looking at God—it means to experience, enjoy, to know, and to be in the presence of God. It means fellowship and acceptance. It means Heaven.

The Blessings of the Beatitudes

- Theirs is the kingdom of Heaven
- They shall be comforted
- They shall inherit the earth
- They shall be satisfied
- They shall receive mercy
- They shall see God
- They shall be called sons of God
- Theirs is the kingdom of Heaven
- Your reward in Heaven is great

Match the beatitude with blessing

- Pure in Heart
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness
- Mourn
- Merciful
- Persecuted
- Peacemakers
- Insulted
- Meek
- Poor in spirit

