

A Blessed Life in a Fallen World

Purity of Heart

Matthew 5:8

"Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord." Heb 12:14 (NLT) "The condition of an enlightened mind is a surrendered heart." Alan Redpath

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3–10

Arch Structure

CONDITION

Blessed are...

- 2 Blessed are...
- 3 Blessed are...
- 4 Blessed are...
- 5 Blessed are...
- 6 Blessed are...
- 7 Blessed are...
- 8 Blessed are...

GUIDING PRINCIPLES Arch / Keystone

the poor in spirit

they that mourn

the meek

they that hunger and thirst after righteousness

the merciful

the pure in heart

the peacemakers

those persecuted for righteousness' sake, reproached and accused falsely of evil

OUTCOME

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

they shall be comforted.

they shall inherit the earth.

they shall be filled.

they shall obtain mercy.

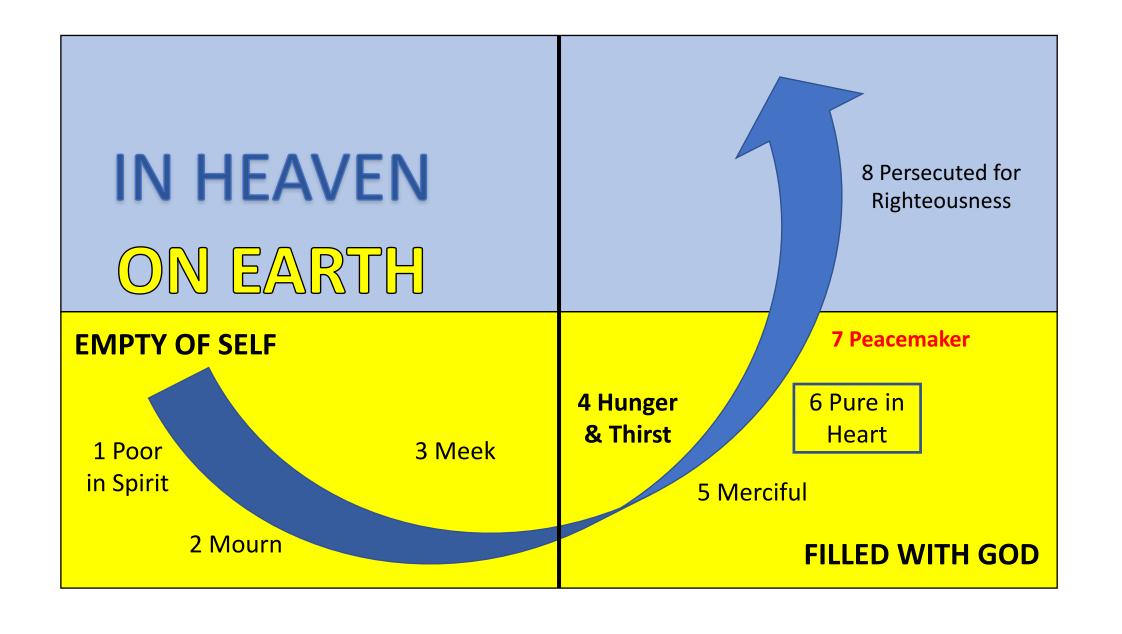
they shall see God.

they shall be called sons of God.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Prov 4:23 NLT



Sinner to Saint

- Pure Light John 1
- Pure Faith Acts 15

"We must have the glory sink into us before it can be reflected from us." Alexander MacLaren

"It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray."

Billy Graham

Saint to Sinner

- Confession 1 John 1:9
 - "A Pure heart is always open to the Word of God!"
- Cleansing
 - Psa 51:2 "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin."
 - Eph 5:25,26

"Christianity is not just repeating John 3:16 or Acts 16:31; it is yielding the heart and the life to Christ." Harry Ironside

"A truly pure heart will care little for praise or blame."

Seeing God

- Rogue Prophet Balaam
- Roman Soldier
- Runner in Training

THE BEATITUDES

"The neglected heart will soon be a heart overrun with worldly thoughts; the neglected life will soon become a moral chaos." A. W. Tozer

Pure Hearts everyday

- God looks on the heart!
- God does not judge by deeds good or bad
- Nothing between
- No other goal
- No greater joy

"I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled." D. L. Moody



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