

## **The Beatitudes**

### **Blessed are the pure in heart**

#### **Introduction**

- **The sermon** on the mount is how Jesus introduces the principles of the kingdom
- **The beatitudes** describe the character the condition of the heart of a new believer who will live in this kingdom
- Like someone who has not played football and he explains the rules, regulations, and the strategies of the game.
- **The beatitudes** would explain the condition of a potential player.

#### **Jesus is calling us to pursue and chase after these things**

1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit: I have nothing that can make me Righteous before God
2. Blessed are those that Mourn: Repentance to mourn (sorrow for my sins and transgressions against God
3. Blessed are the Meek: power, boldness, emotions, under control submitted before God redirected strength
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: when we are Christian there will be a hunger and a thirst for righteousness there is no Christian who doesn't thirst for righteousness and the presence of God, you are as close to God as you want to be
5. Blessed are the merciful. I can show mercy because God has shown me mercy

#### **Here is the pattern of the beatitudes**

1. **Root** Spiritual poverty, mourning, and meekness are the root of which



2. **Life**. Hunger and thirst for righteousness **is an unmistakable sign of true Christianity** because the flesh will never produce this hunger and thirst for righteousness



3. **Fruit** Of Mercy of purity of heart and peace

1. **mercy** merciful to others because we understand God has shown mercy to us

Beatitudes Matthew 5:8

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

I wonder if anyone here reads this and says Man that's me, I'm pure in heart. I can identify with poor in Spirit, and with Mourning for my sins, and I'm really trying to submit to the Lord.

But, purity of heart? I don't know about that **Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. The Bible says in **Jeremiah 17:9** "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, / test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

- The promise for the pure in Heart is to see God **Psalms 24:3** Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
- The beatitudes are something Jesus is calling us to, even though purity of heart sounds so far away. **we can be pure in heart!!!!**
- What is purity of heart what is Jesus encouraging us to pursue
- Purity of heart is not a sinless life Because no one would obtain it **1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

## **The Bible speaks of purity (holiness)**

1. There's a purity and holiness that only belongs to God **Isaiah 6** the angels cried out Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Host
2. There's a purity and holiness that will be ours in heaven **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
  1. No sin
  2. No trace of sin
  3. No consequences of sin
  4. Clothed in glory
  5. Like refined gold with no impurity
3. Purity or holiness that we must pursue now
  1. Like gold in the process of purification

This third kind of holiness begins here with purity of heart

So what is purity of heart?

### **An undivided heart**

- Purity of heart is to will one thing in our hearts (to have a single purpose in our hearts)

- Elijah said it best in **1 Kings 18: 21** And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word.
- There’s no blessing in a divided heart **Luke 16:13** “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.
- **Purity of Heart here in the beatitudes is a fruit of a new life in the Lord, a life that has one will in heart, to Love the Lord above all else**
- Not perfection, not sinless but pursuing that one **single will** in our hearts
  - Our heart desires and pursues many things, however this single will to Love God must be above all others
  - This single will at the top will cause the rest to fall in order **Matthew 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
  - **Psalms 27:4** *One thing* I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.
- Where can I begin? **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.* Will one thing in your heart
- **Psalms 82:11:** " Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name."

Take my heart, it's all over the place it's scared, it's emotional, it's hurting, it wonders everywhere unite it to fear your Name  
 There's no blessing in a divided heart  
 There is a blessing in a heart that is united  
 They will see the Lord

## A pure heart

- **A heart that has been Justified** legal term, through Christ's Sacrifice God the Father declares us righteous.
  - Eternal life with God by the sacrifice of Jesus, not our perfection but His sacrifice **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. **Colossians 2:14** having wiped out the

[i]handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- Just God will not demand payment for sins that have already been paid for

● **A heart that has been forgiven:** in Christ God reconciles us to himself Once we were enemies because of sin now we are his friends, his children **Romans 5:10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life..

● **A heart that is cleansed** 1 John 1:9 **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

- The problem today is that we have too much baggage: I believe that I can be forgiven but I don't believe I can change translation: I don't want to let go of the luggage
- If you don't believe he can sanctify, cleanse, renew, and transform you; you have not yet believed in the Jesus of the word of God
- **Titus 3:4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, **5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- When God begins to wash your heart you will find yourself inclining to the Lord
- Wanting nothing other than to please the Lord, longing for His presence, longing to submit to His will. This is Purity of heart!!
- If you think you can't change your ways
- If you are in Christ and Christ and you
- The power of God that raised Christ from the dead can save you, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

**This is purity in heart:** I have made a decision to follow, honor, glorify, walk, worship, praise, and live for the Lord regardless of my circumstances. **I have made up my heart about it**

**The promise:** is that we will see God, now in our lives, in our homes, families, marriage, ministry and so many other ways....

One Day we will also see Him as He is forever.....