

The Effect of True Bliss

Matthew 5:8 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Biblical Joy: *An unspeakable gladness, a gift from God that refreshes our soul.*

Matthew 5:8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

- **The Truth:** *Seeing God* is the _____ of all religion, the _____ of all true science, the _____ of every nation, and the _____ of all philosophy.

John 1:18 *"No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known."*

I. What Does It Mean to Be Pure in Heart?

- *"Heart" = "the seat of the emotions. . . the master control center of your life. . . the center of your personality, the real you."*

Proverbs 4:23 *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."*

1. To be *pure in heart* is to be *pure in the _____ of your life.* (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:19)
2. To be *pure in heart* means to be pure from the _____ out.
 - *"Pure" = katharos, cathartic and catheter.*
 - *"Pure Heart" = free from the contamination of sin, unmixed or unadulterated.*
3. To be *"Pure in heart"* means to have no _____ allegiance. (Matthew 6:24; James 1)
4. To be *pure in heart* means having _____ to hide.

II. What Does it Means to See God?

1. No one may see God in His _____.
(John 1:18; 1 Timothy 6:16; Numbers 12:8)
2. You only see what you are _____ to see.
3. You only see what you are _____ for.
(Psalm 18:20-26)
 - **Here's the Truth:** What we _____ determines what we _____!

III. How Can I Cultivate this Purity of Heart?

1. God never sends fire to _____ us, but to purify us.

Job 23:10 *"He knows the way that I take. When he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold."*

2. The water of God's _____ will wash us pure and holy. (Psalm 12:6; 119:9; John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26)

Conclusion:

Verse for June 2023 - Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV) *"Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your Name, O LORD, God of Host."*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning, I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*