Blessed Beyond Belief

Sunday Feb.11, 2024

## Pt.7 Seeing God

Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24:3-6

## Introduction:

- The Greeks called the heart the "cardia"...
  the freewill center where life makes up its mind.
  - ⇒ The goal is to see God, and the means to accomplish that goal is becoming people who are "pure in heart."
- 2. The Greek word for "pure" is kathapos...
  - it has the idea of a <u>sense</u> of <u>cleanness</u>.

    ⇒ **A pure heart is a heart purged from sin.**
  - ⇒ Jesus was not talking about being clean on the <u>outside</u>.
    - He was talking about being clean on the inside.
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         He was talking about being holy.
- Let's take some time to see how we can get to this place where we can see God!

First, If I want to see God I'll...

- **1. Make a Commitment to God's Value System** Psalm 24:3-6 To be pure in heart... I need to value the same things that God values.
  - How do we do that?
    - 1) Let Down Your Guard ... Deut. 10:16 & Deut. 30:6
    - 2) Draw C<u>lose</u> to God ... James 4:8-10
    - 3) Be Willing to Obey ... 1 Sam 15:22
    - 4) Seek Guidance ... Psalm 51:7 & Psalm 51:10
    - 5) Get Real ... Matthew 23:25 -28
- 2. Make a Commitment to God's Kingdom Work
  - ⇒ Recognize that Jesus is in Charge Colossians 1:18
    ⇒ Adopt a Group Mentality Romans 12:5
  - ⇒ Develop Your Spiritual Gift 1 Corinthians 14:12

## 3. Make a Commitment to God's Future

- ⇒ God's Future Motivates Our P<u>resent</u> Ministry

  1 John 3:2-3
- ⇒ God's Future... Promises Us An E<u>ternal</u> Home
- ⇒ God's Future Awaits Those Who are Pure In Heart

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