

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ
SoM, Part 7: Beatitudes, Part 6

Last time...Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy...

The forgiveness and compassion of God; without the mercy of God we have...nothing
Giving mercy to others as freely as we so eagerly, desperately receive the mercy of God

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

Matt 5:8

v8 Blessed

- happy, oh how happy
- fortunate

pure

- clean
- spotless
- free from all contamination, corruption, and blemish
- free from anything unclean, inferior, inappropriate
- homogeneous, unmixed

in heart

- the very center/core of our being (vs the organ)
 - physical, emotional, intellectual, moral center
 - mind, character, will
 - thoughts, intentions, and feelings

shall

- a promise expected...in the future
- determined or planned...in the future
- will...certainty

see

- gaze with open eyes
- inspect
- watch
- understand
- commune with

God

- One True Living
- Maker of heaven and earth
- Eternal, no beginning or end...always was, is, always will be

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God

As expressed 1000 years prior thru David in Ps 24:3-6

Oh how happy are they who stand before God

- spotless and undefiled
- uncontaminated by the world
- devoid of anything inappropriate to the holy God
- with sincerity and honesty of thought, feeling, intentions, being

The King is pure in heart

Shadows of the Substance to come (John 5:39, Heb 10:7):

- pure gold of Mercy seat and candlestick in the Tabernacle and Temple
- pure gold covering wood (humanity) of furniture and structure in Tabernacle and Temple
- sacrifices without blemish
- refining/purifying fire (Mal 3:2)

His words, which come from His heart,

- moral, intellectual, emotional center
- mind, character, will
- thoughts and intentions

are pure

Ps 12:6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Ps 19:8 the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

Ps 119:140 Thy word is very pure

Prov 30:5 Every word of God is pure

His work is pure

Prov 21:8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

1 Peter 1:16-21

The importance of purity

How many drops of arsenic do you want in your glass of drinking water?
3½ thousandths of an ounce in a 12 oz cup is lethal

Only the Lamb of God...sinless, blameless, spotless, innocent...
could offer a pure sacrifice for the filth of Adam's race

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!!! (Not the Pope's way)

All other ways are blemished, spotted, defiled, contaminated...lethal
(James 2:10)

Therefore, as is the King pure, so should be the citizens of the Kingdom
How? I know that I am not pure...

Man has no power to cleanse his heart (every fiber of every dimension of being)
Prov 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
Ps 19:12 Who can understand *his* (moral) errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.
Jer 17:9 (cannot even see/know his own heart!)

But the heart of man...my heart, your heart...is known

Jer 17:10
Ps 139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.
Ps 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
1 Sam 16:7 for *the LORD sees* not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart. (sees the inner man)

How, then, do we “see” what God sees (and we need to)?

Heb 4:12 the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

How do we get to be pure in heart?

Ps 119:9-16 by the pure Word of God
1 Chron 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever.

Is 1:16-18 seek Him – putting away evil, learning/doing God’s ways
Jer 4:14 circumcising our hearts, cutting away the corrupted flesh
1 Sam 3:19 clinging to every word of God;
every word is pure, not just every thought

Every thought vs every word: a lower view of the priceless Word of God

Every word of God is pure...priceless

To be pure in heart...

- cleanse your heart with the Word of God
- strictly follow David's advise to Solomon
- abandon man's ways and embrace God's ways
- be like Samuel
 - thesis: let no words of God fall to the ground... which is cursed
 - antithesis: let God's Word fall to the ground...
1 Chron 10:13-14
 - synthesis to form new thesis: pick and choose...
Gospel of Love, anti-holiness

Hard reality: We will still fall short, so who will deliver us from the body of this death/corruption/contamination?

Ps 44:20-21 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; shall not God search this out? for He knows the secrets of the heart.

We must be made clean by the King

Is 6:1-7

Ps 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake.

Ps 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin

Ps 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow

Mark 10:17-27 Who then can be saved? (only the pure in heart, Ps 24:4)

John 15:3-4a Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in Me, and I in you.

1 John 1:7 if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Eph 5:25-27 ...cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word
1 Cor 6:11 but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of
our God.

When we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of Almighty God...
poor in spirit, mournful, meek, hungry and thirsty, merciful...
God the refining fire purifies the heart of those who trust Him

Then...having been made clean by the King...

1. we must live clean lives, apart from the contaminants of the world

1 Peter 1:18-25 We are as pure in heart as we are submissive and
obedient to the Word of God...by the power of the
Holy Spirit in and upon us

2 Cor 3:3 the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink,
but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of
stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
The Word of God governing our lives

Rom 8:1-5, 27 walking in the Spirit vs the flesh

1 Cor 6:18 flee fornication
1 Cor 10:14 flee idolatry/covetousness
1 John 5:21 keep ourselves from idols

2 Cor 6:6 prove ourselves as ministers of God by pureness
2 Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us
cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and
spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

i.e. choosing to be governed by Word and Spirit
vs the flesh, Self-will

We are as pure in heart as we are submissive and obedient to the Word of
God...by the power of the Holy Spirit in and upon us

Having been made clean by the King,

2. we must think as God thinks

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. (ie Jesus Christ, the Word)

Rom 12:1-2 ...transformed by the renewing of our mind/heart

1 Tim 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith (of Christ) in a pure conscience.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

Having been made clean by the King,

3. we must act as God acts

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law

1 Tim 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

Heb 10:22-25

Having been made clean by the King,

4. we must go into the world as our King did and has commanded us

2 Tim 2:22-26 God loves the impure and desires to purify them

Prov 30:12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

We live just before the Day when every eye will see Jesus Christ...
coming in the clouds as Conquering King and Judge to make
things right and to bring order to all the confusion...
to set up the Kingdom of God on earth

His mercy for the stubbornly impure will have been exhausted
(undiluted wrath for 3½ years preceding that day)

He will purify the filthy, corrupt earth...with the fire of judgment

Before Jesus returns to the earth to judge the inhabitants, He returns to the clouds...to take His Bride to His Father's house

We are studying the SoM – recorded in Matt and in Luke

Matt is Gospel written to the Jews

SoM is very long in Matt...Law of Love (spirit vs letter)

Luke is Gospel written to the Gentiles

SoM is “Cliff Notes” in Luke...to a people who were not a people that obtained the mercy of God

(Hosea 2:23 with Rom 9:22-26)

Another lengthy teaching by Jesus Christ: Olivet Discourse regarding life on earth before He returns in glory

Matt 24 and Luke 21

See (know, look)

[Matt 24:15](#)

[Luke 21:28](#)

AoD not in Luke

Watch

[Matt 24:42](#)

so not surprised once eyes been enlightened
(Ps 19:8)

[Luke 21:36](#)

worthy to escape: Rapture

Jesus is returning to the clouds to gather His Bride BEFORE the 70th week of Daniel to finish...Dan 9:24

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

The Word of God teaches a Pre-Trib snatching of the Bride of Christ!

Jesus teaches in Matt 24 and Luke 21 of the beginning of sorrows

Understanding the times via every word of the priceless Word of God... the times of the Gentiles is almost over!

Therefore, the time is short...we are closer to our salvation than when we believed

And...[Rom 10:13-17](#)

It is high time to

- wake up and cast off the works of darkness
- walk honestly
- be as meek as sheep but as bold as lions

Exhortation: tell someone that does not love/obey Jesus Christ how much Jesus Christ loves them

With purity of heart – no doubts, no fear, no fog

Your personal testimony

Share the Gospel with someone

- you love
- the Holy Spirit put in your mind last week (mercy/forgiveness)
- co-worker
- stranger
- neighbor

Tools and helps from me, Tony, Ramy, Lanny

To see God, we must

1. see as God sees
2. think as God thinks
3. act as God acts
4. go where God is going

How does He see/think/act toward the lost?

What is the condition of His heart?

Sharing your faith is part of God's purifying work in all of our lives

2 Tim 1:7

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God

Be pure of heart and see God!

Prov 22:11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

1 John 3:1-3

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

in the presence of God, completely accepted by Him at the last judgment