

Purer in Heart Oh God

Scripture: Matthew 5:8 & Psalms 24:1-4

Introduction:

I watched a show some time back called “Bee Season” have you seen it? It was a story about a young girl who could somehow see the spelling of any word. Her dad was a professor and he was trying to teach her to manipulate her mind, with meditation, in order to gain the ear of God, basically being ushered into the presence of God. This concept actually has a name it is referred to as mystics.

Wouldn't it be great to be in the presence of God and see him? Well God himself prescribes the exact way to do this and it is no secret and available to all people.

With this in mind:

I took a class called metallurgy. How many of you know what metallurgy is? Well, there is probably more than one person here who knows about metal. I know Ken Dobbs worked in a foundry for years, and must have a lot of knowledge of metals.

Everyone knows what lead is right. It's a heavy metal ...NOT A ROCK BAND, used for fishing sinkers, tire weights and many other things including bullets.

Has anyone in here ever made lead bullets? My dad used to pour lead bullets for his muzzle loader. I remember looking at the melted lead in the pot. It had a rainbow look. Dad would take an old fork and reach down into the pot and skim the top of the lead. Does anyone know what the rainbow look was? Dad always said it was basically tin. Really it was a dross or a waste product that we skimmed from the surface of our melting lead. You see, heat brought the impurities in the lead to the surface where we removed it with a fork.

Having pure lead for your bullets is important for several reasons. One is that harder metals mixed in the lead is hard on your gun barrel. Another is that the bullet will not properly travel through the riffles inside the gun barrel and accuracy will be a problem.

Read:

Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”

Transitional statement:

The more I learn about God the more I want to clean my life up. The more I want to get rid of the dross in my life. That part of me that has been blended in by the world. The more I want to spiritually put on my Sunday best so to speak spiritually. In Malachi 3:2 we understand that God is like a refiners fire. Basically God is involved in , to coin a term, humanurgy. That is he is a refiner of the soul seeking to cast out impurities in our lives. He calls us to holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16) and that only comes through purity.

Body:

I. Our text says “**Blessed** are the pure in heart...”

a. What does it mean to be blessed?

-Blessed is the Greek word Makarios (3107)

-Substantial Meaning: Possessing the favor of God and the state of being marked by fullness from God

*Now if there is anything in this world that we want to do it is to please God. AMEN? There are a lot of things I don't understand but I guarantee that I want to be on the receiving end of favor with God and fullness from Him.

*Aristotle contrasted blessed with word needy

-Blessed comes with full provisions from God

*When we stand before the father don't we desire with all our hearts to hear him address us as children and with a welcome as a good and faithful servant

b. Defining a little further lets look at what blessed does not mean.

-Blessed is not the same as HAPPY

-Blessings certainly add to our happiness.

-Happiness is an emotion often dependant on outward circumstances, coming from the root word hap meaning luck.

-Folks blessings are not happenstance, Luck plays no role here, they are deliberate by the hand of our father in heaven....planned out for us like a gift with much care and thought much as you would prepare a gift for a friend or loved one.

c. The Greek is plural here.... Meaning these blessings just keep on coming

-Gift that keeps on giving

Transitional Statement: According to our text blessings are based upon what?

II. Being Pure in Heart

a. Pure here is from the Greek word Kathara (2513)

Meaning: Free from the admixture or adhesion of anything that soils, adulterates or corrupts

i. Not alloyed (Pure lead)

b. Sincere ...With the connotation of one who differentiates between good and excellent

c. Chaste

i. Purity is a loaded term in the scriptures. It is usually connected with the idea of sexual chastity. Throughout the scripture God likens himself to a husband and his people to a wife. Throughout the prophets he refers constantly to their spiritual impurity as adultery. He even goes as far to say that he has divorced them for it. God expects us to make every effort to stay pure before him.

d. Pruned Like a vine pruned John 15:3
-Healthy

e. Cleansed by shaken to and fro thru a sieve or winnowed
-Flour

f. We should be ever mindful of the fact that sin defiles.

-The O.T. idea of simply touching what was unclean i.e. a dead person would make a person unclean.

-So sin not owned up to, confessed and repented of will stain our lives and keep us from our blessings.

g. Prov. 15:26 the thoughts of a pure heart are pleasing to God.

Transitional Statement: Finally the blessing that our text spells out that comes from a pure heart is that we shall see God

III. Pure in heart, Shall See God

Do you remember how Moses wanted to see God in Exodus 33. He ended up putting Moses in the cleft of the rock and passed by allowing Moses to see his part of his glory. Oh don't you long for the day that you can see God. To be in his presence and just soak it in.

- a. What is in view here is not merely the act of seeing but of perception.
 - i. A close look
 - ii. An understanding of
- b. Figuratively I think the idea here is:
 - i. Knowing him
 - ii. Being acquainted with him
 - iii. Knowing his character
 - iv. **HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!**
- c. Seeing here is derived from a Greek word that means to look away from one thing to another.
 - i. Looking away from what? Self

- Purity is from God not self Prov. 20:9 1 Tim 1:5

Conclusion:

*Remember David and his sin with Bathsheba? 2 Samuel 11

Psalms 51:10...David says "Create in me a **pure** heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

-V: 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart.

*Is your heart pure? You might say I don't know

-Test for purity "out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks....Matt. 12:34

-What type of things have been coming out of our mouths

-Are they glorifying God?

-Or are they defiling us?

*This morning my plea is for all of us to subject ourselves to God's refining fire, so that when the clouds are rolled back and the thoughts of each man's heart are revealed, purity will be found and we will be ushered into the presence of God where we **SHALL SEE GOD!**

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