

○ The Bliss of the Pure in Heart!

Lesson #8--Matthew 5:8

“Pure in Heart” Old Testament Background

- **Genesis 6:5-6**
- **Psalms 24:4**
- **Psalms 73:1**
- **Proverbs 20:9**
- **Psalms 51:10**

Beatitudes get at the Human heart

- ⦿ Heart is deceitful
- ⦿ Mourning first
- ⦿ Very center of our being
- ⦿ “Single-minded” or “focused”
- ⦿ Secret of inner happiness

Opposite of “pure” is impure

- **John 13:10-11**
- **John 15:3**
- **Ephesians 5:5**
- **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Defined in the Sermon on the Mount

- ◉ Light shine
- ◉ Surpassing righteousness
- ◉ No nursing of anger
- ◉ Quickly reconciles
- ◉ No lust
- ◉ No swearing by an oath

Defined in the Sermon on the Mount

- Do not retaliate, love your enemies, how we practice our righteousness before others (praying, giving, fasting), laying up treasures in heaven, cannot serve two masters, do not be anxious, judging others, the golden rule, a tree and its fruits, I never knew you, house on a rock!

Pure in Heart seen in Jesus

- Look at the episodes in Matthew 8 alone!
- The heart of Jesus is revealed.
- His motives are pure and his desire is to do the will of God.

“Purity of Heart” is to Will one Thing

◎ Søren Kierkegaard

◎ 1813-1855 in the Danish Church



Practical suggestions for us Today

- ⦿ Examination of our heart daily
- ⦿ Pure vs. impure thoughts, intents, etc.
- ⦿ Purity comes from God
- ⦿ Monitor my thought world
- ⦿ Recognize influence of the impure
- ⦿ Principles of purity in Sermon on the Mount