

Blessings: The Blessing of Single-Heartedness

Matthew 5:8

Opening Discussion:

1. Consider this statement: most people have good hearts. What do you think?
2. How “good” is your own heart?
3. How does surrendering to Christ have impact the goodness of our hearts?
4. Could we describe most Christians as completely focused on and sold out to God in their hearts? Why or why not? What does our answer tell us about the state of the church in 21st century America?

Those who are completely devoted to knowing and pursing God will be rewarded with that which they seek.

The Sixth Blessing Statement

1. The pure

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.
Matthew 23:25-26

2. In heart

The two Greek words translated “pure in heart” combine to form an idiom, or phrase that means, “a singular focus or devotion.”

Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.”

1 Kings 18:21

The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **James 1:6-8**

3. They shall see God

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. **Psalm 37:4**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **Psalm 24:3-6**

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. **Psalm 73:1**

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. **Job 19:25-26**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. **1 John 3:2-3**

Pursue God with all of your heart, and you will find God. Find God, and you will find what your heart has desired all along.

Fill in the Blank Answers

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The Fourth Blessing Statement: pure, heart, see, God