

## **Purity or Pollution** **Blessed are the pure in heart**

### **Introduction:**

This week we are going to continue with our series in the Sermon on the Mount!

As you know we have been going through, week by week, the Beatitudes that Jesus shares in Matthew 5!!!

AS WE DID LAST WEEK, I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO DO THE SAME AGAIN THIS WEEK - And that is taking time to recite and memorise these Beatitudes as we go through this series!!!

THIS MORNING WE COME TO THE 6TH BEATITUDE! This means that each week there are more and more to remember!

More to memorise!

BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU - MEMORISE THIS PASSAGE!!

As you have seen in this past few weeks - the depth of meaning behind Jesus words here is incredible - and each one is massively applicable to our lives!!!

WITH THAT BEING SAID - AGAIN I WILL TAKE THE WORDS IN YELLOW, IF YOU WILL REPLY WITH THE WORDS IN WHITE:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

And this week's Beatitude:

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

REMEMBER - THIS ENTIRE SECTION OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS ALL ABOUT HAPPINESS!!!

From God's perspective!

Living a life with God's Kingdom mindset!!!!

AND WE KNOW THAT IT IS MANY TIMES - POLAR OPPOSITE TO WHAT THE WORLD WOULD DESCRIBE AS 'HAPPY'

And this morning we come to another attribute that Jesus tells us has a hand in us living a 'happy life'!!!

And this week we move on to:

'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God'

I want to share a message this morning looking at this Beatitude entitled:

### **Purity or Pollution**

As we begin looking into this Beatitude this morning, I want to take time to remind you of what we talking about last week - regarding this 2nd half of the Beatitudes:

1st 4 - Internal/My life and relation to God  
2nd 4 - External manifestations of the first 4!

And this one that we are going to look at today is the external manifestation of 'Blessed are they that mourn'!!!

They what mourn - one of the primary meanings behind that statement is that we must take the time to be broken and contrite over our sin!!!!

AS CHRISTIANS - WE KNOW THAT WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH SIN!  
WE STILL BATTLE WITH SIN!  
IT IS A DAILY WAR - AGAINST THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL!!!!

And friends today - what our Beatitudes are telling us is this:  
If we will build within ourselves a mentality and mindset of being broken, contrite and weeping over our sin - IT WILL IN TURN PROMOTE IN MY ACTIONS, WORDS, DEEDS, AND MY LIFE - PURITY OF LIVING!!!!

If I have a brokenness over sin  
If I have a contrite spirit when I break God's law and go against God's word  
IT WILL IN TURN PROMOTE A DESIRE FOR ME TO:

Think pure  
Act pure  
Speak pure  
Live pure

TO LIVE A LIFE - 'PURE IN HEART'!!!  
The life that is happy/blessed!  
The life of one who is then promised will - SEE GOD!!!

**And so this morning - THIS IS A MASSIVE CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US!!!**

Unless of course you are perfect in the room today?  
Unless you don't struggle with sin?  
Unless you have mastered perfection?  
Unless you no longer have an issue with - the world, the flesh and the devil - every day trying to lead you into spiritual pollution!!

NO!  
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US STILL BATTLE THESE THINGS!  
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US STILL STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME THESE THINGS!!!!

We have been saved from the penalty of sin - past, present and future in salvation!  
But we still struggle and battle daily to overcome the power of sin in our christian life - that is the reality of sanctification!!!! THE DAILY CHRISTIAN JOURNEY TO BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS!!!!

We are all in the same boat here this morning!  
Maybe you think you are the only one that is dealing with this difficulty of temptation and sinful urges!!!

**FRIENDS - WE ALL HAVE THEM!**  
WE ALL STRUGGLE WITH THEM  
WE ALL BATTLE TO OVERCOME THEM!!!

We are all in this together!!!

**THAT DOESN'T MEAN IN ANY WAY - WE ARE CONDONING SIN!**

Or that we are saying it is ok to sin! NO!!!

It is ok that you are struggling and battling with it - THAT IS NATURAL!

You are still living in a fallen world, in a fallen human nature, and a fallen body!

BUT - THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN IT IS OK TO SIN!

**It is never right to do wrong!!**

But we recognise this morning that we all battle and struggle against doing wrong every single day!!!

THE QUESTION IS:

ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE IN TO THOSE URGINGS?

ARE YOU GOING TO INDULGE IN THOSE TEMPTATIONS?

That is what sets the pure in heart, apart from the polluted in heart!!!!

TODAY - THAT IS THE DECISION THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE:

Am I living the life of one who is:

**Pure in heart?**

**Polluted in heart?**

IT IS EITHER ONE OF THE OTHER!

WE ARE EITHER STRIVING TO LIVE 'PURE IN HEART' OR:

WE HAVE SETTLED FOR BEING 'POLLUTED IN HEART'

Jesus doesn't want us to settle and give in to sin and to spiritual pollution!!!

JESUS WANTS US TO BE 'PURE IN HEART'!!!

Which are you this morning?

Are you still fighting?

Are you still battling?

Are you still striving to live pure?

I PRAY THAT YOU ARE!!!

**If not - today is the day to renew that commitment to the Lord!**

Today is the day that the quest for spiritual purity begins!

Today is the day that the battle for the heart must start!!!

AND THAT IS WHAT JESUS IS CHALLENGING US WITH IN OUR BEATITUDE TODAY!!!

So with that in mind - let's take a look at Matthew 5:8:

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

What I want to do is this - explain and define - 3 words in this verse!

From there we are going to zone in on what Jesus main application, meaning and desire is behind these words and this Beatitude!!!

So here are the 3 words we are going to look at:

Pure

Heart

See

3 words which we are all familiar with I hope!

BUT I WANT TO TAKE TIME AND MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THESE WORDS IN A BIBLICAL SENSE SO THAT WE CAN GET THE MOST OUR OF THIS BEATITUDE!!!

And in turn - UNDERSTAND THE INCREDIBLY HUGE CHALLENGE THAT JESUS IS GIVING US TODAY!!!!

So let's look at the first of those words:

## 1. Pure

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

We know that this word really sets the tone for the message today!

And so it is important that we understand fully what Jesus is getting at whenever He changes us with this need for purity!!!

Dictionary - **free from adulteration and contamination**

The original biblical usage of the word - **clean, unmixed, unadulterated, unalloyed**

It is like the picture of milk or wine which is unadulterated with water,

Or:

Metal which has no tinge of alloy!!!

As we go on through this brief word study looking at the other 2 words in the verse you will see why those descriptive words are such a big challenge to us!!!

THAT JESUS WANTS US TO BE:

Unmixed

Unadulterated

Unalloyed

Clean!

IN ONE WORD - PURE!!!

But that word in and of itself doesn't help us to understand exactly what this challenge is that Jesus is setting out!!!

And so we must move swiftly on to the 2nd word in the verse that we want to look at!!!

AND IT IS IN COMBINING THE WORD 'PURE' WITH 'HEART' THAT WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE, THE DIFFICULTY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CHALLENGE THAT JESUS IS GIVING US!!!

## 2. Heart

What it doesn't mean:

A blood pumping pulmonary body part!

JESUS ISN'T SPEAKING ABOUT YOUR LITERAL HEART!!!

He isn't going on a physical health and awareness kick:

You need to make sure that your 'blood pumping vessels, arteries and veins etc - ARE CLEAN!!! ARE PURE!!!

No - the word heart here is being used differently!!!!

AND IN ALL HONESTY WE SEE THIS WORD FOR HEART USED ALL THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE!!!

**And here is what it means:**

Spiritual Centre of our Life  
Our Spiritual Core and whole being

What that means is - our heart, used in this spiritual sense, dictates everything about us:

The heart is where:

Our thoughts  
Our actions  
Our deeds  
Our words  
Our emotions and feelings  
Our attitude  
Our desires  
Our sense of purpose  
Our will

**OUR WHOLE CHARACTER RESIDES!!!!**

And so this then - gives us the fullest sense of the challenge that Jesus is giving us here!!!!

JESUS ISN'T DEALING WITH ONE SPECIFIC AREA OF OUR LIFE AND OUR CHARACTER!!!

**When speaking of the heart - JESUS IS DEALING WITH - EVERYTHING!**

The whole thing!  
Our entire being!!!!

And so this verse lays out an incredible challenge!!!

HOW IS YOUR CHARACTER?

HOW IS YOUR CORE SPIRITUAL BEING?

**IS IT PURE?**

**OR IS IT POLLUTED?**

FRIENDS - The Bible challenges us regarding our heart - all throughout the Bible!!!

One of the main verses that I think about whenever it comes to this challenge of the heart is this:  
Proverbs 4:23 - *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

THIS VERSE PROVES EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE JUST TALKED ABOUT!!!

All the issues of life flow out of the heart!!!

Whenever the heart is clean and pure as it should be it leads to:

Pure thoughts  
Pure actions  
Pure motives  
Pure words  
Pure emotions and feelings  
Pure desires

**AND OVERALL - VERY SIMPLY A PURE LIFE!!!**

But whenever the opposite is true - it quickly becomes a very ugly picture!!!

WHENEVER OUR HEART - MOVED FROM PURE, OR POLLUTED - It pollutes everything in our lives!!!!

It begins very quickly to effect everything and all of a sudden we find ourselves having:  
Impure, polluted thoughts  
Impure impulses and actions  
Unclean, impure motives  
Impure:  
Words  
Emotions  
Feelings  
Desires

**WHICH VERY QUICKLY OF COURSE COLOURS OUR ENTIRE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL BEING AS - POLLUTED!!!**

Unclean  
Mixed with sin and the world  
A spiritual adulterated and contaminated life!!!

AND THAT IS A BAD, BAD PICTURE!!!!

Jesus here is challenging us of the need to strive to be - PURE IN HEART!!!!

**That is:**

Clean, unmixed, unadulterated, unalloyed (**PURE**)

In:

The Entirely and core of our Spiritual life (**HEART**)

FOR EACH OF US HERE THAT SHOULD BE A MASSIVE CHALLENGE!!!!

None of us are there yet!!

All of us - like I mentioned at the start of the service would be willingly to honestly admit:

I'm not perfect!

I struggle

I make mistake

I often find spiritual impurity and uncleanness fighting it's way into my life!!!

SO FOR EACH OF US HERE TODAY - THIS CHALLENGE OF JESUS APPLIES TO EVERY CHRISTIAN!!!!

LET ME STOP THERE FOR A MOMENT - AND CLARIFY SOMETHING IMPORTANT ABOUT WHAT JESUS IS SPEAKING OF IN MATTHEW 5:8:

**Jesus isn't speaking about all this with regards to salvation!**

FRIENDS - If you don't know Jesus as your Saviour - no amount of pure thoughts, pure words, pure actions and no matter how pure a life you try and live - IT WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH TO GRANT YOU ETERNAL LIFE!!!

Eternal life doesn't come from good living!

Salvation isn't about us being good enough, pure enough, clean enough in our manner of life!!!

PEOPLE ALL ACROSS OUR WORLD - HAVE WENT ON SPIRITUAL QUESTS TO STRIVE TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE A COMPLETELY PURE AND CLEAN LIFE IN ORDER TO FIND REDEMPTION AND SALVATION!!!

But friends - Jesus isn't talking about salvation whenever He is challenges us of this need to be 'pure in heart'!!!!

SALVATION ISN'T ABOUT LIVING A PURE LIFE  
ETERNAL LIFE ISN'T ABOUT CLEANING YOURSELF UP AND TRYING TO BE GOOD  
ENOUGH!!!

In fact it is the opposite:  
Salvation begins with me realising I am not pure!  
I am not good enough!  
I cant clean myself up enough to be good enough for God!!!

AND THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY AND HOW PURE A LIFE I LEAD - I KNOW THAT IT  
STILL FALLS SHORT OF WHAT GOD REQUIRES!!!!

The Bible makes it clear that from the beginning - MAN HAS A SIN PROBLEM!!!!

That means from the time that you were born - you had a spiritual problem!  
A SPIRITUAL DISEASE IF YOU WILL!!!!

And our sin - separates us from God!!!  
Sin is simply breaking God's law!  
Transgressing it!!!

AND THE BIBLE MAKES IT CLEAR:  
Romans 3:23 - **All have sinned and come short of the glory of God!!**

And that:  
Romans 6:23 - **The wages of sin is death**

THAT MEANS THAT BECAUSE OF MY SIN, MY UNCLEAN SPIRITUAL CONDITION - I am  
destined for spiritual death - SEPARATION FROM GOD!!!

Sin caused a massive chasm if you will between God and man!

And the only way that I can find a way to deal with that sin problem - the only way for that  
separation and chasm to be done away with - IS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND WHAT HE DID  
FOR YOU!!!!

**You see the rest of Romans 6:23 tells us:**  
Romans 6:23 - **The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our  
Lord'**

A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT THINGS:  
**Eternal Life is only through Jesus Christ!**

And:  
**Eternal Life is a gift!!!**

That means:  
It is something that we can freely receive!  
I don't need to work for it, or pay for it!  
Salvation isn't about what I can do, or how pure I can be, but rather it is all about what Jesus did  
for me!!!!

**JESUS CHRIST LIVED THE PERFECT, PURE LIFE THAT YOU COULD NEVER LIVE!!**  
AND HE CAME TO THIS EARTH WITH A PURPOSE TO DIE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD!!!!

And on that cross - he took your place  
He died for your sins

He paid the penalty that you deserved!!!

REMEMBER - OUR SIN LEFT US ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH DEATH - SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING!!!

But Jesus Christ dealt with that through His own death and resurrection!!!

**AND AS IT IS A GIFT** - That means that it is all about Jesus today - it isn't about your goodness, your merit, your cleanness, your deeds and best efforts!!!!

FRIENDS - WHENEVER IT COMES TO SALVATION - THERE IS NOTHING THAT YOU CAN OFFER GOD FOR HIM TO GRANT YOU SALVATION!!!

Instead - God has made salvation freely available to anyone who will simply believe and receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour!!!

Realising:

I can't save myself

I can't clean myself up enough to be good enough for eternal life!

IT IS ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND HIS SACRIFICE THAT WE CAN KNOW WE ARE SAVED!

And know that we have eternal life!!!!

THIS IS TAUGHT ALL THE WAY THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE!!!!

And so that is how we know for sure - without a shadow of a doubt that in Matthew 5:8 Jesus isn't teaching us that we have to be clean enough and pure enough to be saved!

YOU SAY TO ME TODAY - BUT LOOK AT THE END OF MATTHEW 5:8 - **IT SAYS THAT ONLY THE PURE IN HEART WILL SEE GOD??**

That means those that aren't pure in heart won't see God?

That means I must be completely pure in everything and every area of my life in order to be saved and see God?

IS THAT NOT WHAT IT MEANS?

**Simply - NO!!!!**

Like I said - all throughout the New Testament - God makes it abundantly clear:

SALVATION IS THROUGH GRACE ALONE

THROUGH FAITH ALONE

IN CHRIST ALONE!

It isn't about me

It isn't about my best efforts and my good deeds and my 'cleanness and purity of life'

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS AND THE SAVING GRACE AVAILABLE IN HIM!!!!

Look with me at Matthew 5:8 and I want to take time to explain our last main word here to show you what Jesus is really saying:

### **3. See**

Matthew 5:8 - *Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God'*

First - Remember Jesus audience!!!

JESUS IS PRIMARILY SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO HIS DISCIPLES IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - NOT THE LOST, NOT THE UNSAVED!!

THOSE WHO HAVE COUNTED THE COST!

THOSE WHO ALREADY BELIEVE IN HIM!

So these Beatitudes and the whole sermon on the mount doesn't touch on what salvation is in any way - It is all about sanctification - LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS!!!

So with that in mind:

### **JESUS ISN'T SAYING:**

See God - In terms of being saved and being able to enter His presence in glory one day!

Neither is He saying:

You will physically be able to see God with your eyes during this life!!!

IT'S NOT LIKE A GAUGE THAT WHENEVER YOU REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL OF PURE LIVING - ALL OF A SUDDEN GOD APPEARS TO YOU IN PHYSICAL FORM!!!!

Here is what Jesus is getting at:

And to understand what Jesus is getting at we need to understand His use of the word 'see':

**SEE** - 'means experiencing more of God, and having a greater understanding of who He is, and what He wants to accomplish through your life!!'

One christian theologian put it this way:

*'we will be able to "see" in the sense of understanding God better. The principles of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 each has to do with being closer to God or satisfied in God. When we are pure in heart, we will be closer to God than if we live impure lives.'*

SO THESE BEATITUDES AT THEIR VERY HEART - HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH SALVATION!

AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH SANCTIFICATION!!!

That is:

They have nothing to do with showing us how we can be saved

And everything to do with how we can best live the christian life and become more like Jesus!!!!

To see God in the sense Jesus is using it in Matthew 5:8 is simply:

To experience God and see Him working in our life

To grow in our understanding of who God is, and what He wants to do through my life!!!!

### **ISN'T THAT WHAT WE ALL DESIRE?**

We all want to see God work more through our life?

We all want to experience God in a very real way in our everyday christian life!!!!

### **I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING IS FOR SURE:**

Whenever my heart gets polluted as a christian - I find that I don't see God working in my life the way I have in the past, or the way I want Him to in the future!!!

I DON'T FEEL LIKE I EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER AT WORK IN MY LIFE WHENEVER I'M NOT LIVING PURE:

Thinking pure

Acting pure

Speaking pure

I KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE IN MY OWN LIFE!!!

For each of us we should have a deep longing and a desire - TO SEE GOD!! AT WORK IN OUR LIVES!  
USING US!  
WORKING THROUGH US!  
EXPERIENCING HIS POWER AND HIS PRESENCE IN OUR LIFE!!!

And Jesus makes it crystal clear - that is promise of those that have a pure heart - that they will see God!!!!

**AND SO THIS VERSE ISN'T ABOUT SALVATION!  
IT IS ABOUT SANCTIFICATION!!!!**

It is Jesus telling us that as we have been saved, and we have been cleansing and made pure from the penalty of sin, **in salvation**:

NOW WE MUST STRIVE - To walk and live pure, as we battle to overcome the power of sin, **in our everyday christian life** - AND THIS IS SANCTIFICATION!!!

THAT IS JESUS CHALLENGE TO EACH OF US!!!

A BATTLE FOR SPIRITUAL PURITY!!!  
To fight to live a life that is pure!!

This is a deep challenge from Jesus!!

**NOTICE:**

Jesus moves immediately beyond the external to the internal  
He moves beyond what others see and know about us - to what God sees and knows about us!!!

THE PRIMARY ISSUE JESUS IS CONCERNED WITH IS THE HEART!!!  
And friends - that is the part of you that only God knows!!!

Sure - others can see hints of what your heart is like based on your:  
Actions  
Words  
Deeds

**BUT THE TRUTH IS - IT IS VERY EASY TO PUT ON AN EXTERNAL SHOW!!!**

To act how you know people expect you to act  
Say what you know people expect you to say  
Live how you know people expect you to live!!

**BUT JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN JUST SOME EXTERNAL SHOW OR PERFORMANCE!**

He is talking about more than just how we appear to others!  
Or how others perceive us!!!

**WE CAN FOOL OTHERS!**

**WE CAN PUT ON A SHOW**

**WE CAN LIVE AND ACT IN SUCH A WAY TO WHERE PEOPLE EVEN LOOK AT US FROM THE OUTSIDE AND THINK WE ARE PURE, RIGHTEOUS, HOLY, UPRIGHT PEOPLE!!!**

Many times this is what happens in churches - we focus on the external!  
We clean up the exterior

We put on our church personality and performance to fit in!

WHENEVER BEHIND IT ALL - IS A HEART THAT IS A MESS!  
A heart that is polluted, rather than pure!!!

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!  
We have all been there!

We put on this external appearance of being 'pure', clean, having it together spiritually!  
BUT WE AREN'T 'PURE IN HEART'!!!

**JESUS COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT YOUR EXTERNAL SHOWING OR ACT OF PURITY!**  
He cares about your heart!!!!

What Jesus cares about is **more than an external purity of behavior; it is an internal purity of soul.**

He wants us to be pure from the inside out!!!  
A purity that begins at the heart!

AND WORKS ITS WAY OUT INTO EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE AND EVERYTHING THAT WE DO!!!!

Many of us think we have succeeded/or we are ok if we simply:  
Trick our Pastor  
Trick our fellow christian  
Trick our family and friends  
Into thinking that we are 'pure' spiritually

BUT GOD KNOWS!  
GOD SEES!  
GOD LOOKS PAST THE EXTERNAL FACADE!  
AND SEES YOUR HEART!!!

American Pastor:  
'The heart is what you are, in the secrecy of your thought and feeling, when nobody knows but God. And what you are at the invisible root matters as much to God as what you are at the visible branch. "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).'

God wants much more than surface level purity!!  
HE IS LOOKING FOR THOSE THAT ARE 'PURE IN HEART'!!!

Which leads me to my challenge:  
How is your heart?  
How is your spiritual life?  
Not the part that everyone else sees - THE PART THAT ONLY GOD SEES!!!

**Are you 'pure in heart'?**  
Or would you honestly say today - I'm 'polluted in heart'?

I have been letting things into my heart and life that aren't right!  
Which in turn leads me to:  
Thinking polluted - sinful, immoral, polluted thoughts  
Acting polluted - doing things that aren't right, things are sinful, things that we know we shouldn't be  
Living polluted - the sum of everything that we have let into our life that shouldn't be there!!!

FRIENDS - IT IS TIME FOR REALITY CHECK!!

**The christian life isn't some show you put on!  
It isn't a facade you play around your christian friends and church members!!!  
LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE BEGINS WITH YOUR HEART!!!**

Purity that begins from the inside, in your heart - and works it's way out into every area of your life!!!

**THAT IS WHAT WE MUST STRIVE FOR!  
THAT MUST BE OUR DESIRE!!!**

I want to share an illustration about a little boy - and if we could just understand and desire 'purity' with the mindset of this little child - we would be on the right path:

There was a little boy once who was reading an advertisement for Simpson's cocoa powder and asked his mother, "Mom, what does '100% pure' mean?"

"It means completely clean, with nothing bad in it."

Later, as she knelt by him as he prayed before going to bed, she heard him say the words, "Dear God, please help me to be like Simpson's cocoa powder —"

"Son!" she whispered, but he kept going.

"Make me 100% pure, completely clean with nothing bad in me."

May we this morning have the understanding and desire for purity as that little child!!!

**GOD WANTS US TO BE - 100% PURE!  
TO STRIVE TO BE 100% PURE!  
TO LONG AFTER BEING - 100% PURE!**

May we say with that little child:  
'Lord, Make me 100% pure, completely clean with nothing bad in me'

**Completely clean in our manner of living - with nothing bad in my lifestyle!!!  
WHAT A CHALLENGE!!!!**

## **CONCLUSION:**

As we close - What are some simple but important things I can do to help me truly have a spiritual life that is pursuing being 'pure in heart':

### **\*Spend time in the Bible:**

Proverbs 30:5 - **Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.**  
Psalm 12:6 - **The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.**

**GOD'S WORD IS PURE!  
IT'S WORDS ARE PURE!**

Whenever we drink in the word of God - we are putting pure words and pure truths into our mind and our heart - that can only help us in our battle to be 'pure in heart'

### **\*Spend time with Jesus & Keep an eye on His return**

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **3**And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

### **FIRSTLY - Jesus is pure**

That means the closer we get to Jesus and the more time we spend with Him - whether that is in prayer talking to Him, and learning about Him from the Word - THAT PURENESS OF CHRIST WILL RUB OFF IN OUR HEART AND LIFE!!

### **SECONDLY:**

1 John 3:2-3 challenges us to look for His return!

EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE - The hope of his coming again - PURIFIETH HIMSELF!!!

There are few things that motivate us to change our current way of life and our current habits - than remembering that Jesus could come again any moment!!!

WOULD WE WANT HIM TO FIND US AS WE CURRENTLY ARE, WHEN HE RETURNS?

WOULD WE BE ASHAMED IF HE COMES AGAIN BASED ON THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR 'HEART'?

Friends - motivate yourself towards being 'pure in heart' in sight of His return!!!

AFTER ALL:

Jesus tells us

**Blessed/Happy are the pure in heart!!!**

WE WANT TO BE HAPPY SPIRITUALLY!

AND ALSO - WE WANT TO SEE GOD!! SEE HIM WORKING IN US AND THROUGH US!

EXPERIENCE HIS POWER AND PRESENCE IN OUR LIFE!!!

And that is promise to those who are 'pure in heart'!!!!

**So friends today - strive to be 'pure in heart' - and to encourage and help us do that:**

\*GET IN THE BIBLE

\*GET CLOSE TO JESUS

\*KEEP AN EYE ON HIS SOON RETURN!

As we strive to live out this beatitude in our every day life!!!

Which do you have and which do you strive for?

Purity or Pollution?

**MAY WE STRIVE TO BE 'PURE IN HEART'**