

## A Matter Of The Heart – A Pure Heart

Matthew 5:8

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

Can I ask you...

- Is this what you are after?
- Is this what you are hoping for?
- “That one day, you would see God?”

I believe this is speaking about the judgement... but I also believe it is talking about “right now”.

Let me ask you,

- “When was the last time you saw God?”
- When was the last miracle in your life?
- When was the last act of compassion that you knew came from the Holy Ghost?
- When was the last time you stood in an altar or in your place of prayer with tears streaming down your face realizing that God showed up in your life at that moment and gave you hope and direction for your life as He refilled you with the Holy Spirit?

I want to see Heaven, when I get there...

- But want to see Heaven while I am here too.
  - I want to see Heaven in the moves of God in our services.
  - I want to see Heaven in our worship
  - I want to see Heaven in our prayer meetings
  - I want to see Heaven in the way you all love one another and encourage one another.
  - I want to see Heaven in the healing of your hearts and souls.

But it all starts in the heart Jesus said.

- If you want what I just talked about, then it is going to take having what Jesus called a Pure Heart.
- A heart that is not defiled, with anger and bitterness and sin, and hatred.

- But a pure heart.
- A sinless person, “no”. A pure heart, “Yes”.

Someone said, “Well I thought I had to be sinless in order to have a pure heart.”

- No one is without sin.
- Only Jesus was sinless.
  - But a pure heart understands and allows the grace of God to operate in their life.
- You don’t have to be perfect.
  - But your heart has to be right.
- Do don’t have to be without sin,
  - But you have to not want sin. (What’s in the heart)
- Does that make since to anyone?

See, we’re not talking about being sinless here, we’re talking about having a right heart.

You have to protect you heart.

Matthew 15:19

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Some people wonder if they have enough faith to live for God.

- It is not as much a Faith issue is it is a heart issue.

I know people who had great faith, but Evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies...

Faith alone will not open the Heavens in your life.

- The Devil has faith.

- The scripture tells us that He “believes in God”.
- But that is not going to get him into Heaven.

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It's going to take having a right heart.

Can I share some spiritual wisdom?

- Just because you're having a rough time in life does not mean that your walk with God has faltered.

### Matthew 5:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

It rains on the just and the unjust.

Someone might think because they can't find a job or a spouse that their walk with God is weak.

### Genesis 5:22-24

And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:  
And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

I wonder if it rained any of those days that Enoch walked with God.

- Did he get wet?
- Did it get muddy?
- Did he slip and fall on those walks?

Or did Enoch only walk with God on sunny days.

- Days when everything was going right in his life.
- Days when blessings were flowing.
- Days when his job and his marriage and personal life was going well.

I don't think so.

- See I have found that in this world, you will have tribulation.
- You will have temptation.
- And as a result, sin will happen. And thank God for His grace that covers our sins – right?

But a walk with God doesn't just happen on the good days.

- It happens on the bad days too.
- In fact the really bad days.
- The days when you wonder if anyone cares and if you even matter.
- In fact, those are the days when your walk with God are the most precious.

Anyone will walk with you in the sunshine.

- But who is willing to walk with you in the rain or in a storm?

I believe that's what God's is looking for in us.

- A heart that says "God, I'm in this for the long haul. And if you will have me... I will be here on my good days and on my bad days."

What kind of friends do you like?

- Fairweather friends?
- Or friends who are right there with you even when they are struggling themselves.

### Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

He was no great preacher.

- It doesn't tell us that Enoch had an amazing faith that moved mountains.
- It simply says that "Enoch walked with God."
- The scriptures don't say if he had great faith or if miracles happened because of his faith.
- It does say however, that Enoch walked with God.

There is something very beautiful and precious about a person's relationship with God when they simply walk with Him.

They are not perfect.

- They don't do exponential things for the Kingdom.
- But their heart is close to God.
- They are able to keep most of the junk out of their life not because of some great faith, but simply because they have a right heart with Him.

Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Lip service won't cut it.

- It's going to take a genuine coming to Jesus meeting with your own heart.
- You won't find it hard at all to tell someone you forgive them if it's what's in your heart.

Reluctant forgiveness is not forgiveness.

- Reluctant giving is not giving.
- Reluctant love is not love
- Reluctant anything is nothing.

So if you are reluctant in your heart... check your heart.

- Because the heart does not hesitate.
- The heart does not second guess
- The heart loves and acts and gives and forgives and does things no one else would ever do because it's the heart.

And when the heart is right... so much more of life is right.

- When your heart is right your relationship with God is right.
- When your heart is right your relationship with your spouse is right.
- When your heart is right your relationship with everyone else can be right.

Will it be perfect?

- Probably not,
- But “your” heart will be right and so you will be perfect.

### Matthew 12:35

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Do you see the difference?

- One man brings good things.
- The other man brings bad things.

Have you ever met anyone who it seems like everything that comes from them is evil.

- Evil language
- Evil relationships
- Evil business dealings
- Evil, sneaky, lying, deceitful, distrustful.

But then Jesus talks about a good man.

- And where does all the good things of this man’s life come from?
- Jesus said the good treasure of his heart.

### Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

We have to stop listening to what other people say they would do...

- “Boy I would have told them this...”
- “I would have done this to them...”
- “I sure would have straightened them out.”

Our lives as Christians are not supposed to reflect the conversations of some angry person.

- ESPECIALLY IF THAT ANGRY PERSON IS SOMEONE ELSE!
- It’s supposed to reflect the lowly heart of Jesus.

The heart.

Where is your heart today?

- What has gotten into your heart that is robbing you of your walk with God.

It's A Matter Of The Heart and it's between you and Jesus.

- It's affecting everything around you....
- It's A Matter Of The Heart.