



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

6. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART (MT. 5:8)



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ABOUT...

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.”

A. We approach this beatitude with a deep sense of wonder and awe. Purity of heart includes purity in our morals, motives, and methods. To be pure means to live with the goal of single-minded obedience to Jesus and to resist the defilement that comes from lust (Mt. 6:22). The heart includes all that makes up our inner life (mind, emotions, and will).

Matthew 6:22 (NASB)

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

1. Morals: To resist fleshly lusts
which war against our heart
11 I beg you...abstain from fleshly
lusts which war against the
soul... (1 Pet. 2:11)

21 Out of the heart of men,
proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,
fornications, murders...

23 All these evil things come from
within and defile a man.

(Mk. 7:21-23)

2. Motives: To seek to give more to people than we seek to receive from them

3. Methods: Without manipulation or distortion in any of the processes

B. They shall see God: The pure will have an increased capacity to see and experience God. This is one of the greatest promises in God's Word. This promise is partially fulfilled in this life. To see God is the privilege of the living creatures, who live closest to God. They are full of eyes and thus are blessed with a vast capacity to see God (Rev. 4:8).

8The four living creatures...were full of eyes around and within! (Rev. 4:8)

C. The ultimate experience of
Christianity now and for eternity
is to know, or see, God
(Rev. 22:4).

3 This is eternal life, that they
may know You, the only true
God, and Jesus Christ... (Jn.
17:3)

D. There is no substitute for purity for those who want to see and experience more of God. Purity does not cause us to earn revelation of God, but it positions us so that our spiritual capacity can be enlarged to see and experience God. We must be in agreement with God's purity to see more.

14Pursue...holiness [purity], without which no one will see the Lord... (Heb. 12:14)

E. God is light, and in Him is no darkness (1 Jn. 1:5). In the spiritual realm, light and darkness cannot mix. We will “see God” only to the degree that we think like Him.

The compelling power to live before man’s eyes instead of God’s fades before this promise. Knowing that the Spirit sees everything in our heart motivates us to live in a way that agrees with Him.

⁵ God is light and in Him is no darkness at all... (1 Jn. 1:5)

F. Believing and pursuing the promise of seeing God in a greater way will revolutionize our life. Surely we were created to see God and to be near Him. When our spiritual eye is single in our obedience to Jesus, then our whole body is full of light and understanding of God.

22 If your [spiritual] eye is good [single], your whole body will be full of light. (Mt. 6:22)

7. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS (MT. 5:9)



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9 “Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of
God.”



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A. Jesus calls us to avoid creating strife and to work to reconcile and repair relationships. It takes time to hear the hearts of others so that we may properly honor them. The peacemaker sees the value of investing time and energy to bring peace between individuals, families, races, and ministries, in social, civic, and marketplace issues, and even in the nations.

B. We are to refuse to have an argumentative or contentious spirit or to push our will at all costs. We are called to live peaceably with all men by humbling ourselves to serve them and to refuse to push our agenda or to complain against them (we are to make godly appeals in the right spirit and way). A pushy or argumentative person is one who speaks from their pride (Prov. 13:10).

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (Rom. 12:18)

10 By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom. (Prov. 13:10)

C. Peace is not sought at the expense of truth and righteousness. It is not a peace at any price.

34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.
(Mt. 10:34)

D. They shall be called sons of God: Peacemakers will resemble God to many (v. 45). The promise is to be called sons of God, so that even unbelievers may say about them, “They are like God.”