

Message

The Pure In Heart



Neal Parker

The Pure In Heart

- **Purity in the Physical Realm**
 - **Pure Water / Pure Air**
 - **Consumer Products Promote Pure Ingredients**
 - **Purebred Animals**



The Pure In Hearts

**A good definition of pure or purity could be:
"conforming absolutely to a standard of quality;
faultless."**



**When a thing is pure, it is unmixed, unalloyed,
unadulterated, uncontaminated or undefiled
by anything foreign to itself.**

The Pure In Heart

- **Purity is important to God because God is pure.**
- **God is free from anything that contaminates, debases, or pollutes.**
- **A pure life characterizes believers: sin no longer determines the choices we make.**



The Pure In Heart

- **God's purity has cleansed us from our sins, and we strive to live for Him.**
- **The believer becomes pure in Christ's justification.**
- **This purity is not that which appears to be pure on the outside, but that which is truly pure from the inside out.**



The Pure In Heart

- In the sacrificial system, purity was identified by means of various rituals is generally presented as an adjunct of various sacrifices.
- By this holiness was established and protected within Ancient Israel.



The Pure In Heart

■ More Than Removing Dirt

– Exodus 19:5-6

- Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

– Exodus 19:14

- So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

The Pure In Heart

■ More Than Removing Dirt

– Exodus 29:17

- Washing of sacrificial animals

– Exodus 30:1-21

- Washing of the priest

– Leviticus 6:27

- Cleaning blood spattered Priest garments

– Leviticus 11:25, 39-40

- Touching a corpse

– Leviticus 13:53-59

- Contact with Leprosy

The Pure In Heart

“BLESSED ARE THE
PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY SHALL
SEE GOD”

MATTHEW 5:8

Create in me
A CLEAN HEART,
O GOD,
AND RENEW A
right spirit
WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:10

The Pure In Heart

■ Psalm 51:1-19

- God makes the distinctions between what is pure and impure
- The standards for purity before God shift from merely ceremonial actions to moral conduct.

■ Isaiah 4:2-6



The Pure In Heart

■ Haggai 2:5-23

- Contrast: Impossibility of holiness being transferred from one to another, but defilement is easily transmitted
- The sanctity of something or someone dedicated to God cannot be transferred merely by contact with another.



The Pure In Heart

- **While God Cleanses, We Have Responsibilities...**
 - **Isaiah 1:10-17**
 - **Jeremiah 4:14**



The Pure In Heart

■ Matthew 23:25-28

- II Peter 2:20-22
- Hebrews 9:11-15

**Cleanse first the
inside of the
cup, so that the
outside also
may be clean
(Matthew 23:26)**



The Pure In Heart

- **Allow God's Cleansing Agents To Work...**
 - **Titus 3:5-6:** "... not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord."
 - **John 14:16-17:** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—even the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

The Pure In Heart

■ Allow God's Cleansing Agents To Work...

- **John 16:13:** "However, when it, the Spirit of truth, has come, it will guide you into all truth; for it will not speak on its own authority, but what ever it hears it will speak; and it will tell you things to come."
- **John 17:17:** "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."
- **John 15:3:** "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."
- **Ephesians 5:25-26:** "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."

The Pure In Heart

■ Matthew 5:8

- God desires purity in all we think, say and do.
- The heart is central to this because in the Bible the heart stands for the seat, source, reservoir and instigator of our thoughts, attitudes, desires, character and motivation.
- Obviously, the quality of the heart is the issue in this beatitude.

■ Proverbs 4:23

- "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

The Pure In Heart

■ Ezekiel 36:25-27

- It is a process, and as we have all discovered from Scripture and own experience since baptism, human nature is still very much alive within us.

■ Galatians 5:17

- "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you cannot do the things that you wish."

The Pure In Heart

- **Human nature, the law of sin within us, is always seeking to pull us again into the defilement of sin, seeking to destroy us.**
 - **Romans 8:7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
 - **Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?



The Pure In Heart

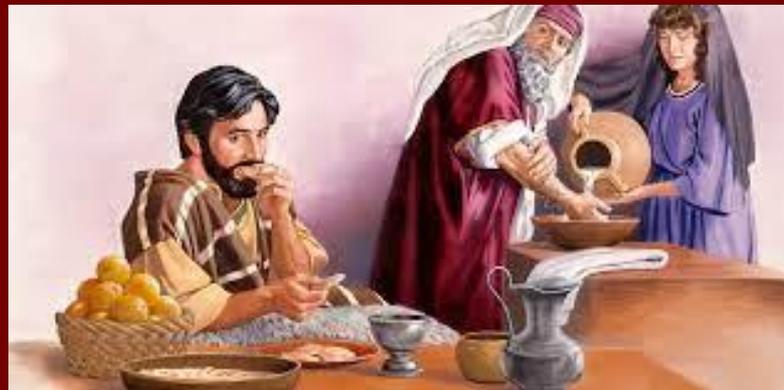
■ Sin Defiles Not Unwashed Hands

– Matthew 15:16-20

- It is sin that defiles holiness. In terms of character, of being in the image of God, sin defiles, pollutes, contaminates or blurs the reflection of God in us.

– I Peter 1:22

- Obedience to the truth through the Spirit purifies our character by inculcating right habits within it.



The Pure In Heart

■ Do We See God?

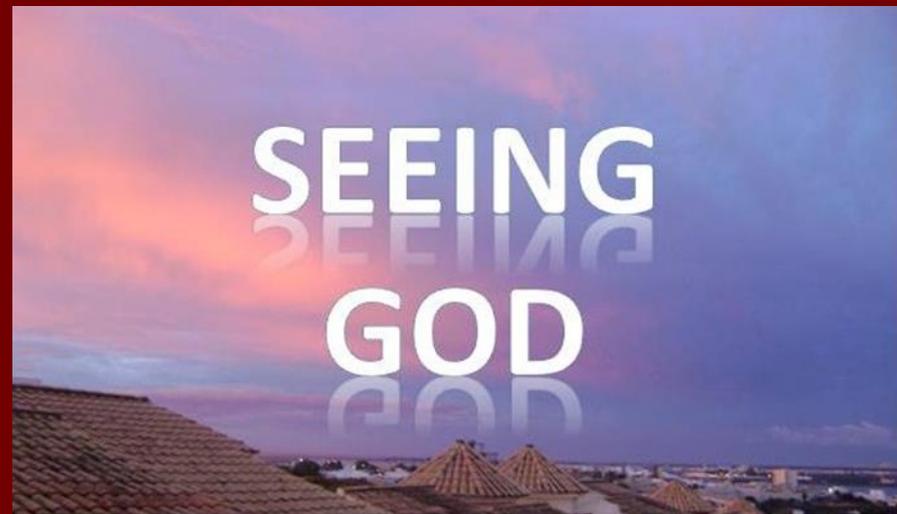
- I Corinthians 13:12 –
To "see" God is to be brought close to Him.
- Matthew 5:8
 - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"
 - "See" – Greek "*optanomai*"; "to look at, behold" or "to allow one's self to be seen, to appear".



The Pure In Heart

■ Do We See God?

- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 22:4
- Titus 1:15-16



The Pure In Hearts

**A good definition of pure or purity could be:
"conforming absolutely to a standard of quality;
faultless."**

**When a thing is pure, it is unmixed, unalloyed,
unadulterated, uncontaminated or undefiled
by anything foreign to itself.**

