

## FAQ – Sermon on the Mount – Happy Are the Holy

### Lesson 34 – August 10, 2025

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#### What is the central theme of the message?

The central theme revolves around **purity of heart** and its profound implications for a believer's relationship with God.

True purity is **not** achievable through self-effort or good works, but solely through **faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice**.

This foundational purity, granted at salvation, leads to a call for **daily, practical purity**, cultivated through:

- Consistent engagement with God's Word
  - Prayer
  - A commitment to overcome sin
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#### Why is personal purity of heart so important, and how is it attained?

Personal purity of heart is the **most important part** of the Beatitude in **Matthew 5:8**:

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

It is essential because it is the **prerequisite for seeing God**. This purity cannot be achieved by human effort, as **Proverbs 20:9** asks:

*Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?*

The only way to attain purity of heart is by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ through faith:

- **Acts 15:9** – *God...purified their hearts by faith.*
  - **1 John 1:7** – *The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
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#### What does it mean to “see God,” and how does purity of heart enable this?

To **see God** refers to a continuous spiritual awareness and communion with Him, not physical sight.

The Greek grammar used here is the **future indicative tense**, meaning “*they shall continually see God for themselves.*”

Purity of heart cleanses the **eyes of the soul**, enabling believers to perceive God’s:

- Presence
- Works
- Glory

A purer heart results in clearer spiritual vision — seeing God in creation, in trials, and in others.

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### How can believers maintain practical purity in their daily lives after salvation?

While positional purity is granted at salvation, **practical purity** is an ongoing process requiring:

- **God’s Word** – “*You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you*” (John 15:3).
- **Prayer** – Ongoing communication with God to stay spiritually aligned.
- **Spiritual vigilance** – Resisting the pull of the sinful nature.
- **Repentance** – Confessing and turning away from sin, not merely acknowledging it.

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### What are the signs or characteristics of a pure heart?

- **Integrity & Sincerity** – Living without deceit; genuinely loving Christ and righteousness.
- **Hunger for Greater Purity** – A desire to be holier tomorrow than today.
- **Hatred of Sin** – “*I hate every false way*” (Psalm 119:104).
- **Love for Others** – Especially believers, but also extending Christ’s love to all.
- **Preoccupation with God** – Awe, worship, and a longing to do His will.

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### How does having a pure heart impact a Christian’s joy and spiritual experience?

Purity of heart leads to **true joy**. When believers respond rightly to challenges:

- Their joy draws others to Christ.
- Their lives demonstrate a God-centered solution to problems.

Impurity, however, clouds spiritual vision, reduces the Holy Spirit's fullness, and can lead to discouragement and spiritual dryness.

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### **What is the speaker's personal testimony about "seeing God"?**

- **1991 Conversion** – At a revival in Clovis, New Mexico, felt God's presence powerfully and accepted Christ.
  - **1994 Christian School** – While praying about his daughter's failing school, felt led to lead it; it later flourished.
  - **2008 Ministry in Benson** – Received clear guidance from God to plant a new church in Benson, Arizona.
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### **What is the ultimate promise for those with pure hearts?**

The ultimate promise is to **see God face to face** in eternity:

**1 John 3:2** – *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

Until then, believers can "see" God through the **eye of faith** in His Word and in the transformed life He creates.

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### **Greek Words**

- **Future Indicative Tense** (*foor'-choo in-dik'-ah-tiv*) – A Greek verb form indicating an action that will happen in the future and is stated as a fact.