

# Briefing Document

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The Sermon on the Mount – Happy Are the Holy

Lesson 34 – 08/10/2025

## I. Overview and Core Message

This sermon, "Happy Are the Holy: Lesson 34," focuses on the concept of purity of heart as presented in Matthew 5:8:

***"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (NKJV)***

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The central truth is that true purity, leading to a deeper relationship with God and lasting joy, is not achievable through human effort or works, but only through faith in Jesus Christ and a continuous pursuit of practical holiness. Seeing God is not merely a future heavenly event but an ongoing spiritual experience available to those with purified hearts today.

## II. Key Themes and Concepts

### A. The Necessity of Purity of Heart

Purity of heart is essential for believers.

- Positional Purity – Granted at salvation through the blood of Christ, covering all past, present, and future sins.
- Ultimate Purity – Perfect purity believers will have in heaven.
- Practical Purity – Daily pursuit of holiness in life, the main focus of this sermon.

### B. Purity Is Not Self-Achieved (Divine Agency Required)

"You can't have purity of heart on your own. You can't do it."

- Purity is not achieved through self-help or human works: "You cannot purify yourself by works; you can only purify yourself by your faith."
- Cleansing comes through: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7, NKJV)

### C. The Role of God's Word and Prayer in Practical Purity

- Reading the Bible – "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." (John 15:3, NKJV)
- Prayer – Essential for communication with God; He desires that we reach out to Him.

#### **D. The Result of Purity – Seeing God and Experiencing Joy**

- Continuous Spiritual Vision – The Greek sense of Matthew 5:8 implies an ongoing seeing of God.
- Experiencing God’s Presence – Recognizing His work, feeling His presence, and perceiving His glory in creation and people.
- Joy as a Consequence – Joy is the natural result of purity, drawing others to Christ.

#### **E. Characteristics of a Pure Heart – The Checklist**

- Integrity and sincerity – no deceit in spirit.
- Dissatisfaction with sin.
- Hatred for sin (Psalm 119:104).
- Love for others.
- Preoccupation with God – awe, worship, and desire to do His will.

#### **F. Call to Action – Salvation, Confession, and Repentance**

- For the Unsaved – Simple prayer of acceptance, acknowledging Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection.
- For Struggling Christians – Confess and repent; actively remove sin from life.

### **III. Supporting Scriptures (NKJV)**

- Psalm 92:1–4 – Thanksgiving and praise for God’s works.
- Matthew 5:8–10 – Core passage.
- Proverbs 20:9 – No one can claim self-made purity.
- Acts 15:9 – Hearts purified by faith.
- 1 John 1:7 – The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin.
- Zechariah 13:1–2 – A fountain for cleansing from sin.
- John 15:3 – Cleansed by the word of Christ.
- Job 14:4 – No one can bring clean from unclean.
- Job 42:5 – Seeing God through trials.
- 1 John 3:2 – Ultimate purity and seeing God as He is.
- John 14:8 – Philip’s request to see the Father.

#### **IV. Analogies and Illustrations**

- Nike's "Just Do It Yourself" – Contrasts human self-reliance with dependence on God.
- Christian Life as a Race or Wrestling Match – Requires effort and perseverance.
- Sin Clouding Vision – Impurity makes spiritual perception foggy.
- Nature After Rain – Seeing God's glory in creation.
- John Wesley's Preaching – Illustrates the power of God's presence.

#### **V. Church Activities and Announcements**

- Fundamentals of Faith class after AM service.
- Hospitality committee meeting after AM service.
- New Life Kids begins Wednesday – sign-up online or on paper.
- New Life Outreach Team – Friday at 9:00 AM, community evangelism.
- Card ministry volunteer opportunity.
- Women's fellowship – August 23, 10–12 at Marsh's house.
- Church supports various ministries locally and globally, including the Christian Cowboys Association.
- PM service – Rewards for Christians before the Bema Seat of Christ.
- Wednesday night service – Study in 1 John chapter 2.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

Purity of heart is a divine gift received through faith in Christ, nurtured by God's Word and prayer, and demonstrated in integrity, hatred of sin, love for others, and devotion to God's glory. The ultimate reward is a continuous, clearer vision of God now, and the promise of seeing Him face-to-face in eternity.

#### **Greek Words Used**

ὄψονται (hópsontai) – "they shall see"; future middle indicative of ὁράω (to see, perceive). In Matthew 5:8, the verb implies ongoing, personal seeing of God.