

LAWS FOR LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 Part 6 Pure In Heart

9 Beautiful Attitudes! Attitudes We Need to Have! Blessed = Contentment

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

³Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Matthew 5:2-8

What Does “Pure” In Heart Mean?

Pure = katharos = pure, unmixed, spiritually it implies **singleness** of heart and mind.

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. Matthew 6:24

Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. James 1:6-8

The Lord shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me. Psalm 7:8

What Does “Heart” Mean?

It is Not the Physical **ORGAN!** It's our deep-down inner person, seat of emotions, “master control”

We use the term heart symbolically also---Sweethearts, broken heart, big hearted, bleeding heart

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23

Heart of the matter is the matter of the Heart!

Dr. God's Tests of the Heart!

But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.” Jeremiah 17:10

- **God Searches the Heart** *search the heart* = intensive review looks past our outer sees inner
Man looks on the outside, God looks at the heart I Samuel 16:7
- **God Examines the Heart** *I test the mind* circumstances by God to see our reactions
- **God Rewards the Heart** [the Lord] *who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.* I Corinthians 4:5

Dr. God's Diagnosis----We All Have Heart Problems!

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? Jeremiah 17:9-10

- **Our Hearts are Deceitful!** “deceitful” deceitful = aw kobe [Jacob] insidious deceiver
Should we let our conscience be our guide? *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool* Prov. 28:26
- **Our Hearts are Diseased!** “Desperately wicked” is “incurable disease”
Jeremiah 15:18 *Why is my wound so incurable? [same word]*
There is NO HUMAN CURE for this. (Matthew 15:19)

Dr. God's Remedy for Our Heart Problem --- Heart **Transplant**

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. ²⁷ And I will put My Spirit in you so that you will follow My decrees and be careful to obey My regulations. Ezekiel 36:26-27

God does not try to cure the old heart. He gives us a brand new one! II Corinthians 5:17

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

You must be born again..... people are born of the Spirit

John 3:7d,8d

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13 [NKJV]

Dr. God's Prognosis **they shall see God**

⁴ *Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. II Cor 4:4*

Think of all the crazy things people do to try to "see" God!

²⁷*It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible Hebrews 11:27*

²²*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Matthew 6:22 [KJV]*

²*But we do know that we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is. I John 3:2*