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Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 22. The Pure in Heart – Matthew 5:8

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- I. Defining Terms – Matt. 5:8
 - A. Blessed – a recipient of divine favor, grace - desire and ability to please God
 - B. Pure in Heart
 1. Pure – clean, “free from dirt” (wrong), holy, good in God’s eyes
 2. Heart – the inner man, the source and seat of self (mind, will, emotions)
 - C. They Shall See God
 1. See – perceive, be aware of – Gen. 3:5, 7; Psa. 119:18; 146:8; Luke 24:30-32
 2. God – 1 Cor. 2:14; John 3:3
 - D. Definition: We are only enabled to purify ourselves because we have first been made pure by God and have come to see true purity as it is found in the Lord Jesus – 1 John 3:3
- II. The Progression
 - A. Be-attitudes
 1. Our Need – # 1-3 poor in spirit, mourning over sin, meek after understanding our sin
 2. Our Satisfaction - #4 Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness and Be Satisfied
 3. Our Response - #5-7 the Result of Being Satisfied by Righteousness – we become merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers
 4. Our Outcome - # 8 - live like this and you will be persecuted – 2 Tim. 3:12
 - B. In Relation to One Another
 1. The merciful realize their misery and want to bring comfort and relief to others
 2. The mournful grieve over their sin, repent, and become pure in heart
 3. The meek strive to make peace between God and others
- III. Heart Problems
 - A. Heart vs. Head
 1. Not merely mental, but deeply unifying on a personal level – Matt. 15:8
 2. Intellectual assent vs. “believe in your heart” – Rom. 10:9-10
 - B. Heart Condition
 1. Darkened, clouding the truth – Rom. 1:21
 2. Unrepentant – Rom. 2:5
 3. Foolish – Prov. 22:15; 28:26
 4. Deceitful and Wicked – Jer. 17:9
 5. The Source of Wickedness – Gen. 6:5; Matt. 12:34; 15:19
 6. Hard Hearts and Heads – Heb. 3:8; Eph. 4:17-19
- IV. The Cure for a Deceitful Heart – James 1:14-15; Eccl. 2:10-11
 - A. Education – learn to be good – Rom. 3:10-12 – highly educated/utterly wicked
 - B. Environment – influence – Adam and Eve sinned in Paradise – Gen. 1:26-31
 - C. Examination – it is the heart that is the problem! – Prov. 6:16-19; 20:9
 - D. Exhortation – be holy – 1 Peter 1:15-16
 1. Only God can create a pure heart in us – Psa. 51:10; Matt. 13:10-17; Ezek. 36:26-27; Col. 1:21-23
 2. Walk in Light (Holiness) – Eph. 5:8-13; 1 John 1:5-10; Acts 26:12-18
- V. Seeing God
 - A. An Awareness of His Providence, Care, and Work in Your Life
 1. Seeing God in Nature instead of Nature as God
 2. Seeing God’s Work in History
 - B. Having a Sense of Knowing Him – Heb. 11:27
 - C. Seeing Him Face-to-Face – 1 Cor. 13:12; 2 Tim. 4:8; James 4:8; 1 John 3:2-3

Cross References

Genesis 3:5

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:7

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Psalms 119:18

18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

Psalms 146:8

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous.

Luke 24:30-32

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

1 Corinthians 2:14

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

1 John 3:3

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2 Timothy 3:12

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Matthew 15:8

8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 1:21

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 2:5

5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

Proverbs 22:15

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 28:26

26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Jeremiah 17:9

9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

Genesis 6:5

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Matthew 12:34

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 15:19

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Hebrews 3:8

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

Ephesians 4:17-19

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of

God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

James 1:14-15

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Proverbs 20:9

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

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Psalm 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Matthew 13:10-17

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.’ 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Ephesians 5:8-13

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

1 John 1:5-10

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Acts 26:12-18

12 “While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ 15 So I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

Hebrews 11:27

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

1 Corinthians 13:12

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

2 Timothy 4:8

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

James 4:8

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 John 3:2-3

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. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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