

“Pure Heart” – Matthew 5:8
July 11, 2010

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.” (NIV)
“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.” (Message)

“Blessing” - *The pleasures of God that satisfy the soul.*

Message: There’s a price for purity. Cleanliness is costly.
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- 1. God is pure in heart (holy) and we are not – Isaiah 6**
- 2. We are declared pure & clean in Christ – 1 Jn. 1:9**
Our cleanliness cost Jesus everything!
- 3. We are commanded to live pure in an impure world.**
Leviticus 11; Mt. 5:48; 1 Peter 1:16

But HOW?

David: Psalm 24:3-4 *“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.*

James, brother of Jesus: James 4:8 *“Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

There’s a price for purity. What will it cost you?
The sacrifice is worth it!

DNA Discussion Guide
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Opening Prayer: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11

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Digging In:

1. What is your definition of “pure in heart”?
2. Jesus scolded the religious leaders for caring too much about appearances in Matthew 23 and called them “blind guides.” What is it about pride that keeps us from “seeing” God? Obadiah 1:3
3. Jesus’ half brother James writes about being “double-minded” in James 4:8. What did he know about that? Mark 3:21
4. Read Isaiah 6 – What happens to us when we begin to “see” God for who He is? What “blessing” do we receive? See also Job 42:5
5. What does it mean for you to “see” God? When do you feel you have been given glimpses of Him? Jn. 14:8

Application:

1. Having the blessing of a pure heart cost the Father his Son. What does having a pure heart cost you?
2. What is in the way of you having the blessing of “seeing” God everyday?
3. How can we help each other in the pursuit of a pure heart?

Share prayer requests and pray for each other.

This week meditate on the next Beatitude – Mt. 5:9