

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 27

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8 KJV)

The pure in heart are happy; blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. This is the most comprehensive of all the beatitudes; here holiness and happiness are fully matched and put together. *Blessed is happy and no happiness without purity. And true happiness is when it is accompanied by purity and not by sin. Living in sin will take the joy of God from our hearts.*

If we are waiting to meet God then we need to purify ourselves, ***“1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1 John 3:1-3 KJV)*** God had loved us and God had given us His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who saved us and He gave His life for us, *therefore we need to be ashamed of our sins and start to repent and come back to God and purify ourselves as He is pure.* God loved us and He called us His children. The world does not know God but we know Him and we shall be like Him when He will appear, therefore we need to purify ourselves as He is pure. The world does not know Him, therefore they are not aware that they need to be pure. *Therefore, you and me cannot compare ourselves with the world; they are not holy because they don't know the Lord, but we know Him, we know He is holy and we need to be pure and holy as He is.*

Here is the most comprehensive character of the blessed: they are pure in heart. *If you want really to be blessed then you need to purify yourself, to purify your life, to purify your mind, your soul and your heart.*

We draw near to God by purifying ourselves with the Word of God and in allowing the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, as we can read, ***“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:22 KJV)*** *Pure water is the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. The Word of God that God is sending to us with the Holy Spirit is to cleanse our hearts and to take away all the sins and wickedness so that we will become holy people of God.*

The message is for you to be cleansed and to become pure. The Lord is cleansing us through His Word so we will be pure in order to see Him. Blessed and happy we are when we are pure in heart. *Purity in heart will make us able to see God in each and every moment of our lives through miracles, wonders, answered prayers and His visitation to us in our quite time with Him, in our family devotion, and in our church services and ministries.*

True religion consists in heart-purity. *Those who are inwardly pure, show themselves to be under the power of pure and undefiled religion.* ***“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to***

keep himself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27 KJV) We can truly help others and minister to them when we are pure in our hearts. *The pure heart will lead us as it is led by God to be true and pure to our faith and religion, and toward the people who need our help and support in their difficult times and distresses.* The ministries of God will flow from pure heart. Pure heart will be the motto behind the good work that God ordained and would bless.

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” (Revelation 22:1 KJV) God is pure and we need to be pure like him. God is pure, He keeps giving us and sending to us pure things, therefore we need to keep ourselves pure as He is. As we continue to live in purity and be pure we will be spending eternity with Him. *To delight to live our eternity with God we are called to be pure and to purify ourselves, our hearts and souls. The Holy Spirit that He send us daily and the Word of God is the pure river of water of life that God always send to water and refresh our lives with.*

Not only our actions, but our thoughts that are spoken Words to God, they should be pure. When we think toward ourselves and toward others, God wants us to think in a pure way: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8 KJV) Let us screen our thoughts and our talk and compare them with Philippians 4:8 and let us see what we lack of true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue, and praise thoughts. God shall catch us with our thoughts and He can see through them the lack of purity in our hearts.

Apostle Peter also wrote to instruct us that our minds should be pure before God, that the way we think should be pure; he wrote to stir in us to have pure mind, ***“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.” (2 Peter 3:1 KJV)***

Not only our minds, but as well as our souls need to be pure and we need to purify our souls before God, ***“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” (1 Peter 1:22 KJV)*** The souls are the place of thinking, feelings and decision making. Purity to our souls will come when we obey the truth of God's Word and what the Holy Spirit speaks to us to do.

Purity in our hearts and in our souls will help us to love others and the brethren. Purity of souls and purity of hearts are linked together. *Therefore let us check and see if we are following the Word of God and are purifying our souls, minds and hearts with the Word of God, or we are followings traditions, emotions, days and the calendar of this world?*

True Christianity lies in the purity of heart and that required the washing of the heart from wickedness, ***“O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?” (Jeremiah 4:14 KJV)*** *God is crying to His church, to His people, to be pure and clean, and to wash their hearts from wickedness. Wickedness here starting from wrong thoughts in the heart, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false*

witness, blasphemies:” (Matthew 15:19 KJV) Therefore we need to clean our thoughts and imaginations. When the church cleansed from wickedness, the salvation of God will come true in the life of the church.

We must lift up to God, not only clean hands, but a pure heart, and a pure worship and live away from sins and idols. **“3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.” (Psalm 24:3-5 KJV)** Who shall be saved and who shall be with God forever? Those with clean hands and pure hearts. The heart must be pure, the life and the conduct will follow the same. If we live in purity then we can receive the blessing of God and the salvation of God. **“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” (1 Timothy 1:5 KJV)** Pure heart will give clear and good conscience and true love toward others for true love and charity will come from pure heart.

The heart should not be a mixture of things opposite of purity. The heart must be kept pure from fleshly lusts, all unchaste, unrestrained thoughts and desires; and from worldly lusts; covetousness, filthy lucre; filthiness of flesh and spirit, and all that which come out of the heart and defiles the man. **“18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.” (Matthew 15:18-20 KJV)** What are the things that will keep away the purity of the heart?

1. The evil thoughts, the wrong and the pervert thoughts that contradict God.
2. Murders, which include anger, revenge, retaliation, unforgiveness.
3. Adulteries and fornications, the immoral thoughts, the lust toward men and women, the watching of pornography and all the unclean things is against the purpose of God in our lives.
4. Thefts in the form of taking advantage and taking things from others without permission.
5. False witness is in the form of telling lies and making stories out of malice and hatred to trap others.
6. Blasphemies is not to believe the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit just because people do not want to change what is in their minds and hearts.

If we compare **Matthew 15:19** it is the opposite of **Philippians 4:8**.

The heart must be purified by faith, and entire for God; it must be presented and preserved as a chaste virgin to Christ. **“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:2 KJV)** The Greek word for chaste is ‘Hagnos’, which means ‘pure from carnality’, ‘chaste’, ‘modest’, ‘pure from every fault’, ‘immaculate’, and ‘clean’. Let us pray and cry to God, Create in me such a clean heart, O God, **“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10 KJV)** David prayed and asked God to create in him a clean heart; we in the same way we need

to work with God, repent from our sins and worldly and devious ways so God will create in us a pure heart.

When we live in such a way, pure, chaste and pleasant to God we will be happy for happy are those who are pure in heart. And we will receive the wisdom of God that will aid us to make decision that is so pure and originated from God, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” (James 3:17 KJV)

We need to live and present the gospel of Jesus and do the ministry of God not only with word but with purity in life and conduct, **“4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned.” (2 Corinthians 6:4-6 KJV)** Paul expressed his willingness to suffer and bear in serving God and in this way he proves his purity in purpose in serving the Lord. Willingness to suffer, willingness to be persecuted and suffer for Christ will reveal the purity of our hearts and our clean motive toward the mission of God and toward the kind of life that God wants us to live for Him.

Our faith will be strengthened by our pure conscious when we are doing the right things with God and with man, “Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.” (1 Timothy 3:9 KJV) Our faith in God as we obey Him, such faith will impart to us pure conscience. We should serve God with a pure conscious, **“I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day.” (2 Timothy 1:3 KJV)** When we are having pure heart we will have pure conscience toward God and will work out to have a clear conscience with others.

My testimony: I have pure conscience that I dealt with everyone according to what God had led me to do. May be for sometimes I was less, but I compensated and paid back, and also it might be in certain time I gave more, then I withhold and took back. But truly I am with clear conscience with all men. I had done what the Lord wanted me to do toward Him and towards others.

We need to move away from any lustful desires of the youth and move and serve God with people who call on God out of pure heart, “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Timothy 2:22 KJV) So we really need to choose with whom we need to be. We need to keep ourselves pure by not serving God with non pure people, “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.” (1 Timothy 5:22 KJV) We need to go away from such corrupted people and not to serve idols. We need to do such to keep ourselves pure. We don't lay hands suddenly and agree with people who are sinning and doing things against God. Therefore we should be aware and not to agree with people whom we don't know their lives.

We need also to warn the people so that we will be freed and pure from the guilt of their blood, “Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all

men.” (Acts 20:26 KJV) *So first we need not to take part with non pure people, second we need to warn them so that we will be free and pure from the guilt of their blood.*

I announce today clearly to everyone I am pure from the blood of all who pass through my ministerial life. I have done my part very well to all. I had done what God wanted me to do to each and every person that God allowed to pass into my ministry.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8 KJV) Here is the most comprehensive comfort of the blessed; they shall see God. It is the perfection of the soul’s happiness to see God; seeing Him, as we see Him today by faith in our present state: seeing Him in the future state, in the heaven of heaven, when we will see Him and meet Him in the sky, to see Him as He is, face to face!

During this life on earth God visits us with the Holy Spirit and in touching us in our daily devotion and quite time with Him, healing us, doing miracles, comforting us on daily basis with daily provision, protecting us, providing us with Godly decisions and with wonders and miracles. In such a way He will allow us to see Him as we see ourselves, and to enjoy Him, and to be satisfied with His likeness.

The Psalmist said, **“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.” (Psalm 17:15 KJV)** *As we purified our hearts we will be able to see God and that will bring everlasting joy in our hearts. To see Him forever, and never lose the sight of him; this is heaven’s happiness, for the happiness of seeing God is promised to those, and those only, who are pure in heart.*

None but the pure are capable of seeing God. Those who do not have pure heart will not see God. Beside that for what they will see God? They have no pleasure in Him and they don’t seek Him nor do their part to draw near to Him. They are not willing to see their sins and do their part to repent and get rid of them. So they cannot endure to look upon His purity.

As well as nothing unclean shall enter into the new Jerusalem; but all that are pure in heart, all that are truly sanctified, who had sanctified themselves in order to see the sight of God, **“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” (Revelation 21:27 KJV)**

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Draw near to God by purifying yourselves with the Word of God and in allowing the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Read your Bible daily so that the Word of God that God is sending to you with the Holy Spirit is to cleanse your hearts and to take away all the sins and wickedness so that you will become holy as God is holy.

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My prayer:

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life.

Lord thank you for your word that open my mind clearly and made me understand your will and the way to live my life for you and to serve you.

Let us confess to God our sins and wrongdoings. Let us ask God forgiveness and mercy for our sins that we commit against Him and against other people and against the church and the ministries of God.

Lord forgives me the following sins _____.

Ask God forgiveness for your wrong motive, malice, evil thoughts, pride, boasting, arrogance, anger, putting the blames on others, taking advantage of people, murders, immoralities, stealing, telling lies, etc.

Lord I commit myself to abide with this word of yours that I received in the message. Lord I decide to purify my hearts, my thoughts and my life from all the unclean things that I repent of. Lord, helps me, forgive my sins, have mercy on me, instruct me of what I need to do, and restore me back to you to serve you and to serve others according to your will.

Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humbled themselves before you to live and apply the principles that we learn from your Word in this message, to purify their hearts, thoughts, and lives, Lord protect them, and provide for them all their needs. Lord comfort them and assure them that you had forgiven them, and that you are with them and leading them in their lives. Lord give them joy and happiness and visit them and reveal yourself more to them. Lord fills them once again with the Holy Spirit and makes their lives' testimony attractive to others so that people will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word and your righteousness. Lord use them to evangelize and to make new disciples of yours and to build up your church, the body of Christ.

Lord, I pray for us as a church to help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord add to us more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be ready to suffer for you and in doing your will. Lord fills us once again with the Holy Spirit and enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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