

# Sermon on the Mount

## Beatitude 6

**"Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God"**

Matthew 5:8

# Introduction

- ▶ First 4 beatitudes show the hearts of those in the kingdom of heaven—needy people (left side)

Then God works great thing in their hearts by the Messiah—Jesus (right side)

- ▶ Poor in Spirit-----Kingdom of heaven
- ▶ Mourn-----Comforted
- ▶ Meek-----Inherit the earth
- ▶ Hunger and thirst-----Filled

- ▶ Last 4 beatitudes show the ethic manifested by the people of the kingdom (left side)
- ▶ God, again, shows His blessing to his people (right side)
- ▶ Merciful-----receive mercy
- ▶ Pure in heart-----See God
- ▶ Peace makers-----Sons of God
- ▶ Persecuted-----Kingdom of God

# What does a kingdom church look like???

- ▶ There is a flow to the last 4 beatitudes in the ethics of the people of the kingdom
- ▶ Merciful—act in kindness when there is no merit
- ▶ Pure in heart—act with integrity
- ▶ Peacemaker—act as an agent of wholeness
- ▶ Persecuted—Act in spite of the outcome

KEY to kingdom living

▶ JESUS

- Glorify him
- Reflect him
- Live in his strength

# 6. Blessed are the pure in heart—for they shall see God

## ► "Pure"

- Clean, innocent, pure—common word in both Old and New Testament
- Ps. 24:3-4—"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? HE who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully
- Word of integrity and piety—no hidden agenda
- Ultimately comes from the saving grace of God

## ► “In heart”

- Not merely outward appearance, although that is included
- Key is in the heart—spiritual
- Am I pure in heart? Are my motives pure? Have I laid down other allegiances and affections that I have cherished more than Jesus?  
Do I have a single minded devotion to Jesus Christ?

## ► **"They will see God"**

- Not see the fullness of the infinite, holy God
- Already, not yet—see him more clearly now and will later see him face to face
- Will have an intimate and close relationship with him



## 2 illustrations of pure in heart in the Old Testament

- ▶ I. Joseph—Pure in heart morally (external)—Gen. 39:1-23

### ▶ APPLICATION:

- 1. Why is purity often related to sexual issues?
- 2. How is your integrity barometer—at home, work, church, social etc.
- 3. It comes down to LORDSHIP—who is Lord? To whom or to what do you swear allegiance?

# II. Daniel—Spiritual purity (internal)—Daniel 6:1-28

## ■ APPLICATION:

- ▶ 1. Daniel knew the importance of purity before God
- ▶ 2. How is your spiritual purity—heart before God?
- ▶ 3. How are your spiritual disciplines—are you honest when you approach your God—Is he the delight of your heart?
- ▶ 4. If not—you will not see him now or possibly later
- ▶ 5. Get to the prayer closet—Love God, be in His Word, be diligent in prayer, worship in spirit and truth

# "They shall see God"—I John 3:1-3

- ▶ "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when HE appears, we will be like Him, because we will see HIM just as HE is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as HE is pure"

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