

Matthew 5:8

We must understand 3 things about a pure heart.

I. The Importance of a Pure Heart

Prov 4:23 *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*

Matt 5:21-22 *You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment*

Matt 5:27-28 *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

Gen 6:5 *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*

Matt 9:4 *But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"*

John 2:24-25 *But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.*

Ps 24:3-4 *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.*

II. God Desires a Pure Heart

Ps 51:6 *Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.*

Matt 5:48 *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. One hundred percent purity is God's standard for the heart.*

Ps 51:10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

James 4:8 *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded*

III. The Promises of a Pure Heart

What does this pure heart look like?

1. It must begin with Pronounced Purity

Prov 20:9 *Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?*

Jer 13:23 *Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.*

2. It must continue with Practical Purity

Ps 17:15 *As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.*