

The Promise of the Pure

Matthew 5:8

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

A progression ...

Seeing God as He is enables us to see ourselves as He does. A realization of spiritual _____ is inescapable.

And seeing the real me through the lens of God and His Word is painful. The repentant will _____ over it.

But in realizing our great need for – and God's amazing gift of – mercy, we become _____ and grateful.

What we had none of before, we desperately desire now – _____.

And what we have been freely given, we begin to give to others – _____.

What we *all* long for ...

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they **shall see God**.

A conditional promise ...

⁸ "Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.

The *ultimate* fulfillment of this promise is not figurative or mystical.

It is not philosophical or intellectual.

It is not sentimental or emotional.

It is _____. In the New Heavens and the New Earth, all who are in Christ will *literally* see God!

On all the condition of _____!

But this righteousness isn't just _____. It's imminently _____.

Jesus is addressing what he wants from his followers. And it's a _____.

Because *even now*, our _____ of God is limited/distorted/veiled because of our _____.

A couple critical questions:

What is "the heart"?

What does it mean to have a "pure heart"?

³ *Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?*

⁴ *He who has clean hands and a pure heart ... (Psalm 24:3-4a)*

Jesus is clear about the kind of purity He desires, and it's not _____.

1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 5:28; Matthew 12:34; Matthew 15:8, 19-20; Matthew 23:25-28

Purity of heart is about the fulfillment of God's covenant promise through Jesus to give us _____ hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:26

My new/transformed heart has new ...

And this new/transformed heart is _____ by a changed life.

My Response:

Titus 2:11-14

For the not-yet-a-believer:

Acts 26:17b-18

For the believer:

1 John 3:2-3