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# “A TEMPLE WITHOUT A KING?”

MATTHEW 5:8

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## Introduction

In the sixth Beatitude we discover how to get 20/20 spiritual vision.

The wonder of clear vision: the story of Mrs. Pennica

## Matthew 5:8

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

Jesus’ words tell us how to get 20/20 spiritual vision.

The **first 3 Beatitudes** are concerned with the CONCIIOUSNESS of our need of Jesus:

- we recognize our sinfulness (poor in spirit) ;
- we mourn over our sinfulness;
- and finally see ourselves as we really are (meekness)

**Then** comes the **one great statement** of our SATISFACTION of that need:

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness ...”*

We **then** see the RESULT of being filled. The **second set of 3 Beatitudes** correspond to the first 3:

- those who are poor in spirit → become merciful
- those who mourn over their sin → become pure in heart
- those who are meek → become peacemakers.

*“Blessed are the pure in heart”*

Jesus was very likely quoting *Psalms 24:3-4*

The OT prophets looked forward to time when God would give his people clean hearts:

- Ezekiel 36:25,26
- Jeremiah 31:33

In Jesus' day, the Pharisees were concerned with externals, not the heart.

- Matthew 23:25-28

The Gospel of Jesus is a Gospel of the heart!

- Jeremiah 17:9
- Proverbs 4:23 *"Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."*

Jesus had much to say about the heart:

- One can commit adultery in your heart (Matt. 5:28)
- Where your treasure is, there is your heart also. (Matt. 6:21)
- One can honour God with your lips, but your heart can be far from Him (Matt 15:8)
- Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)
- The Great Command: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind..." (Matt 15:8)

# What does it mean to be pure in heart?

1. It means to be cleansed
2. It means to be without hypocrisy, to be single minded or devoted.
  - Psalm 86:11

# How do you change your heart?

**“Blessed are the pure in Heart, for they shall see God”**

Hellen Keller

# How do we see God?

- The Word comes alive.
- You see God in the events of life.
- You become more absorbed with the Lord.

Exodus 33:18-19

2 Corinthians 3:18

- “Face to face” - a heaven experience

Job 19:25-27

## Being needlessly blind!

You need not live in spiritual blindness, for **the technique for curing spiritual blindness** has existed for two millennia and is radical and 100% effective:

- “You must be born again” (John 3)
- You need a new heart.

A nice palace, but no king!!!