

“The Pure in Heart”

Matt. 5:8

Introduction

- I. Let us begin by admitting a truth, “filth” is popular and lucrative.
 - A. Just think about the different media industries.
 - B. The more “raunchy” and “provocative” the more many seem to like it.
- II. The notion of “purity” is often shunned, ridiculed and “old-fashioned”.
- III. Those who seem to be “worldly” are often admired and copied.
- IV. Our Lord still sees the importance of purity (Matt. 5:8).

Discussion

- I. We should learn how to make our hearts pure.
 - A. Hearts are made pure by studying God's Word [ex. Ezra] (Ezra 7:10; Psm. 1:1-2)
 - A. Hearts are made pure by obedience to God [ex. Abraham] (Heb. 11:8; 5:9).
 - B. Hearts are made pure by repenting of sin [ex. David] (2 Sam. 12:13; Acts 17:30-31).
 - C. Hearts are made pure by faithfulness [ex. Enoch] (Gen. 5:22-24; Rev. 2:10).
 - D. Hearts are made pure by zealousness [ex. Phinehas] (Num. 25:7-8; Titus 2:14).
 - E. Hearts are made pure by endurance/steadfastness [ex. Paul] (2 Tim. 4:6-8; 1 Cor. 15:58).
- II. If our hearts are made pure, then we will have the privilege of seeing God (John 1:18).
 - A. We will be able to be in the presence of God without dread and concern (Isa. 6:1-5; Rev. 21:1-4).
 - B. We will be able to see God as He truly is (1 John 3:1-2).
- III. The devil/Satan wants every one of us to be as impure as possible (1 Pet. 5:8-9; James 4:7-8; [even those whose hearts were purified; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Conclusion

- I. We must not let the “filth” of the world to keep us from being pure.
- II. If we do, then we are forfeiting a privilege that we will regret through eternity (Matt. 7:23).