

**Matthew 5:8**

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (NIV)

**BLESSED:** Makarios (3107) — spoken in the beatitudes of those receiving God’s favor, regardless of what their circumstances may be.

**PURE:** Katharos (2513) — clean, clear, innocent, pure, in a moral sense, sincere, upright, void of evil.

“External righteousness that masks inner corruption is what Jesus refers to as ‘hypocrisy’. But here He is saying, by contrast, that the righteousness of the kingdom of God is first internal, a matter of the heart, which will in turn affect outward behavior.

A pure heart describes a person whose single-minded loyalty to God affects every area of life.

**HEART:** Kardia (2588) — as the seat of the desires, feelings, affections, passions, impulses

“Jesus chose these words on purpose. He didn’t just say blessed are the pure. He was creating a new standard when He added ‘in heart.’”

**SHALL SEE:** Horao (3708) — to see God, to be admitted to His presence, to enjoy His fellowship and special favor. To stare at, to discern clearly; to experience

“You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek.’”  
Psalm 27:8

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with ALL your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

“Indeed, what else would one search for when one has God before one's eyes? Or, what would satisfy one who would not be satisfied with God?”

We make the decision to come to Jesus, and there begins, in our life, a simultaneous work of purification of our hearts which allows us to see Him and a seeing Him that creates a longing for purity in our hearts.

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Scriptures for additional study:

Psalm 24:3-6  
Psalm 51:10-12  
Psalm 86:11

Psalm 119:9  
Matthew 12:22-35  
James 4:7-8