

run, you will be safe. Now that would be terrible to tell a man in such condition to run without legs so what good would it do to tell a man how he can be blessed and tell of the great blessings unless he could attain that blessing.

II. How can the heart be made pure. Now we come to the key which unlocks all of this for us and that makes it necessary or possible for us to connect all of the links together, that we have here. These pure in heart, are they who have exercised and received the previous qualification and bestowments from God. There first of all must be some things that have taken place before the heart can be made pure. Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? No. You say. But God can change them. ~~Therefore~~ That we see that it is not of man's workings but is of God's great truth. Here is the old, old story that ~~man~~ Man's hope is not in direct response to His efforts, His reformation, for self-improvement is not enough.

There must be a beginning of consciousness of sin, a sorrow because of that sin, a longing for divine goodness and then the opening of that heart for a ~~reception~~ reception of God's grace, this and this alone is the way for a clean things or a clean heart to be brought about. Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. You see, we do not take the wash basin and say that we

INTRODUCTION: The heart is considered in the scriptures far more than just another organ of the body. It is the seat of the emotions, fear, love, courage, anger, joy, sorrow, hatred, all of the are ascribed to the heart. It is known as the center of the moral, spiritual, intellectual man. It has been known as the seat of a man's conscience.

It is the heart where the residence of our will resides and this will must be yielded to Christ. We come here to this point and we find that which distinguishes the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ from all other religions. It brings us up to a high mountain-peak and it towers above all the other things in the world, a pure heart.

I. The meaning of a pure heart. The story used to say that a pure heart was a sign of true manhood and of good behavior. As we come to ~~the~~ discover the meaning of a pure heart, men have argued that this is an impossibility, down through the ages they have said it was impossible for we have been concealed in sin, shaped in iniquity, and we are impressed with evil impulses and that we would never reach the point of purity where we would be blameless and harmless and where we would have a white flower or a stainless life. Jesus did not mean that we were to retain sinless



perfection. I think Jesus did not mean that we would live in a straight jacket, that we would go into a monastery because you remember he renounced the Pharisees for their false concept of pure in heart. "Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees", he said and Helikened them unto a scelche that was full of dead men's bones. The problem with the Pharisees was that they were making a great deal to do about cleaning up the outside of the cup. They kept the letter of the law, they worked on the outside rather than on the inside. But we know that that was not God's plan. So a superficial religion was powerless to cleanse the heart and they were still left in moral corruption. Now coming to the meaning of this: God looks a little deeper into our lives, He goes beyond the outside and you see He looks not on just the circumstances but like a surgeon, God probes deep into the heart and He says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?"

Jesus said, "Out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts adulterers, fornications, murder, theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." Mark 7:21-22. He taught that man was far from God. His heart was darkened, unbelieving, blind, proud, rebellious. The woman who said, ~~that~~ after her son committed a tremendous crime, "But he is a good boy." She failed to realize that there is a matter of the unregenerated heart. When we come to the meaning of this we discover why peace

treaties have ~~been~~ not been kept. They have been signed but they have not been kept. They have been broken time and time again. You see, the heart is impure. Jesus said that we never could find joy with this impure heart.

You see, when we come to the meaning of the pure-hearted man as described in Psalms 24:1 we see it involves his mind, his will, it goes deep. Pure occurred 28 times in the New Testament an 10 times it is translated "clean". That is, used of linen, that means white linen. It means when it is used of glass, it means clear glass, you see. It means a rightness of mind, a singleness of motive. So technically it means those who are right with God as we detected in this hungering and thirsting in a former message. The hungering for a right standing with God. Now this ~~is~~ means a right standing with God. This business of a single eye you see, means that the compass swings to the will of God. Now we know that a compass has a single eye and it points a certain direction and so it is with a pure-hearted man, it is an inner things that moves in one direction and that is to do the will of God.

When we first hear this we say, "Well, this is inaccessible for man. Who in the world are the pure in heart? This requirement is impossible and the promise also is one that is impossible for us." It would be like saying to a man on a battlefield who had both legs shot off, if you will get up and



temptation faith is there to fill and to bless the heart. As bacteria cannot withstand sunlight, we know that it is certain that no impurities can remain in the heart that is perfectly filled with the presence of Christ. Darkness can not co-exist with light.

Remember that God wants purity of heart. This purity of heart includes many, many things. It includes physical cleanness. That is, uncleanliness of person and property endangers health and person who is a Christian will be cleaned. The use of water and soap and my friends will be a definite part of the person who has a pure heart.

He will be clean in response to immorality. Of all of the crimes that we read about today, the scripture teaches that God hates immorality. Now certainly this human behaviour which has degenerated into low morals are terrible today. God is not old fashioned but many people have grown immoral because they have felt that the ten commandments no longer apply. And so they might commit any kind of sin and continue to remain pure. But the Bible says, "He that liveth in pleasure is dead while he liveth."

There is a possibility for the minds to be pure. What's everything to be pure, whatsoever things are honest and so on Phil 4:8 tells us. Think on these things. So the mind is to be clear.

will wash and make ourselves clean by putting away a few evil things and we will cease to do evil and learn to do well in our own strength. Purity in heart is possible. Jesus said to the leper, "I will be thou clean" and a miracle took place. You see, it was like taking rags and manufacturing pure white paper.

What can we do about a bad heart? Well, some people try to reform them. Some people try to depend upon environment believing that these ideas of environment will change their situation. An animal trainer may train a wild animal to a certain degree but the nature is still there. There are others who say, "Well, if I change my mental attitude, if I began to think right, then I will be all right." In other words if I think positively, then everything will be very good but this also gives encouragement to people who say "Goody, now I can do this thing and help myself and get the blessing that I want."

But the way this takes place is by a miracle wrought by God Himself for the Bible says, "For a new heart also I gave you and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stoney heart out of your flesh."

So the purity of heart is the result of the rebirth, a miracle, which takes place. The Bible says that which was born not of blood or of flesh nor of the will of man but of the will of God.



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When we properly confess and renounce our sins, add by faith receive Jesus in our hearts then we receive a new heart. This is more than just an emotional experience, it is more than just a feeling that we are to go by. But we must come and Jesus said as a little child and faith is just that simple. As grasping that without any mistrust at all.

Do you have this new heart? It is impossible to live a pure life without a pure heart, you see. Many people put the cart before the horse and no wonder they wind up moral failures.

If you have received a cleansing and a pure heart from God, then you are expected to live a pure life. Pure hearts will be Christ-like. In other words, Jesus was humble in heart. Your life will be humble. There will be no place for pride. His heart was loving. There will be no place in your heart for hatred bitterness. His heart was forgiving. Your heart will be understanding.

Well, you say, that is a big order. I'll admit it is, because Paul said, he couldn't do it in his own strength, but he says I can do all things through Christ. So God does not leave us out on a limb.

Christ provides the possibility of purity by His death on the cross and this purity means not cleanliness, it means freedom from guilt, from defilement of sins, and what it ultimately resolves down to is complete conformity to the

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holiness of God. Be ye holy for I am holy. And the scripture says without this holiness no man can see the Lord.

III. The pure heart is a possibility for all men. Purity is possible. It is possible for those whose habits have been evil, whose living and thinking have been debased. It is possible for those who have tried in vain to live a clean life but have failed. It is possible for those who have been defiled by the tides of evil. If we will but follow the devine description which we have found here in the Book. Paul reminds his converts that they have been delivered from the powers of darkness. They have been translated to the kingdom of life and

love. Peter speaking of God's work among the Gentiles said, that God knoweth the heart, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost and He hath made no distinction between us and them changing their hearts by faith.

How does faith cleanse the heart? Well, faith brings the soul to the cross and bids that soul to behold the dying Saviour. Faith applies to the soul the precious blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin. It produces an inward purity. Faith is the seal that catches the fiery dart of the Evil One and protects the individual. Faith appropriates security of Christ in the midst of



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from our lack of decision that God's way shall be the only way that we shall travel. We are not single about the way that we live.

Fourth, attitude will be changed. This means that your conscience will plead as the prophet and priest of God and your memory will recite the results of past experiences and your attitude towards the will of God will act as a front wheel of a bicycle. It will give direction to the movement of the machine. Choosing purity will get all things going in the right direction. Now when we come to discover how the pure in heart see God, we know that we must follow these steps with which have been laid down by our Lord. It is indispensable for how can two walk together except they agree. God's presence, of course, is with us all. As long as sin hides God from us. We have discovered that sin forms an eclipse and shuts off God, but the pure in heart are here promised that they shall see God. Nothing else would be more satisfying to the eye than to see God. Of course, we know that Heaven's gates contain a lot of secrets that will not be opened unto us until we pass through.

But can men see God, you say? The hour that Adam and Eve were driven from the face of God by sin men have always asked, Can one see God?

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Genesis 6:5 "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God is concerned with your imagination and for that reason He destroyed the earth.

Solomon said, As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. If your thoughts are evil, then your acts will be evil. If your thoughts are godly then your life will be godly.

Robert Browning said, Thought is the soul of the act. If God destroyed the world once because there was continual evil thought and imagination, we know today that some of the things that go through your minds grieve His heart. Many people dream of sin, imagine sin, and if granted the opportunity will indulge in sin. All they lack is the occasion for sin. All transgressions begin with sinful thinking, you see. If you have lude pictures and Satan flashes on the screen of your imagination, you select a questionable book, you go to a certain kind of entertainment, your sinful imaginations accumulate. You need to ask God to cleanse your mind.

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Here is a possibility of even my friends having a pure eye. The Bible says there is a lust in the eye, that there is immorality in just looking, you see, in a fleshly way, your eyes see only what your soul allows it to see and if your heart is out of harmony with God, you have never been born again, the odds are that you are going to look at a distorted



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view of life. Take your eyes, nail them to the cross until you say they have been crucified with Christ, never again to lust.

Of course, this pure heart would control a man's tongue in the things ~~and~~ that he says. The possibility of this pure heart controlled the way ~~in~~ some women dress. They dress purposely to entice men to sin. Then if you dress that way you are guilty whether the act is committed or not and if you dress as though Jesus were going to be your escort, you would dress in modest, good taste, good fashion, and not in Hollywood. The possibility of the pure heart would also control the things that you read.

The pure heart would control your conduct ~~and~~, you see and you would be careful about the association, the kind of people that you associate with. The Bible warns against associating with those who are corrupt, good habits and we are to come from out among them and be separate and touch not the unclean things. This pure heart would control your honesty and your truthfulness and you would not be as the Pharisees, speaking falsely one way add doing another. IV. The Pure Heart Impure Several Things.

Now there are certain things that we may insist on taking place

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that will certainly come from the pure heart because the secret of this is deeper and it begins inside and works outward. We do not begin outside and work in.

First, it means that we will control our imagination. Here is some insight that your imagination will be controlled. You will not let it be transported to be buried beneath evil fancies. You will keep it sternly under control. That is, you will not permit it to bear you away to an unholy world. Second, it will insure care for your affections. You see we must love. Not to love is to lose God. We wrong God when we refuse to love Him and you see, your affections go out. If you have ever watched a little plant grow, it took out a lot of runners in different directions and many times they may go in the wrong direction. So what do you have to do? You have to train those that they will not stray but will come and to grow as you desire them. So it is in your affections. A man with a pure heart will have control over these. We will love God and we will love God in others. Whenever we feel your heart given out strongly to another, you will be careful to consider which way the tide is bearing you.

Third, it will insure good intentions. The will of God will be your intention. Whatever it costs, you will live within the limits that He has laid down. The eye will be single and the impurities are often traced back and found to arise







transferred that vision to that block of marble. What is meant by seeing Christ? Well, it is more than a mere vision and see Esther 1:14 we are told that ~~xxx~~ there were only 7 intimate counselors and friends which saw the King's face. Perhaps this was the custom of the time and maybe this was what Jesus had in mind when He was talking about blinds. They pure in heart seek God in the world about them while others are blind. The pure in heart see the devine will at work in their lives while others rebell in this battle. Galahad, saw the Holy Grail. Though others failed because his heart was pure.

James Read says that the impure man's life is like a stained glass window seen from the outside but the pure man sees it from the inside.

to see the King's face is the ambition of every loyal subject in the olden days. When the Queen of Sheba congratulated the servants of Solomon on being able to stand always before him. This was one thing that Absalom felt was a disgrace. He was not allowed to see the face of the king.

Only the pure in heart shall stand on the inner circle. Only those that have the proper garments on will come and stand before Him. The pure in heart see. They are seers. They get the truth first hand and they can see God in the plan of this world. There will be a vision of God when the impure in heart

look and it will not be a blessed vision for them for they shall call upon the rock to fall and cover them from the face of Him who sits on the throne. Every eye shall see Him and they also which pierced and all kindred of the earth shall wail because of Him.

The pure in heart shall see Him because they shall awake in His likeness. And they shall be permitted to come and see Him face to face in the ages to come, Rev. 22:4.

Is there not someone who this morning pleads create a clean heart in me, O God? God will answer. I will give you a new heart and take away the stoney heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh and I will pour clean water upon you and ye shall be clean.

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