

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 7 – Blessed Purity Part 1

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Matthew 5:8

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

The emphasis that Edwards made was on the glory of God. As we said yesterday morning there was only one thing that would hinder his pursuit of the glory of God and it was sin and it was only one kind of sin would be **his sin**.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven”. This is where it all begins, it begins by coming to see that I have sinned and I have fallen short of the glory of God and I declared spiritual bankruptcy before a Holy God in Heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn”. There must be a weeping and mourning over the sad condition of my sinful state. I must be _____ on the inside and I must see that my life has been on offense to Holy God.

“Blessed are gentle”. I am gentle in the sense that my life is now in His hands and He has the reins of my life.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”. It is a righteousness that must be _____ to me; it is the very perfect righteousness of God in Jesus Christ.

This defines the one who enters through the _____ gate at the end of this sermon.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”. We see here the inseparable _____ between justification and sanctification.

What Jesus is after is your _____. It is with your heart that you think, feel and decide.

1. The Priority of the Heart

The heart here refers to the inner person the inner being; it refers to the mind, the emotion and the will.

It is the mind; the seat of the intellect, the very thoughts and reasoning's of a person. Edwards called them the affections, your desires, passions, and cravings.

Finally the heart includes the will; the seat of the volition where _____ are made.

2. The Purity of the Heart

As Jesus prioritizes the heart He called for purity. Blessed are the pure in heart, He will _____ bless those who are pure in heart.

This word pure means to cleanse from all dirt and filth, to make clean from the inward contamination of that which defiles; purity of mind, motives, and affections.

He calls us to be holy and _____ that we would be set apart from this world and this evil world system.

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“Holiness without Legalism”

5 Key Headings

1. Priority
2. Purity
3. Problem
4. Purifying
5. Privilege

Your entire life is flowing from out of your heart, make certain it is pure.

Out of the first century it is one that wears a mask, it is a play actor on a stage who is given script and who plays a part that has no reality to who that person really is. He stands up before people on a stage, he parrots words, he plays a role, when the play is over he comes off the stage he takes his mask off and he lives out who he really is.

““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.”
(Matthew 23:27)

That is what Jesus is saying, that is your life. You clean up so well on the outside when go into the temple and you parade your religiosity in front of others, but down deep in the shaft of the heart, your impure and unclean.

Discussion:

How do we reconcile the first four Beatitudes with the fruit of the Spirit as described in Gal 5:22-23? Does Gal 5:24 help our understanding?

If Jesus has made our heart a top priority, in what ways can/should we apply the necessary “energy” to it?

Would you describe hypocrisy as hazardous or deadly for a person who names the name of Jesus Christ as Savior? Explain.

Does Jesus as Lord come into view as part of this discussion?
