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are the pure **HEART**

for they shall see **GOD.**

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- The Pure in Heart Shall see God.
- We Want to See God and Jesus promises that which all humanity desires — **to see God**.
- The Bible tells us that God has put — eternity - in the heart of every man - The God-shaped vacuum inside the human heart.

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- The Bible says, No one has ever seen God, but the God, the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known John 1:18.
- We all want the promise of Jesus — to see God, to know him deeply and intimately

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- **What Is It to See God-**

- Seeing God means to be admitted to his presence

Compare: Moses

- Seeing God means being awestruck by his glory—by a direct experience of his holiness- Compare: Isaiah

- Seeing God means being comforted by his grace. Rev

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- We would like to see God like we see each other here - To see Him with our own eyes so we could be sure. We all doubt sometimes
- But Jesus promised his disciples that they *would* see God. And he said that privilege was reserved for those with a **pure heart.**

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- **What does it mean to be pure in heart?**
- The heart- refers the seat of the emotions. Proverbs 4:23 says, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” In biblical terms, the heart is the master control centre of your life.
- It is the centre of your personality, **the real you** who makes the decisions for your life.
- **So to be pure in heart is to be pure in the centre of your life.**

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- **According to David [Psalm 24:3—4](#)**. -Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.
- **According to James [James 4:8](#)**. -Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.
- **[And - Jesus Matthew 22:37](#)**, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

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- The heart is source of all our troubles. **Our Problem**
- Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. In Matthew 15:19 Jesus said that out of the heart come evil thoughts, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander. All these things come from within and defile a person.
- To be pure in body is good. To be pure in mind is better. But to be pure in heart is best of all because it includes all the rest.
- If pure in heart, you will be pure everywhere. To be pure in heart means being pure from the inside out.
- The aim of Jesus Christ is not to reform the manners of society, but to change the hearts of sinners like you and me.

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- Pure- The Greek word is katharos, - English words cathartic and catheter, an instrument for removing impurities from the body.
- two meanings.
- 1] to be clean through the removal of contamination. The “pure heart” is one that free from the contamination of sin.
- 2], also means “unmixed” or “unadulterated.” Pure gold is not clean gold but 100%.
- Pure bread is all bread and no leaven. Pure water means that all the harmful elements have been removed by filtration.
- Anything less than 100% is not really pure

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- **PURE IN HEART** means to have no double allegiance.
- Matthew 6:24 Jesus warned against serving God and mammon. No one can serve two masters at the same time. You will always love one and hate the other. James 1 teaches us that the double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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- To be pure in heart means that you are sincere, transparent and without guile. What you see is what you get. No fakery, no trickery, no hypocrisy.
- A counsellor said that he often tells those he counsels, “You’re only as sick as your secrets.” The more you have to hide, the sicker you are. And if you’ve got a lot of secrets, you’re really sick.
- Is your life an open book? Or do you have things that you hide from your best friends and from your loved ones? Is there anyone in your life who knows the truth about who you really are?
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they have nothing to hide

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- **TO SEE GOD?**
- John 1:18 tells us that no one has seen God at any time. 1 Timothy 6:16 says that God dwells in unapproachable light. Even Moses who talked with God face to face (Numbers 12:8) never God saw in his essence but only saw the “back side” of God. Seeing God’s essence is like looking directly into the sun. The light is too bright, it destroys your eyesight.
- **You only see what you are looking for.**
- So why many of us never **See God**. We are not looking for him so we miss Him

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- Seeing God means to have a deep experience of God, to know him intimately and personally.- a pure heart means a deep walk with God.
- In eternity a pure heart means a new experience of God.
- In a good marriage, there is nothing hidden because there is nothing to hide.

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- Cultivate Purity of heart?
- In the Bible are two means of purifying things— fire and water.
- Fire speaks of the trials of life. Job 23:10 says, He knows the way that I take. When he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
- Some of you know all about the fiery furnace. Perhaps you have spent some time there this week. Maybe you are living there right now.
- Remember that God never sends fire to destroy you but only to purify you. If you submit to God in your trials without complaining, you will begin to develop the purity of heart that will produce the gold of a Christ-like character

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- Water is a common symbol for the Word of God. Psalm 12:6 -The words of the Lord are pure. Psalm 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.
- In John 15:3 Jesus told his disciples, You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
- Ephesians 5:26 -God plans to make his church holy by the washing with water through the word.

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- God's word will make you pure and holy, But water can't make you clean until you get in the bathtub.
- In the same way the word of God can purify your heart but you have got to take a bath daily in the water of the word.
- So- Take a bath in the Bible every day and you will soon have a pure heart.

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- Jesus - says that the pure will see God. purity is a prerequisite for seeing God.
- The impure are neither granted admittance to his presence, nor are they awed by the glory of his holiness, nor are they comforted by his grace.
- Jesus' point as in Hebrews 12:14, Strive for holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- Proverbs 20:9, Who can say, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin? And with the disciples: Who then can be saved?

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- Jesus' answer [Matthew 19:26](#)—With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible. -God creates a purity for us and in us so that we can pursue purity. by his grace we must seek that gift by praying "Create in me a clean heart, O God" ([Psalm 51:10](#)). And we must look to Christ "who gave himself for us . . . to purify for himself a people" ([Titus 2:14](#)).
- [Acts 15:9](#), "God made no distinction between us and them, but purified their hearts by faith." God is the one who purifies the heart, and the instrument with which he cleans it is faith and his Word
- Therefore, trust in the Lord with ALL your heart ([Proverbs 3:5](#)). and you will see God.

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- **Jesus is Concerned About Our Heart**
- We learn from this beatitude that Jesus is concerned with our heart. It is not enough to clean up our act on the outside.
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- **The Sight God Makes us Pure: John Newton**
- John Newton, slave trader, vile sinner ... looked at the cross and the sight struck him pure!
- What do see? what will you see? Will you see Jesus?
- **Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.**