

September 6th, 2020
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Sermon Title: "Holiness of Heart"
Series: "Above the Noise"
Text: Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

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

1. *The problem with the heart's passions*

- a. It is the seat of the mind, will and emotions.
- b. It is extremely wicked apart from Christ.
- c. It is the origination of all open actions of sin.
- d. It is the first object of Christ's appeal and redemption.

2. *The possibility of the heart's purity*

Psalm 24:3-5

"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. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

1. A restored heart (clean hands)
2. A renewed motive (a pure heart)
3. A refined purpose- Undivided heart (no idols)
4. A refocused behavior (does not swear deceitfully)

James 4:4-8

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

3. *The privilege of the heart's perception...seeing God!*

1 John 3:2-3 "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."

Eph. 1:16-19

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.