**The blessed character of the pure in heart – Matt. 5:8**

**Focal Truth: The pure in heart are blessed to see God**

**Observations**

1. **What is purity of heart?**
2. Purity is faultless, stainless, unmixed with any sin
3. Purity is a grace of the Holy Spirit produced in the soul of the believer

James 3:17 – but the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

1. Gospel purity is mixed with some sin that remains in the believer.
2. Heart purity is the desire for purity while mourning the impurity remaining in the believer.
3. Heart purity is heart holiness – 1 Pet. 1:15 – be like the Holy One, be holy as He is holy
4. **What are the qualities of heart purity?**
5. Heart purity is genuine – Ps. 32:2 – How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit
6. Heart purity is whole hearted – Pr. 4:23 – Watch your heart for out of it flow the springs of life
7. Heart purity is clean heartedness - Ps. 51:10 – create in me a clean heart O, God
8. Heart purity is sincere – Heb. 10:22 – let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water
9. Heart purity is sin avoiding – 2 Tim. 2:22 – now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart
10. Heart purity is sin removing – James 4:8 – Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purity your hearts, you double – minded

2 Cor. 7:1 – let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God

1. Heart purity is Christ devoted - 2 Cor. 11:3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led away from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ
2. Heart purity produces a holy life – 1. Tim. 4:12 – let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe
3. **What is the blessedness of heart purity?**
4. God blesses the pure in heart – Ps. 73:1 – God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart
5. God purifies the heart in salvation in Jesus Christ – Tit.2:14 – who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession zealous for good deeds
6. The pure in heart see God by faith – Heb. 2:9 – but we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone
7. The pure in heart will see God in heaven

1 John 3:2 – Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

John 17:24 – Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world