



The Pure In Heart Shall See God

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Purity in heart qualifies for seeing God as the pure will have eternal life in heaven. While on earth there is a sense in which the pure in heart can also "see" God intervene in his / her daily life such as answered prayers, miracles, etc. This is not a contradiction of scriptures that "... Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (Exodus 33:20); and "Who is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see." (1 Timothy 6:16). The natural man cannot see God physically and live as our physically bodies cannot cope with such divine revelation. However, at rapture we will be translated to be as he is and dwell with Him in eternity. Though physical man cannot see God, God put on flesh in the form of Jesus, enabling people to see Him. Jesus said "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). So today, born again and pure can still 'see' God in a spiritual sense.

The heart is the seat of the intellect, feelings and will. Generally, for most people, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). These are often manifested in attitudes, thoughts, desires and actions. Even when these are hidden from others, the person will still know. God, who searches the heart also knows.

'Pure' is an absolute term. You cannot say that this is 'purer'. Being pure implies not defiled, polluted or mixed with impurities. To be pure in heart is to be free of all selfish intentions and self-seeking desires but acting in pure love as illustrated in the following scriptures:

- 1) Psalms 24:4-5 – "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:5 – "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart..." (Psalms 24:3-4).

of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned".

- 3) Psalms 51:10 – "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me".
- 4) Psalms 119:9-10 – "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments".

So, how can we make it pure? It is beyond our reach to make it pure. It is God who initiates, sanctifies and perfects the heart of those who put their trust in him. It begins when we realize that we cannot do it on our own, and we turn to God for help through the finished work of Christ.

Purification can be a difficult process. Water has to go through heat and fire to be purified. Gold has to go through fiery furnace to be perfected. Similarly God reminds us in 1 Peter 1:6-7 "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

We can pursue purity by living in active fellowship with God through daily personal time with God in the study of his words and prayer, allowing God to purify us through His Holy Spirit in us "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).