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The Pastors Message:

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart.

Matthew 5:8 *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."*

The pure in heart will see God, be with God, and spend an eternity with God, what a blessing! There is no greater blessing for a Christian than the very thought that one day we worship God, and as our Eternal Father. Only the blood of our Great Saviour can make us "pure" because no natural person is pure by nature. The pure in heart are Christians and therefore no one will ever be pure in heart except the blood of our Great Saviour Who has cleansed them. These Beatitudes were preached to those Christians as Jesus called them out and took them to the top of the mountain were, He preached this message on our blessings. This was the first church; I personally consider this a church service and this church settled in Jerusalem. This is the main focal point, that all of them were believers in Jesus Christ and therefore made pure in heart by Him. These Beatitudes are not conditional for our salvation, they are there spiritual blessings for those who have been saved by Jesus The Christ. We, as believers in Jesus are blessed to be able in this life to do anything that brings glory to our Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ. The natural man receives not these blessings in this life. The lost soul has a dead spirit and therefore no ability to serve God or worship Jesus His Son and our Saviour. John said, *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:24 First, the lost soul has no living spirit in which to worship God, and second, they do not understand spiritual and biblical truth. Therefore, it is impossible to worship God, even though some have a great zeal to do so. The difference between true worship and false worship is how we worship, Christians worship to glorify God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The lost, even with their zeal worship themselves, with artificial praise to God while worshipping themselves instead. *"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."* Romans 1:25 Therefore, *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections..."* V. 26 Their hearts are not right, their hearts are not pure, therefore their nature keeps them for God, both now and when they die. Paul wrote *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"* Romans 3:10 No one outside of Jesus Christ is righteous and until God saves a sinner they will never be righteous. Mankind in their lost state doesn't care about worshipping God, because they believe righteousness is in their own works, even though God said it is not. So, one might ask, "why don't they just seek salvation in Jesus Christ", because they do not want to know the truth. Paul went on to write, *"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."* VV. 11 - 12 This is the mistake the Jews made during the life and death of Jesus; their very rejection of the Messiah is what caused them to reject Him. Therefore, the Religionist Christians of our day claim Christianity, but in vain. They demonize and shame biblical truth in order to

reject it. "...*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. (2) The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. (3) They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*" Psalms 14:1 – 3 In their lost and evil hearts, lost people say, "I will not have this God rule over me", that is the true God of the bible they reject. The same thoughts about His Son, "we have our own salvation, we don't need Jesus", this is exactly their hearts. It is all about a rejection of The Sovereign God and the Sovereign Saviour, in their hearts, neither exist. Therefore, they will never see Jesus not God, not in heaven they will not. But we who have been saved by God through His Son Jesus Christ, we are indeed blessed. We will spend our eternity with God and not in the eternal lake of fire. Because your wicked natural heart was quickened and cleansed by your faith in Jesus the Saviour. His glorious blood has cleansed you from all your sins, giving you a living, cleaned, and pure heart, and for that you are blessed.

Sin has robbed us of six jewels

By William Dyer

Certainly the misery of man was very great, that man should need such redemption as this. Oh. what a breach had sin made between God and us, that the Son of God must come from Heaven to earth to suffer all this.

Oh sirs, mischievous sin has undone us. Sin has robbed everyone of six jewels, every one of which is of more worth than Heaven and earth. Would you know what jewels they are, which sin has robbed us of? I will tell you, and then you will agree that we were in a very miserable case indeed.

1. Sin robs us of the image of God. Was not this a precious jewel? I say, sin robbed us of the image of God, and drew the devil's picture in us.

Malice is the devil's eye,
oppression is the devil's hand,
blasphemy is the devil's tongue,
hypocrisy is the devil's cloven foot.

2. Sin robs us of our divine sonship, and makes us . . .

slaves to the devil,
slaves to sin,
slaves to the world,
slaves to ourselves.

This is another jewel we have lost.

3. Sin robs us of our friendship with God, and makes us . . .

enemies to God,
enemies to Christ,
enemies to our own souls,
enemies to all that is holy.

4. Sin robs us of our communion and fellowship with God, and makes us strangers and aliens to God.

5. Sin robs us of our rights and privileges of Heaven and heavenly things, and makes us children of wrath and heirs of Hell.

6. Sin robs us of our honor and glory, and makes us vile and miserable; as you may see in Isaiah 1:6, "There is no soundness in us, but only wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores."

Now sirs, put all this together, and then see whether or not we are miserable, and whether we needed a Savior to come and deliver us from this misery into which our souls were plunged.

Now here is our happiness, Christians: in Christ we have these jewels back again, which we lost in the old Adam.

The glorious image of God, our divine sonship, our friendship with God, our fellowship with God, our heavenly privileges, our glory and honor, we have regained all these by Jesus Christ!

Church News:

Happy Anniversary to Brother Ronnie & Sister Sarah Henderson Thursday November 19