



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

They Shall See God

The Blessing for the Pure in Heart

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Today, we are going to look at the fifth blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven.

I. Blessed Are the Pure in _____ .

- A. Heart = the spiritual center of life where one's thoughts, desires, sense of purpose, will, understanding, and character reside.
- B. There are two ideas that are included in the idea of being pure in the Bible:
 1. **Being _____**: Having our hearts wholly devoted to God. He has no competitors.
 - a) Pure = "unadulterated"
 - b) James 4:4, 8 - "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...⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (ESV).
 2. **Being _____**: Removing sin from our lives or keeping sin out of our lives (moral purity)
 - a) James 4:8 - "Cleanse your hands, you sinners" (ESV).
 - b) 2 Timothy 2:22 - "Flee youthful lusts and pursue... along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (ESV).

II. They Shall See God.

- A. The word 'see' can be used figuratively or literally.
 1. Figuratively: to perceive, recognize, or experience God
 2. Literally: being in the presence of someone and "seeing their face."
 - a) Psalm 24:4-6
 - (1) "Who shall stand in His _____?"
 - b) 1 John 3:2-3
 - (1) When Jesus _____, we shall see Him as He is, and we will be changed. We will be like Him.

Conclusion

- A. Is this a blessing you have now and will have in the future? Are you going to see God?
- B. Do you have a converted heart? You cannot see God unless your heart belongs to Jesus.

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you devoted to having God as your single-minded devotion? Does He have any competitors in your life?
- Are you devoted to growing in your spiritual life, and are you getting the sin out of your life?
- Are you proactively keeping sin out of our lives?
- Have you given your "heart" to Jesus yet?

MY NOTES: