

“A NEW AWARENESS OF GOD”

Series: “THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”, Part 6 of 8
Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:8

Big Idea: When your heart is increasingly being purified in motives, you begin to see God’s wonder and workings in new and fresh ways.

Matthew 5:1-8, “Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Ecclesiastes 9:3b, “The hearts of men, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.”

Proverbs 4:23, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.”

I. THE DILEMMA OF A DIVIDED HEART.

Matthew 7:15, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

Jeremiah 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

II. THE DRIVE FOR AN UNDIVIDED HEART.

1 Timothy 1:5, “The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

Philippians 3:13-14, “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press

on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:10a, “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings.”

“The blessed life is a profoundly satisfying life of flourishing, regardless of our external circumstances.”

James 1:8, “He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.”

Psalms 86:11, “Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”

III. THE DISPOSITION OF A PURE HEART.

Matthew 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

A. Scripture.

Psalms 119:18, “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

B. Nature.

Psalms 19:1-4a, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”

C. Situations

Romans 8:28, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Psalms 51:10, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”