

## The contents of a person's heart Pt 2. Pure

In our first study on this topic we looked at the contents of an "evil" heart, and established (1) a natural man's heart is full of evil, (2) an evil heart contains unbelief, no understanding, pride, imaginations of evil, is deceitful, and (3) fruits of an evil heart are – practice wicked works, obey not, refuse to hear God's words, loathe themselves, and speak evil. In this our second study we look at the contents of a "pure" heart and establish – (1) The meaning of the word "pure" from the scriptures is – undefiled before God, (2) a pure heart has not lifted up his soul to vanity, and pure of sin, (3) the pure in heart are blessed, and shall see God!

Our three points as established from the scriptures –

1. To be pure means to be –

\* holy – Ex 30:35. See also Ex 37:29, 39:30, 1Kgs 7:50, tried in a furnace – Ps.12: 6, washed from filthiness – Prov.30: 12, dross is purged away – Is.1: 25, unable to behold evil nor look upon iniquity – Hab.1: 13, flee from another man's sins – we keep ourselves pure – 1 Tim.5: 22, think on pure things – Phil.4: 8, undefiled and believing – Tit.1: 15, and undefiled before God and the Father – Jam.1: 27.

2. A pure heart is –

\* not lifted up their soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully – Ps.24: 4, pure from sin – Prov.20: 9, obedient to the truth unto unfeigned love for the brethren – 1 Pet.1: 22.

3. The pure in heart are blessed and shall see God

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt.5: 8).

### Illustration

David, Hezekiah, and Asa all had a perfect heart (1Kg.11: 4, Is.38: 3, 1kg.15: 14). And the scriptures record that David purposed that his mouth would not transgress (Ps.17: 30), and Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the "king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank" (Dan.1: 8).

Question to think about.

i) How is a man's heart made pure before the Lord?

ii) Given that all have sinned, what is the difference between those who have an evil heart and someone who has a good, perfect, pure heart?

Answer from the scriptures

i) Faith purifies our heart – "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15: 9).

\* the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin – "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn.1: 7).

Therefore, it is through faith in His blood that we have a pure heart! – "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood..." (Rom.3: 25).

ii) The difference between an evil heart and a pure heart – is those whose heart is pure purpose in their heart – to NOT defile themselves, to "keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jam.1: 27). Let us live each moment "crucified with Christ" (Gal.2: 20), that we would purpose in our hearts not to defile ourselves, and so do works that resemble a pure heart. Amen!