Research: Matt. 5:8

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

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Some of the foundational Greek words in the beatitudes are:

**“Blessed”** is *makarios*: “to be fully satisfied; one who is in the world yet independent of the world; whose satisfaction comes from God and not from favorable circumstances” (Hebrew-Greek Key 1735).

“Blessedness is higher than happiness. Happiness comes from without, and is dependent on circumstances; blessedness is an inward fountain of joy in the soul itself, which no outward circumstances can seriously affect. Blessedness consists in standing in a right relation to God, and so realizing the true law of a man’s being” (Dummelow 639).

The heart stands for a man’s inner most soul, his motives, principles, the center of the inner life, the source of thought. Complete purity of inward thought and desire is required because God looks upon the heart. There can be no mixture of any other substance, no adulteration, no self-seeking, no lust. All our aspirations are to be noble and pure.

*Pure in hea*rt can also mean single-minded, clean and free from pollution and guilt of sin, something that has been cleansed by shaking to and fro as in a sieve or fan. This is transformation at the deepest level of our being, always between God and us, with no other person part of it.

“A man's heart is pure when it loves only the good, when all its motives are right, and when all its aspirations are after the noble and true. Purity here is not synonymous with chastity, but includes it.

“**See God**] Just as the liar does not understand truthfulness, and does not recognize it when he encounters it, so the unholy person does not understand sanctity, and cannot understand the all-holy God” (Dumalelo).

To see God:

Is to discern, to understand. The promise is from Genesis to Revelation to see “God face to face.” To discover our spiritual nature as God’s image and likeness. The impure cannot see or understand the all-holy God. In proportion to our purity are our hearts clean, and we will see God, face to face.