

## Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God

Matt 4:25

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How wonderful it is to have a pure heart. Free from sin and worry – a pure heart rings with overtones of peace. A heart that does not seek vengeance, a heart that does not seek fleeting pleasure which cannot sustain a hungry soul; is a pure heart. A heart that knows sexuality outside of God's design, alcohol, drugs, and so many other vices will not bring lasting joy is a heart at rest. Once we have the Peace Maker - Jesus living in us, we are free and must take a course of repentance and faith.

Striving for one's own selfish pleasures does not create a pure heart. People seek pleasures in this world due to being of a fallen nature. We think we can find pleasure in what this fallen world offers. I'm speaking to those who do not know who the Lord is. That is to say - to those who do not know the Comforter – the Holy Spirit which lives in a person after they receive Jesus as their Lord and [Savior](#).

Adam is considered the template of the human race, and Jesus is considered the second Adam. Once a person is born again, has the Holy Spirit indwelling them through the [acceptance](#) of Jesus Christ, they are a new creation made in the image of [Christ](#) and now can start living a new life.

The pleasures of this world are short lived as we age and progress. The reality is that there is a God who will judge all men, and man cannot stand in a right place with God based on his presumptions or best efforts. Man is doomed due to his separation from God. Man misses the mark. But the Good News (Gospel) is Jesus died in sinful man's place so that he can have a pure heart before God.

We search in our fallen state for things that might make us happy. The world parades the fallen pleasures it has to offer to those who do not have Jesus and to those who have Him in order to destroy the individual. I speak of the 'world' as if it were a conscience being of some kind. What is meant here is that nature and the human race are under the bondage of the fall. This is not perceived readily by the natural (unregenerate) man. We all have free choice. We can choose life or death.

Jesus says He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

If you do not know or have ever heard of Christianities beliefs, you can see the site <http://Jesus-abc.com> for some descriptive discussions. Man is in a fallen state and his eternal state is in great demise as he cannot enter into Heaven without first agreeing with the maker of all things who is God.

We have to agree – accept what God has to offer, His only Son who died and suffered a criminals death so we can have a pure heart and see God.

James 4:1-4

*Pride Promotes Strife*

- <sup>1</sup>Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members?  
<sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.  
<sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.  
<sup>4</sup>Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.  
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1 Peter 2:11-12

*Living Before the World*

- <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I beg you **as sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,  
<sup>12</sup>having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.  
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Our Bible tells us to honor the King. We are told to honor all people, to love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a far cry from what has been deemed the best for one's own interest. Our world teaches us to strive for success at all cost. Even the cost of your soul as financial success cost more than what anyone can gain financially when it is brought about by unjust means whatever they may be. And as mentioned before, the world's pleasures will destroy a person's soul for all eternity.

1 Peter 2:17

- <sup>17</sup>Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. **Honor the king**.  
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1 Peter 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men –

<sup>16</sup>as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.  
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How do we bring honor to our King? King Jesus demands justice and that we love one another. It sounds like a fantasy in our world. A king who is honored and rules as a king – a monarchy - and demands good deeds be done. But this is the case. He lets us know we will find persecution in a world that is under satan's control till King Jesus removes this usurper from his current status. Then, all things will be subject to Jesus Christ's rule. My friend you cannot stand before Him on your own efforts!

People are angry with Christians due to some terrible crimes committed by so called Christians in the past. A king is not held responsible for subject's actions but the subjects are held accountable to Him. Jesus is the King of kings.

Understand that this world is fallen and men destroy one another till the 'time of restoration.' Jesus came to earth to be destroyed by the hands of wicked men so that man can one day live in peace and good will. Do not hold God responsible for the actions of wicked men! Man is made right with God when they repent, stop doing wicked deeds and accept Jesus as their Lord.

We can have a pure heart as we read in the Old Testament that a day of atonement would come and all our sins would be forgiven.

Here is Isaiah telling us of Jesus 800 years before He is born.

Isa 53:3-8

<sup>3</sup>He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>**But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

<sup>6</sup>**All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

<sup>8</sup>He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; **For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.** NKJV