

## The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5:1-20

One of the main themes of the Beatitudes is true righteousness out of a pure heart.

Right conduct flows out of our character, you can have right conduct though with ungodly character, ask the Pharisees. They had all the outside right looks on the outside and the inside was way off.

The word *Beatitude* means “blessed.”

Blessed implied(s) an inner satisfaction and sufficiency that does not depend on outward circumstances for happiness. This is what the Lord offers those who trust Him.

It has well been said that “a child rejoices in what he has, a youth rejoices in what he does, but an adult rejoices in what he is.” Now, whether that's always true or not, I want to say that the more mature you are as a Christian, the more you will rejoice—not in what you have or what you do, but in what you are through the Lord Jesus Christ. And, that's what these Beatitudes talk about. ~ **Adrian Rogers**

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

**Matthew 5:8**

Catharsis, which means a purifying. Has more to do with unity and singleness of mind. Blessed or unmixed. Literally means singleness of heart.

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”* **Matthew 6:24**

*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.* **Proverbs 4:29 (NKJV)**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.* **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

- **Our Heart is diseased.**

- Desperately wicked.

- *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

**Jeremiah 17:9**

- “The heart of the human problem is that problem of the human heart.”

~ **Adrian Rogers**

- Reformation is not enough, we need regeneration.

- *<sup>17</sup> When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. <sup>18</sup> So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?” <sup>20</sup> And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”* **Mark 7:20**

- Not the actions per se we are worried about, it's the heart. (God) Fix the heart and the actions will take care of themselves.
- **Our Heart is deceitful.**
  - Deceitful is the same name as the name Jacob means sup planter, con artist.
  - Tricked his dad, tricked his brother
  - There are no good men or woman, there are no people with good hearts on their own. No one is good, no not one. Romans 3:10
  - "You can be sincere but if your heart is deceitful, you'll be sincerely wrong." Adrian Rogers
  - Our prayer daily should be God, "give me a pure heart."
- **God reviews the heart.**
  - **God reveals and doctors the heart.**
    - *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts.*  
**Proverbs 21:2**
    - *As in water face reflects face, so a man's heart reveals the man.*  
**Proverbs 27:19**
    - *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*  
**Hebrews 4:12**
  - **God rewards the heart.**
    - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**
    - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*  
**Hebrews 11:6**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.*  
**Psalms 19:14**

Like me, as a kid you may remember singing, "it's not my brother, not my sister, but it's me oh Lord standing in the need of prayer."

I need some "open heart surgery," you?

For:

Hate	Covetousness	Unforgiveness
Racism	Jealousy	Bitterness
Anger	Pride	Laziness
Lust	Attitudes	
Greed	Comparison	

### Prayer Focus:

God, would you do a work on my heart? Reveal what needs to be dealt with and help me to take the time to spend with You for You to work on my heart.