

The Pure in Heart

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- I. The Seat of Purity (8a) – *"in heart"*
- II. The Senses of Purity (8b)
 - A. Pure: Not Mixed (Ex. 25:11)
 - B. Clean: Not Dirty
 - 1. Physically Clean (Mt. 23:26; 27:59)
 - 2. Ceremonially Clean (Lev. 11:33, 36)
 - 3. Morally Clean (Hab. 1:13)

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III. The Steps to Purity

- A. In regeneration, God initially cleanses the heart of the believing sinner from the guilt and stain of sin (Ezek. 36:25-27; Acts 15:9; Heb. 9:11-14; 1 Pet. 1:22).
- B. In our ongoing confession and repentance, God continually cleanses the hearts of believers (Ps. 51:2, 10; 1 Jn. 1:7, 9).
- C. In sanctification, God's Spirit continually cleanses our hearts from patterns of sin as we strive to obey His Word (Jn. 15:3; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Jn. 3:3).

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IV. The Satisfaction of Purity (8b) – *“they shall see God”*

- A. The glorified body of the 2nd Person of the Trinity (Jn. 17:24; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:5-8; Rev. 1:13ff; 19:11ff).
- B. Whatever physical manifestation God chooses, likely blazing, glorious light (Ezek. 1:28; 10:4; 1 Tim. 6:16).

Its Uses...

1. As an Examination of your Profession of Faith
2. As an Invitation to Come to Jesus for Cleansing
3. As an Exhortation to Pursue Greater Purity
 - Daily repent of and confess your sin
 - Daily seek to put off patterns of sin in obedience to God's Word.