

THE BLESSED PURE IN HEART
Matthew 5:1-8

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEE GOD?

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A. Complications

1. Different meanings
2. Seeming contradictions
 - a. No man can see God
 - 1) John 1:18; 5:37; 6:46
 - 2) 1 Timothy 6:15-16; 1 John 4:12
 - b. People have seen God
 - 1) Genesis 17:1; Exodus 24:9-10a
 - 2) Numbers 12:6-8; Isaiah 6:1
 - c. Reconciliation: God the Father is not seen by man
 - 1) Statements: John 5:37; 6:46
 - 2) Reasons
 - a) God is invisible spirit – John 4:24; 1 Tim. 1:17
 - b) God's glory is unapproachable
 - 1a 1 Timothy 6:16
 - 2a Exodus 33:20

B. Meaning: being in the favorable presence of God the Father

1. Revelation 22:3-5
2. 1 Corinthians 13:12

II. WHO IS IT THAT WILL SEE GOD?

- A. Answer: Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24:3-4
- B. Problem: Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:18-19
- C. Solution: Jesus Christ
 1. Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35; 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 7:26
 2. Ezekiel 36:25 – Psalm 51:2; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:3; Eph. 1:7
 3. Ezekiel 36:26 – Psalm 51:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17
 4. Ezekiel 36:27 – Galatians 3:13-14
 5. 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 John 3:3; 2:1; Rom. 8:13

1. How do we reconcile the passages of scripture that say that people have seen God with those that tell us that no man can see Him?
2. Pastor Jim said, "To see God is the ultimate, climactic experience for any human being." What did he mean by that? What is it to *see* God in this way?
3. Why does the requirement of "purity of heart" pose such a problem for us? What does it mean to have a pure heart?
4. In Christ, we are both accepted as pure and have been given new longings for more purity. Explain.
5. List the areas of your life in which you desire to grow in purity of heart? It would be wise to share these with your spouse or trusted friend and enlist their help. How can you apply the truths of this message to these areas in a way that keeps the gospel at the center?
6. Are you trusting in God's provision of Christ for your forgiveness, cleansing, righteousness, and the holiness you need to see God?

Conclusion