

Sermon Title: **“BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART”**

Matthew 5:1-12

- ALL of this - the whole process is God working in us, God changing us – from the inside out
 - There WILL be a day, when the Source of our faith WILL be clearly visible (to the pure in heart – we shall see God)
- “Pure” = Clean; FREE from Corrupt Desires; Innocent from Sin
- 2 Powerful Examples of Physically what this Greek word means:
 1. Purified by Fire
 - God allows the fires of this life to sometimes occur because it refines us & it purifies us
 2. Vine Being Cleansed by Pruning
 - God targets the diseased, damaged, dead, unproductive, structurally unsound & simply unwanted areas
 - & God with perfect precision REMOVES them from our lives
- “Heart” – Biblically speaking this is the Command Center of our Lives ... (this was where thoughts & emotions stemmed from)
 - The Heart was NOT the place where purity would have been expected to be found
 - Completely & perfectly God KNOWS ALL that is stored up in our hearts
 - This is why God changes us from the inside out! (God removes our uncleanness & replaces it with a NEW heart)
 - God does ALL the work (we just have to give Him the access)
- “Will see God” was actually a Hebrew phrase, which means to stand before God in perfect unbroken forever fellowship
- ONLY because of Christ we’re able to be viewed as Pure in heart
- God cares MORE about our inward character than our outward character
 - Even good things can get in the way & prevent God from the throne of our hearts