### III. HOW CAN YOU BE PURE IN HEART?

"And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart." Jeremiah 24:7

Pathways to purity include:

А.

"8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8-9

В.

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3

C.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

D.

"I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" Job 31:1

E.

"2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I John 3:2-3

### **CONCLUSION:** Are You Happy?

"...happy is that people, whose God is the LORD."

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Isn't everyone searching for true happiness? We all know life is hard and these are difficult times. People are searching and wanting to know how they can find real happiness in a fake world. Does this sound like you? Are you unfulfilled and unhappy?

"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." John 16:22

**B.** Join me in this nine week series as we learn how to find real happiness in a fake world.

Oct 3 Happiness Is...

- Oct 10 Happy Are The Nobodies Conquering Your Pride
- Oct 17 Happy Are The Sad Healing Your Broken Heart
- Oct 24 Happy Are The Meek Controlling Your Reactions
- Oct 31 Happy Are The Hungry Satisfying Your Emptiness
- Nov 7 Happy Are The Merciful Giving Your Heart
- TODAY Happy Are The Holy Maintaining Your Purity
- Nov 21 Happy Are The Peacemakers Resolving Your Conflict
- Nov 28 Happy Are The Harassed Handling Your Persecution
- C. TEXT: Matthew 5:8 (Pew Bible Page 4/New Testament)
  - The fake way to happiness is having the right \_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is based on "when and then thinking".

• The real way to happiness is having the right \_\_\_\_\_.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

#### HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR PURITY

# I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PURE IN HEART?

Pure in heart means to have a heart for God that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15:8

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.

"9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" Jeremiah 17:9-10

**B.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.

"26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Ezekiel 36:26-27

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:9

# II. WHAT PROMISE IS MADE TO THE PURE IN HEART?

"3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

Psalm 24:3-4

A. You will see God in \_\_\_\_\_.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Psalm 19:1

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" Romans 1:20

**B.** You will see God in \_\_\_\_\_.

"28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:28-29

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Psalm 23:6

C. You will see God in the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:" Ephesians 1:17