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"Pure Heart"

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Matthew 5:8

Over and over I hear it again

That the Father desires pure heart

Not to seek earthly treasure or the favor of man

But to be found with pureness of heart

Chorus

Pure heart is what the Father desires

Holy heart purified by God's holy fire

Broken heart, proven to be faithful and true

Fashion in me a heart that's thirsting for You

Search ever chamber, expose them to me

Create motives of honor and simplicity

May you find faithfulness, integrity

A heart which is worthy for Your eyes to see

Chorus

My only ambition is to stand before You

And find I was pleasing in Your sight

And obedient child of God, faithful and true

Found with pureness of heart

Chorus

The pure heart is free of mixed motives. It is one emptied of self, and

Filled with total devotion to the Lord.--Craig Smith

In the natural realm, when we speak of the heart, we are referring to

The chief physical organ in the human body. Though failure of other

Human organs can result in death, no other part plays a more important

Life sustaining role than that of the heart.

This is also true in the spiritual realm. Throughout Biblical history,

The heart has represented the man himself. The very center of his

Every emotion and appetite. It is no wonder then, that the Lord requires

We love Him with all our heart. A heart wholly devoted to the Lord is a

Heart which is pure, it has no admixture. It is not divided, polluted, or

Contaminated by foreign substances.
The Psalmist tells us (Ps 51:16,17) God is not pleased with sacrifices and
Burnt offerings. In fact, He told the Israelites, the very ones He set
Up the sacrificial system through, that He no longer took pleasure in
Their burnt offerings, and that the offerings had even become
"worthless." (Is 1:11-13) The problem was not in His system, but was
Instead in the hearts of His people. He knew their hearts, and their
Hearts were void of the necessary total devotion and love for Him. They
Were merely going through a heartless motion of meaningless religious
Ceremony. The result, "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will
Hide my eyes from you, yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not
Listen." (Is 1:15) He then appeals to them to repent of their sins and by
Doing so, even though their "sins are a scarlet, they will be washed
White as snow..." I cannot help but mention the close parallel in
Israel's situation then, with the present situation in our western
Culture today. According to various polling systems, the majority of
People living in the United States have a belief in God. However, for a
Majority, we do not seem to have a great effect on our society. Could it
Be that a great many of those polled are just going through "meaningless
Religious ceremony"? We would all do well to compare our present
Relationships with Christ with the early churches relationships to
Christ.
Once again, what pleases the Father is the whole heart devoted to Him.
The acceptable sacrifices to the Lord are no longer "burnt offerings"
But instead "...a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart..." The word
"broken" in these passages refers to a crushing into the form of powder.
If you were to take a small stone and toss it into a swift

stream of
Water, the stone would resist the flow and quickly sink
to the bottom.
However, you could recover the same small stone,
pound it into a fine
Powder, and then pour it from your hand into the
stream and even though
It is the same mineral substance, it no longer resists
the stream's flow,
But instead floats wherever the stream carries it.
In many ways we are like the small stone. With selfish,
unsubmissive
Hearts, we resist God's flow or direction and find
ourselves sinking.
However, if we are wise, we will approach the Lord and
ask Him to reveal
Any and hurtful object in our hearts. Reveal anything
that divides us
From a right relationship with Him and restore us to the
joy of our
Salvation. May our prayers be that He will crush us into
submissive,
Totally devoted hearts. Suddenly we will realize we are
flowing with
Him and being totally fulfilled by our relationship with
Him, instead of
Living in the strife of resistance. We will never know
total
Fulfillment, until He has from us a total heart, a whole
heart, a pure
Heart.--Craig Smith

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