

# COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES



## *Greater Christ Temple* APOSTOLIC CHURCH

2940 S. Anthony Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

## “Blessed”

Part 06

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## Matthew 5:8

**8** Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

- Pure in heart (Gk. “katharoi tee’ kardia”) = clean of heart

## Proverbs 4:23

**23** Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

- Your life as you know it is the result of what is and/or has been in your heart. It is extremely important that we both guard our hearts, being meticulously watchful concerning what we allow to enter our inner-man (heart) through the eye gate and the ear gate, and that we also constantly conduct a self inventory, inspecting our own thought-life and examining our own motivations.

- If my inner-man is pure, my life will produce pure fruit, I will walk in peace, love, joy, patience, meekness, and every other virtue because these things will be inside of me and will naturally spring up in my everyday life. As the purity on the inside produces pure actions through my outer-man (body), I am sowing the same things that will return to my life to be harvested in due season.
  - Ex: I am (virtue) in my heart, therefore I show (virtue) in my actions, and as a result, I will receive (virtue) from men and from God.

### Matthew 7:20-23

**20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in<sup>3</sup>

that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

- This is an issue of one's nature (heart), the question is has your nature (heart) been changed?

Not only must the heart be initially changed, but we must continue to choose Christ and His path, thereby allowing the transformation which He has begun in us to be complete.

### Matthew 12:35

**35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.<sup>4</sup>

- Your behavior is a direct result of what you are on the inside.
- You've heard it said that the eyes are the window of the soul (heart), but according to the scriptures the deeds of a person are the window of the soul.
- Though people may try to be crafty, eventually the intent of a person's heart is made evident through their deeds. We (people) don't always know the intent of a person's heart right away, or even soon in comparison to the time of their deeds, that's why God is the only one who is qualified to judge:

### 1 Samuel 16:7

**7** But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not<sup>5</sup> as

man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

- God sees what's in your heart regardless of what is in your mouth when you pray, therefore we must approach Him with a clean heart, or get our cleansed before we make a request for anything.

An evil mindset prevent salvation, deliverance, restoration, restitution, healing, victory, and any other kind of blessing. This is why the first step to salvation is repentance.

### Jeremiah 4:14

**14** O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, That you may be saved.

How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?

## Psalm 24:3-5

**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. **5** He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

- Who is able to approach the throne of the LORD Almighty? He who has right conduct which results from a pure heart.
- Those who are undefiled inwardly, pure and clean in mind and motivation, these shall see God in peace.





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**Morning Worship | 10:30 AM**

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