

He that hears THESE sayings

- Mt 7:24-28

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does them**:

- Like a wise man who built house on rock

- did not fall because it was built on the rock

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does not do**:

- Like a foolish man who built house on sand

- it did fall because it was built on sand

- Each “*saying*” is stone in our foundation.

The more stones we have the more solid our foundation. Each missing stone is still sand.

Weakening and threatening the whole.

- *Blessed are the pure in heart,*
- *For they shall see God.*
- *Mt 5:8*

All Based on Purity

- “*katharos... clean, pure, (free from the admixture or adhesion of anything that soils, adulterates corrupts)*; a. **physically...**
b. in a levitical sense; *clean*; i.e. the use of which is not forbidden, imparts no uncleanness... c. **ethically**; *free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt... free from every admixture of what is false, sincere... genuine blameless, innocent...*” (Thayer, p. 312; 2513)

Parables of Purity

- Purity is most often described as an absence of pollution and defilement.
- Pure air, water, land, and food have not been defiled with things that should not be there.
- Pesticides, chemicals, pollutants make impure
- The creation came pure from the hands of God. It possessed everything that should be there. In that pristine state it is always pure.
- We all know the dangers of pollution and the diseases they can cause.

As God created them ... They are Pure

- *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ... 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. Gen 1:26-28*

God sees Hearts as we see His Creation

- *But now thy kingdom shall not continue: Jehovah has sought him a man after his own heart, and Jehovah has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which Jehovah commanded you. 1Sam 13:14*
- *But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1Sam 16:7*
- *Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their ways are His delight. Prov 11:20*

God seeks Hearts as we seek Places

- *The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; But Jehovah tries the hearts. Prov 17:3*
- *I, Jehovah, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. Jer 17:10*
- *Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And 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 falsehood, and hath not sworn deceitfully. Ps 24:3-4*
- *The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in their walk are His delight. Prov 11:20*

Hearts Work Properly when Pure

- *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Prov 4:23*
- *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man . . . Mt 15:19-20*

Hearts Work Properly When Pure

- *To the **pure** all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being **abominable**, and **disobedient**, and unto every good work **reprobate**. Titus 1:15-16*

All that should be ...

- *But the end of the charge is love out of a **pure heart** and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 1 Tim 1:5*
- *holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience**. 1 Tim 3:9*
- *I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a **pure conscience**, 2 Tim 1:3*
- *But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a **pure heart**. 2 Tim 2:22*

A Pure Heart

- *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:11-14*

David's Counsel to his Son

- *As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 1 Chr. 28:9*

Seeking a Pure Heart

- *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. I Jn 2:15-17*

What Does our Heart Look Like

- **LIKE GODS** I SAM 13:14
- **PURE** Mt. 5:8
- **MEEK AND QUIET** I PET 3:11
- **NO GUILF** JN 1:47
- **FAR FROM GOD** MT 15:8
- **HARD & IMPENITENT** ROM 2:5
- **NOT RIGHT** ACTS 8:21
- **POISONED & POLLUTED** MT 23:25-28
- **GROSS** MT 13:15