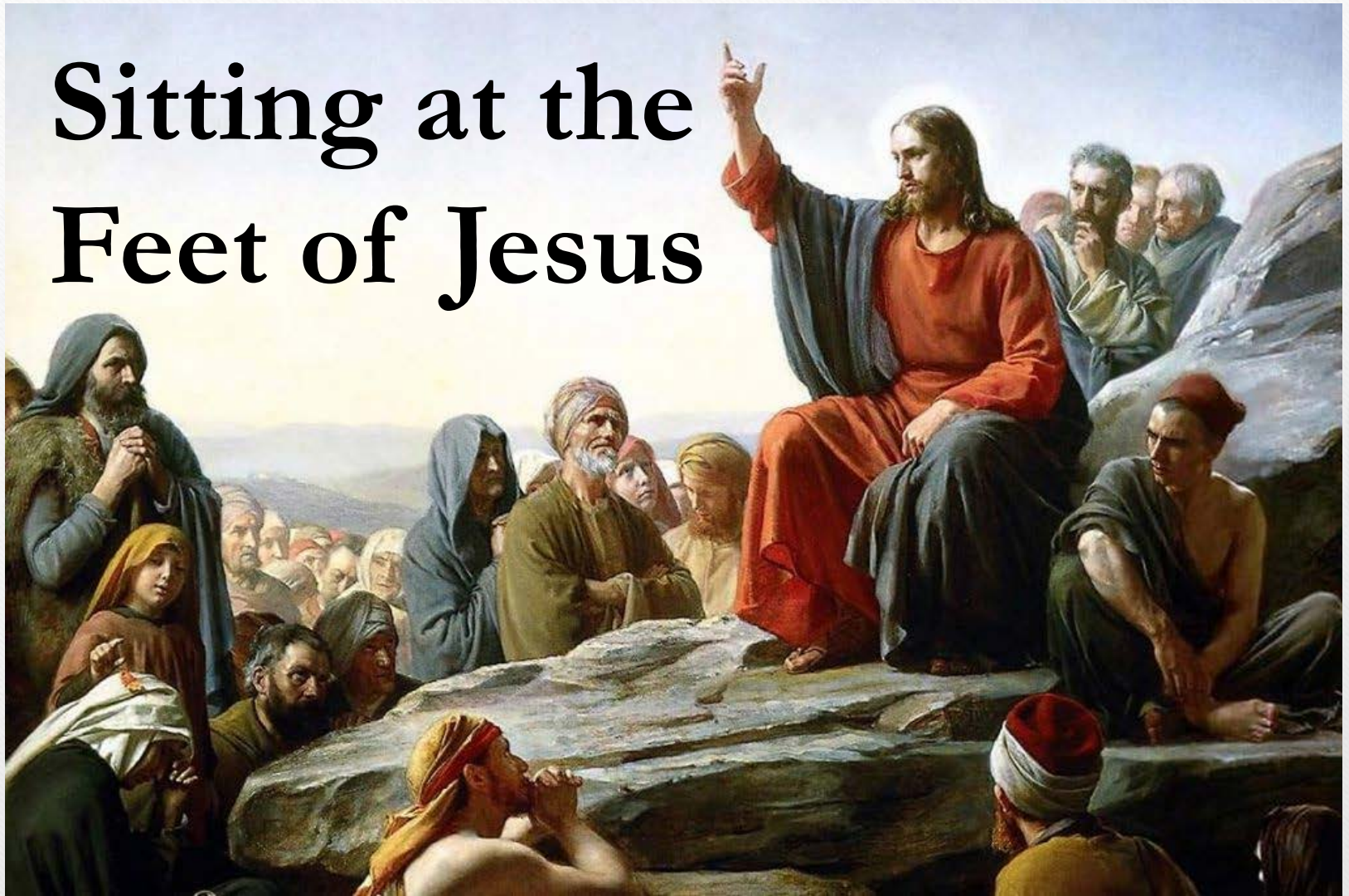


# Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



# The Sermon on the Mount

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Matthew 5-7

# Beatitudes Building Blocks

Those who realize their spiritual position before a Holy God, will mourn due to their sin, will develop meekness and humility, will hunger and thirst for righteousness and will recognize their need for mercy from God and develop a deep desire to demonstrate that mercy to others.

## Matthew 5: 8(NASB)

*“Blessed are the pure  
in heart,  
for they shall see God.*

# Question

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What does it mean to  
be pure?

# Pure

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It is translated from the Greek word katharos which is a noun formed from kathariz, which means to cleanse from filth and iniquity.

# Pure-Webster 1828

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Free from moral defilement; without spot; not sullied or tarnished; incorrupt; undebased by moral depravity; holy.

Chaste; as a pure virgin.

# Question

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Is Purity common in  
society today?



# Question

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Do you see purity  
increasing or  
decreasing in our  
nation?

# Question

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Where do we see  
impurity today?

# Statistical Facts

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More than four in 10 Americans (43%) now say pornography is morally acceptable, a seven-percentage-point increase from last year.  
(Gallup, June 2018)

# Statistical Facts

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The use of filters by parents has not worked. In 2005 Pew Research found 54% usage of filters; in 2016 it was 39% with just 16% on mobile devices.

# Statistical Facts

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The average age of first exposure to pornography is 11 (Randel and Sanchez, "Huffington Post" - 2016).

# Statistical Facts

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"children under 10 now account for 22% of online porn consumption under 18" (British Journal of School Nursing.)

# Statistical Facts

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Almost half (46%) of teenagers say “sending sexual or naked photos or videos is part of everyday life for teenagers nowadays.”

# Statistical Facts

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In 2016, people watched 4.6 billion hours (92 billion videos) of pornography at just one website which is an average of 12.5 videos for every person on earth.



# Statistical Facts

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Significance: So many people are viewing so much porn today that it is really impossible to tabulate.

# Question

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What is the heart?

thinks

*(Matt. 9:4)*

imagines

*(Lk. 1:51)*

lusts

*(Rom. 1:24)*

reasons

*(Mk. 2:6, 8)*

desires

*(Rom. 10:1)*

despises

*(2 Sam. 6:16)*

ponders

*(Lk. 2:19)*

loves

*(Matt. 22:37)*

purposes

*(Acts 11:23)*

understands

*(Matt. 13:15)*

sorrows

*(Jn. 16:6)*

determines

*(1 Cor. 7:37 ASV)*

believes

*(Rom. 10:10)*

rejoices

*(Jn. 16:22; Acts 2:26)*

obeys

*(Rom. 6:17, 18)*

doubts

*(Mk. 11:23)*

## Matthew 9: 4 (NIV)

*Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?"*

# The Heart

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It is where your inner  
thoughts originate  
and is the core of who  
you are

# The Heart

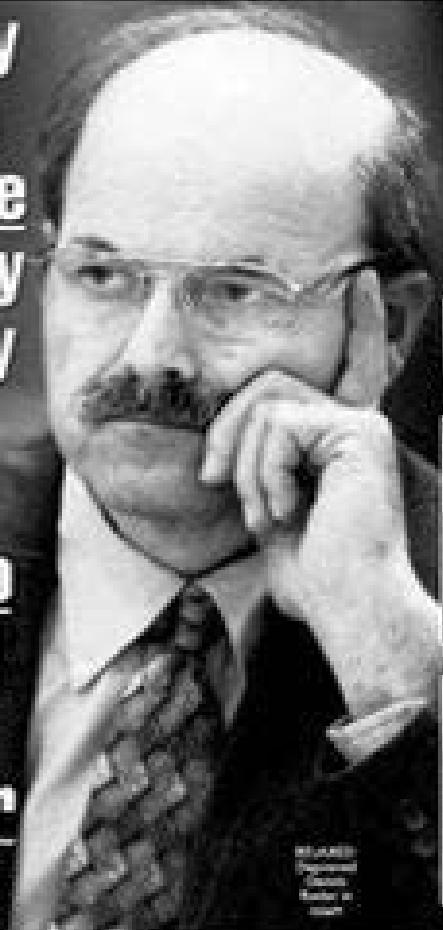
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Do others know what  
is inside your heart?

## Matthew 23: 27(NIV)

*"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.*

**Outwardly  
he was a  
pillar of the  
community  
..in reality  
he was  
a serial  
killer who  
managed  
to evade  
justice for  
31 years**

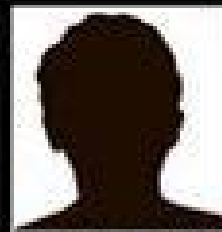


# B.T.K.

**BIND**

**TORTURE**

**KILL**



**T**he body of 31-year-old daughter Cheryl Lynn "The Screamers" ...

**James Edwin Rayburn**  
in New York

...Rayburn, who ...

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**He'd measure  
your grass and  
give you 10  
days to mow it  
..or risk a fine**



# Question

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Does God  
know your heart?

## Psalm 44: 21(NIV)

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*would not God have  
discovered it, since he  
knows the secrets of  
the heart?*

## Jeremiah 16: 17(NIV)

*My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.*

## Romans 2: 16(NIV)

*This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.*

## Matthew 6: 4(NIV)

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*For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

# Question

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Why did God destroy  
the world in the  
Flood?

## Genesis 6: 5 (NIV)

*The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*

# Matthew 15: 19 (NIV)

*For out of the heart come evil thoughts--murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*



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Seven ways we can  
develop a clean and  
pure heart in a world  
of filth and impurity

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

1. Confess and forsake all sin, including private sin

Go into a private place  
and with an an on your face,  
on your knees confession  
renounce any sins that  
are secret saying them  
out loud to God in  
repentance.

Be specific, if there are patterns of sin in your private, secret life that nobody knows about, you bring those before the Lord, confess and repent of those things.

Matthew 6: 11-12(NIV)

*Give us today our daily  
bread.*

**And forgive us our  
debts,**

*as we also have  
forgiven our debtors.*

## 1 John 1: 9 (NIV)

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*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

# 1 Corinthians 10: 13(NIV)

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

1. Confess and forsake all sin, including private sin
2. Saturate your mind and heart with the Word of God



The output of your life is in direct proportion to the intake of Scriptural Truth, the honest heart-felt intake. So get out the junk and disease by confessing and forsaking the sin and then fill your heart with the Word of God.

## Philippians 4: 8(NIV)

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

## Psalm 119: 11(NIV)

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*I have hidden your  
word in my heart  
that I might not sin  
against you.*

## Ephesians 5: 25-27 (NIV)

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word*

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

1. Confess and forsake all sin, including private sin
2. Saturate your mind and heart with the Word of God
3. Pray

## Matthew 26: 41(NIV)

*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

## Matthew 6: 13 (NIV)

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

## Ephesians 6: 18 (NIV)

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*



# How to Develop a Pure Heart

1. Confess and forsake all sin, including hidden sin
2. Saturate your mind and heart with the Word of God
3. Pray
4. Don't expose yourself to sin

Sin is a highly contagious and deadly disease of the soul. Watch who you are around, what you are looking at and what you are absorbing into your mind.

## Psalm 101: 3 (NLT)

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*I will refuse to look at  
anything vile and  
vulgar.*

## Job 31: 1(NIV)

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*“I made a covenant  
with my eyes  
not to look lustfully  
at a young woman.*

## Ezekiel 8: 12 (ESV)

*Then he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, ‘The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.’”*

## Genesis 19: 4-5 (NIV)

*Before they had gone to bed, **all** the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”*

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

1. Confess and forsake all sin, including hidden sin
2. Saturate your mind and heart with the Word of God
3. Pray
4. Don't expose yourself to sin
5. Reject impure thoughts

Don't be deceived into thinking that you can just look or play with sin because sin cultivates evil thoughts in your heart which impacts your life and will manifest itself in sin and perhaps even death, so you have to win the battle inside.



## 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

## James 1: 14-15 (NIV)

*but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death*

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

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2. Saturate your mind and heart with the Word of God
3. Pray
4. Don't expose yourself to sin
5. Reject impure thoughts
6. Guard your memory

## Proverbs 4: 23 (NIV)

*Above all else, guard  
your heart,  
for everything you  
do flows from it.*

Young people- as time passes you are filling up your memory bank with your life experiences and satan is really good at recycling the enjoyment of sin, but not the pain it caused, and making very vivid memories to entice you to sin again.

## Ezekiel 23: 19 (NIV)

*Yet she became more and more promiscuous as she recalled the days of her youth, when she was a prostitute in Egypt.*

# Proverbs 26: 11 (NASB)

*Like a dog that returns to  
its vomit Is a fool who  
repeats his folly.*

# One Woman – 120 months of Methamphetamine Use.....Any Questions?



Nov '79



Jul '80



Aug '80



Mar '81



Jan '82



May '86



Jan '88



Apr '88



Jun '88



Jan '89



The photos you see here are all of the same woman.

She was approximately 38 years old at the time the Jan '89 photograph was taken.

These are Department Of Justice photos taken at the time of arrest.

She is now deceased.



Satan also does  
something else with your  
memories of your past  
sins.

## Revelation 12: 10 (NIV)

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For **the accuser** of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*

# Question

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Why is satan called  
the accuser?

# Suicide Rate for Women Having Abortions is Six Times Higher Than Women Giving Birth

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# Fifth young porn star dies: Drugs, despair, suicide factors in death



Get Morning

# How to Develop a Pure Heart

7. Get excited about your rewards!

# Question

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Do you remember the  
rewards for being  
pure in heart?

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# Pure Hearts

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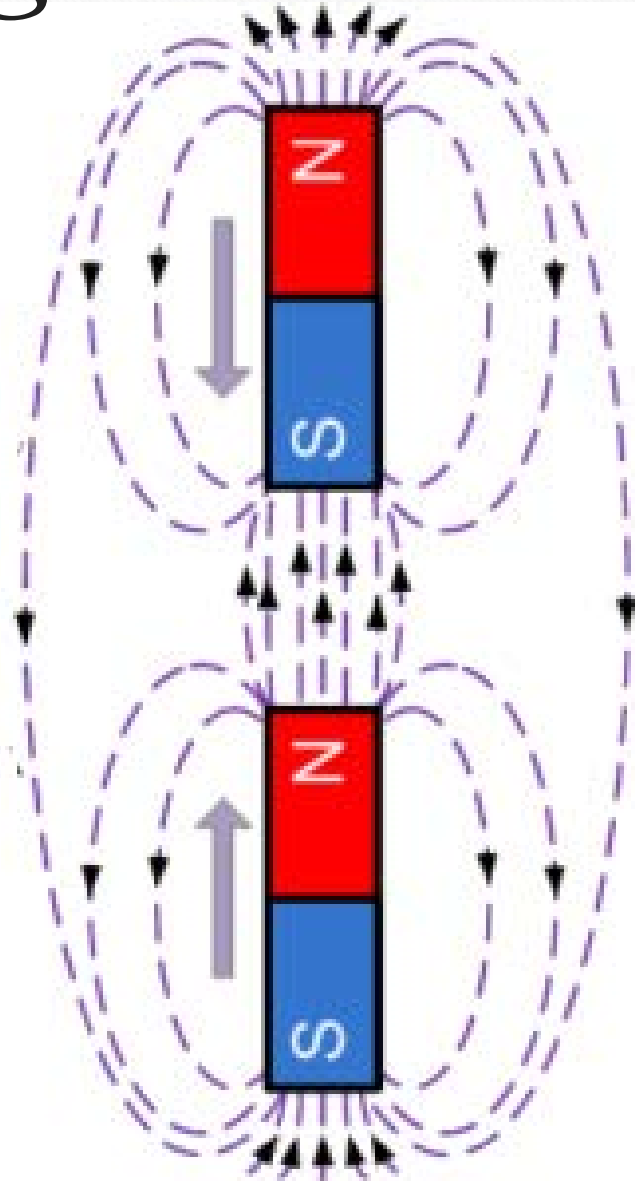
A pure heart is like a magnet that draws God closer to you!

# Matthew 23: 27(NIV)

*Come near to God and he  
will come near to you.*

*Wash your hands, you  
sinners, and purify your  
hearts, you double-  
minded.*

# Aligned With God



# Question

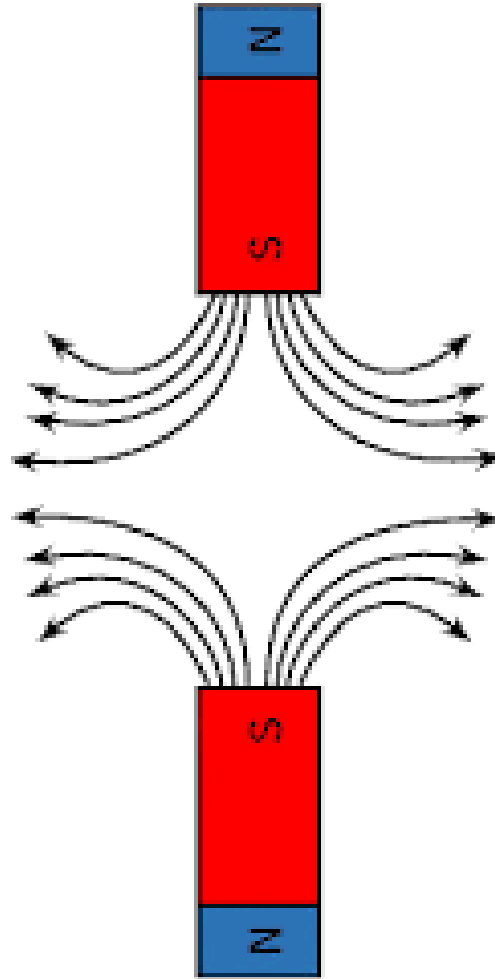
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What stops you from  
seeing God?

## Isaiah 59: 1-2

*Surely the arm of the Lord  
is not too short to save,  
nor his ear too dull to  
hear. But your iniquities  
have separated you from  
your God; your sins have  
hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.*

# Aligned With The World



## Matthew 5: 8(NASB)

*“Blessed are the pure  
in heart,  
for they shall see God.*