

Cleansing The Heart

Heart: comprehensive term for the authentic person

- “The place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity...feelings, desires, passions, thought, understanding and will”

I. Heart – What Is It?

- Central position, Ps.46:2
- Bodily organ, 2 Sm.18:14
- God's feelings, Gn.6:6 [Lk.24:39; Jn.4:24]
- Inner person –
 - Intellect, Gn.6:5
 - Desires, Dt.17:17 [1 Chr.29:18; Mt.5 / 6]
 - Emotions
 - Fear / anxiety, Gn.42:28
 - Joy / Sorrow, Pr.15:13
 - Courage / hope, Pr.13:12; Jn.16:33

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- Will, 2 Chr.29:31
- Affections, 2 Sm.14:1
- Romance, Song 4:9

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II. Clean Heart –
Why Desirable?

Clean hands, pure heart, Ps.24:4

- Hands: actions
- Heart: attitude
 - Clean: innocent, Ps.10:8
 - Pure: moral (comes from heart)

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man” – Mt.15:18

- Pr.20:9, “who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?” (Ro.3:23)

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Lepers, Lv.14:2, 4, 7-8, 14, etc.

“Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ And immediately his leprosy was cleansed” – Mt.8:3 (11:5)

- Lk.4:27, Naaman

Water + Word of God → Cleansed

- Ep.5:26, sinner

Apostasy, 2 Chr.30:18-20

Long removed from true worship

Restored to true worship

Set heart to seek God

Ignorant of cleansing requirements

Needed pardon

Expected to learn, grow, 'get it right'

– 1 K.14:8

Acts 8:18-24; 17:30-31

David's supplication, Ps.139:23-24

Word can lead him, reveal his faults

Some faults may be unknown to him

He longs to be clean (Ps.51:2)

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IV. How To Cleanse The Heart

- Ps.119:9, 11 [Jn.15:3]
- Pr.20:30 [Is.53:5; Ja.4:8]
- Ezk.36:25-26

Not faith
alone,
2:37-38

Acts 2:37, prick, be
pierced, stabbed

- Cleanse Gentiles
Ac.10:15, 47-48;
15:7-9 (Ro.6:17)

- Gn.34:7, Jacob...
- Lv.10:3, Aaron...
- Ps.109:16, broken
- Ac.2:37 ... 46

- 1 Pt.3:15, sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...
[= dedicate yourself to the Lord]

Conscience is God's spy
and man's overseer