

A LOOK INTO PURITY- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PURE?

Why does sexual purity matter so much to God? It boils down to the fact that, as believers, we are set apart *for* God. "...the Lord has set apart the godly for himself" (Psalm 4:3). He has bought us back from the former way of life in which we used to live, and we have chosen to live in him and for him. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). -Christianity.com

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What does it mean to be Set- Apart for YAHUVEH GOD? for YAHUSHUA (JESUS)?

to live a life that is pleasing to HIM, to be set apart from the ways of the world. To live holy and obedient too HIM.

Let's take a look at the definition of set apart: Credit too: Biblehub.com

qadash: to be set apart or consecrated
Original Word: שָׁדַח

Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: qadash
Phonetic Spelling: (kaw-dash')
Definition: to be set apart or consecrated

Let's look at the definition for Purity and, Pure:

Strong's
zaku: purity,
Original Word: זָכָה
Part of Speech: Noun
Transliteration: zaku
Phonetic Spelling: (zaw-koo')
Definition: purity,
NAS Exhaustive
Word corresponding to
(Aramaic) zakah
Definition
purity,
NASB
innocent (1).
Concordance
innocence
זָכָה
Feminine
zaku
(zaw-koo')
innocence
Concordance
Origin
zakah
innocence
Translation

Strong's
tahor: clean, pure

Concordance

Original		Word:	טהור
Part	of	Speech:	Adjective
Transliteration:			tahor
Phonetic		Spelling:	(taw-hore')
Definition:		clean,	pure
NAS	Exhaustive		Concordance
Word			Origin
from			taher
Definition			pure
NASB			Translation
clean (51), pure (40), purity (1), unclean* (2), who is clean (1).			

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טהור adjective clean, pure; — masculine absolute ט Exodus 25:11 68t.;
טהר Leviticus 11:47 4t.; construct טהור Habakkuk 1:13; טהור Proverbs 22:11;
טהר Job 17:9; feminine טהרה Malachi 1:11 3t.; טהרה Genesis 7:2 8t.; masculine
plural טהורים Ezekiel 36:25; Ezra 6:20;
טהרים Proverbs 15:26; feminine plural טהרות Leviticus 14:4; Psalm 12:7; --

1 ceremonially clean, of animals Genesis 7:2 (twice in verse); Genesis 7:8 (twice in verse); Genesis 8:20 (twice in verse) (all J), Leviticus 14:4 (P), Leviticus 20:25 (twice in verse) (H), Deuteronomy 14:11,20; places Leviticus 4:12; Leviticus 6:4; Leviticus 10:14; Leviticus 11:36; Numbers 19:9 (all P); things Leviticus 10:10; Leviticus 11:37,47; Leviticus 14:57 (P), Ezekiel 22:26; Ezekiel 44:23; Isaiah 66:20; Malachi 1:11; persons Leviticus 7:19; Leviticus 13:13,17,37,39,40,41; Leviticus 15:8; Numbers 5:28; Numbers 9:13; Numbers 18:11,13; Numbers 19:9,18,19 (all P), Deuteronomy 12:15,22; Deuteronomy 15:22; Deuteronomy 23:11; 1 Samuel 20:26 a + see :26 b ם0 but read טהר Pu`al, see 2 ,טהר Chronicles 30:17; Ezra 6:20

2 physically pure: of gold זָהָב Exodus 25:11,17,24,29,31,36,38,39; Exodus 28:14,22,36; Exodus 30:3; Exodus 37:2,6,11,16,17,22,23,24,26; Exodus 39:15,25,30 (all P), 1 Chronicles 28:17; 2Chronicles 3:4; 9:17; of water מַיִם Ezekiel 36:25; of incense קְטֹרֶת Exodus 30:35; Exodus 37:29 (P); of lamp stand מְנוֹרָה Exodus 31:8; Exodus 39:37 (P), Leviticus 24:4 (H); of the table שֻׁלְחָן Leviticus 24:6 (H), 2 Chronicles 13:11; *clean*, of turban Zechariah 3:5 (twice in verse).

3 ethically pure, clean Proverbs 30:12; Ecclesiastes 9:2; Job 14:4; of heart Psalm 51:12; Proverbs 22:11; hands Job 17:9; eyes Habakkuk 1:13 (of God); words of men Proverbs 15:26; words of God Psalm 12:7; law of ׀ as object of reverential fear Psalm 19:10

Read some verses on Purity, & Pure, And Set Apart, and Holy. Try to find some

to summarize and reflect on. Which ones stand out to you and speak to you?

After reading the definitions above, what have you learned?

What Is the Meaning of 'Blessed Are the Pure in Heart'?In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches His disciples, “The Beatitudes”), “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*” (Matt. 5:8). Being blessed is a state of well-being or happiness in relationship to God. The pure in heart are happy because their sin has been pardoned, and they’ve been granted access to God the Father. In our culture, the word “blessed” often refers to receiving immeasurable riches, material goods, or fame. But in the kingdom of God, to “be blessed” refers to our satisfaction in God and the joy of our salvation. King David demonstrates this truth as he understands the weight of sin, and asks for a renewed delight in God’s salvation:

*“Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” - Psalm 51:8-12*David accepts that when his sins are hidden from the face of God, joy and gladness are found amidst brokenness. He’s made the connection that a pure heart and spirit restores joy.

Who Are the Pure in Heart?Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, all sinners who put their faith in Christ alone are granted a pure heart. Those who have been called and redeemed by God—who “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37) are those who are pure in heart.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly calls us to a life of purity—a life without sin and defilement. Many believe that sin is an outward behavior or action taken, but Jesus teaches that sin is what comes out of the heart. Our sin is revealed through our thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions. *“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person”* (Mark 7:21-22).

Those who are pure in heart will *“put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you”* (Colossians 3:12-13).

Those who are pure are not just those who clothe themselves in compassion but are primarily those who God has forgiven by His Son on the cross. We understand that those who are pure will see God and be happy. But our lives are not fully about being happy. On earth what matters most is our holiness. For without striving for holiness, we will not see God, thereby negating our happiness (Hebrews 12:14)

How Can We Become Pure in Heart? We can't become pure in heart on our own. It is only by an act of God's grace, that He cleanses us and makes us pure in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. By God's grace, we recognize that we are sinners in need of a savior, turn from a life of impurity, and give ourselves to walking in purity and holiness, (aligned with the will and Word of God). In Psalm 24:3-4 David writes,

“Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? He who

has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.”

Our hearts were made to have one allegiance, and that one allegiance is to Christ alone. If deceit, hypocrisy, and double-mindedness are found within us, our hearts are not pure. The facade we hide behind on social media, in our community, or in our professions may fool some, but God is not swayed by the fake we placate. God knows when we sit and rise. He can perceive our thoughts and knows our words before they ever hit our tongues.

There is nowhere we can flee from His presence (Psalm 139:1-7). We demonstrate that we are pure in heart by being transparent before God and others about our sin. God already knows all the sin we ever have or ever will commit, but those who desire a pure heart will confess it to Him, turning from their unfaithfulness, and resting in His grace. When we begin to be honest with God and others, there may be repercussions, but grace that is functional will free us from the enslavement of deceit and tether our hearts to the mercy and goodness of God. Living a transparent life of faithfulness removes fear and shame, and offers sweet joy even if we face consequences.

Faithfully loving God exemplifies our purity of heart and looks like casting aside all other idols. We cannot be divided in our devotion to God but must stand firm in our faith in Him. We become pure in heart by ridding ourselves of all other ties and submitting ourselves to Christ alone. We love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from Him. We utilize our time, talents, and treasures to glorify God, and humbly submit our lives to Him. As we do this, obedience to His commands grows as we love others because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Ultimately though, we cannot grow in purity, if we do not know God's

word. James 1:22-24 says:

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his

face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."In order to love God, we must know Him, and in order to know Him, we must hear the Word and do what it says. This is why it is so important to study and obey the Word of God diligently. If we want to have a pure heart, we must start at the foot of the cross, putting our faith in the Savior, and following all His commands. For the great gift of becoming pure in heart, is the joy of seeing God. credit too: Crosswalk

Based off of what you read above about being Pure in heart- what did you learn?