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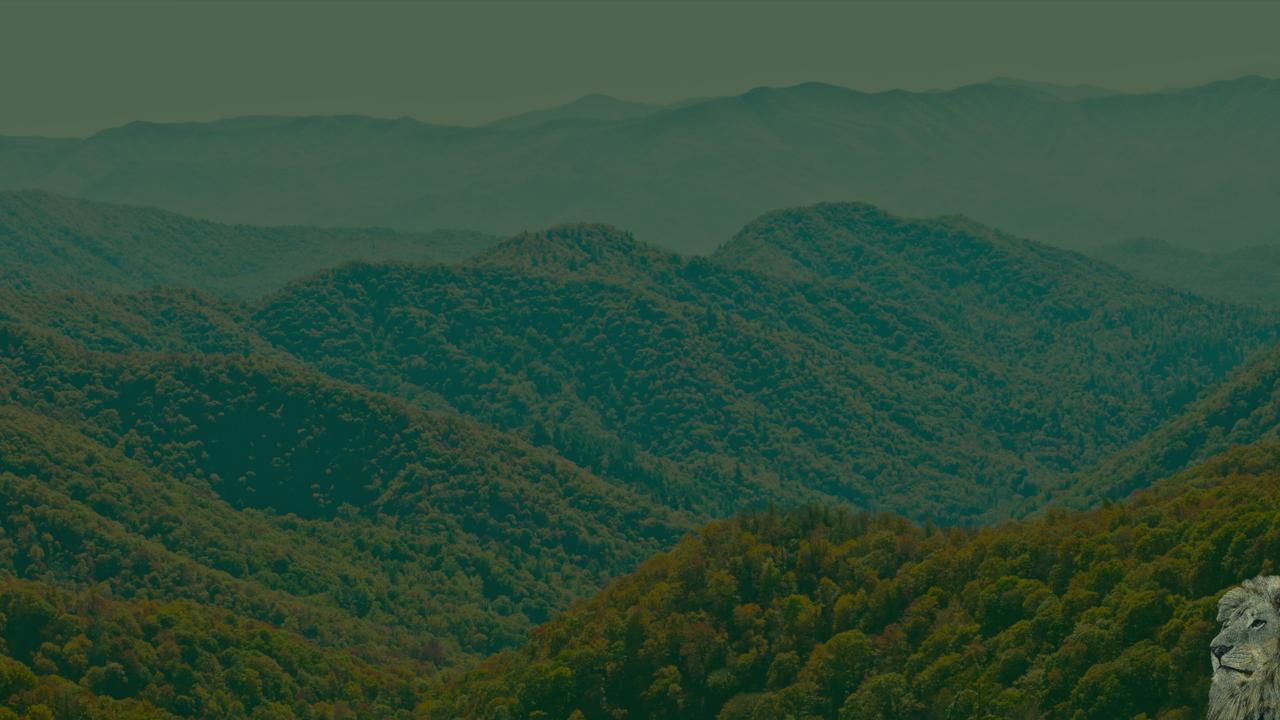
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# KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT

### Matthew 5:1-9

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
    - <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
  - <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
    - <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
  - <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Beatitudes 1-4 Empty ("poor") Hands Dirty ("mourning") Hands Open ("meek") Hands Outstretched ("hungry") Hands

We come to God with our infinite need and he satisfies us with His Infinite Love

Beatitudes 5-7

Merciful

Pure

Peacemaking

Being fully satisfied, we are able to be in honest loving relationships with God and each other

# Theophany: Physical manifestations of God.

Exodus 13:21

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

Exodus 19:18

Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

# 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

#### Exodus 33:18-23

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make *all my goodness* pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

To "SEE" God isn't visual...

it is to KNOW him AND to BE KNOWN.

It is COMMUNION with God himself.

#### Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

When we come into the presence of God's PURITY...

His Blinding Beauty and Deafening Voice...

His Utter
Transcendence...

... the IMPURITY of our *HEARTS* are fatally revealed.

Hebrews 4:13
And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Romans 7:22-24

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?



# Romans 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Isaiah 6:6-7
Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Hebrews 1:3
(Jesus) is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

### Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

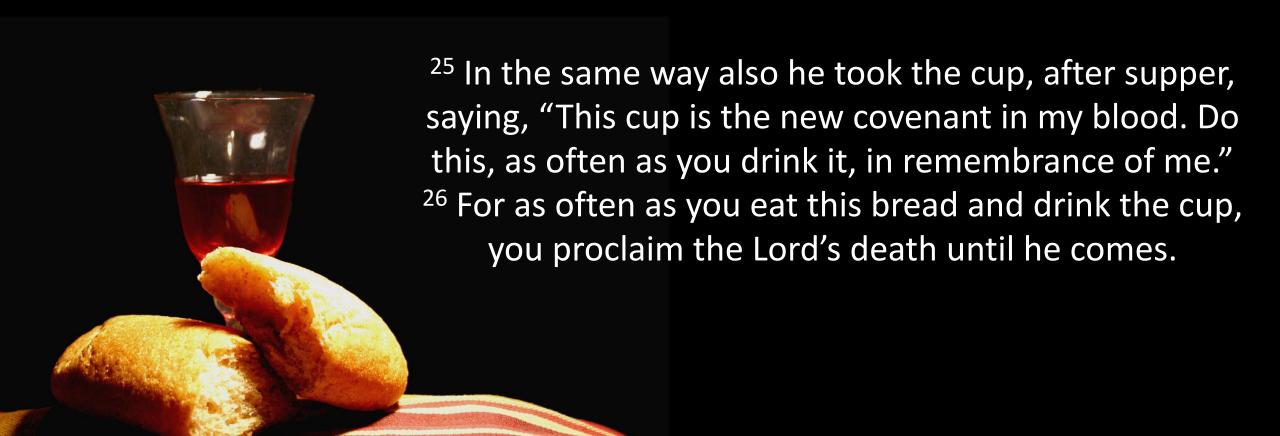
Psalm 51
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### 1Corinthians 11:23

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



"Whoever has seen God has possession through that sight of whatever is contained in the list of good things: life without end, everlasting freedom from corruption, immortal happiness, a kingdom that knows no end, unceasing joy, true light, the spiritual and sweet voice, unapproachable glory, perpetual rejoicing, and the complete good... the Lord is insistent that blessedness consists not so much in knowing God as in having God within."

Saint Gregory of Nyssa (c. 360AD)

# **Purity for Today**

#### Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us **hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...

### Through Jesus we:

- 1) Have pure hearts
- 2) Have pure access

### Therefore we:

- 1) Hold Fast to Him
- 2) Love Others out of our new identity, not to become pure but because we've been made pure.

# **Purity for Tomorrow**

### 1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

### 1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

