

The Call to Purity for the Prophet

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—Matthew 5:8

He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. —Proverbs 22:11

It is important to have a pure heart if you're going to see God or see with the eyes of God. The church is in desperate need of pure, authentic prophets and prophetic people who are upright in heart and demonstrate immaculate character and impeccable integrity.

Prophets must learn how to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner because we are representatives of an excellent and majestic King.

Purity can be defined as the quality or state of being free from mixture, pollution, defilement, or other foreign elements. The term can refer to things or people. In the New Testament purity is used in an ethical and moral sense, meaning free from falsehood and without hidden motives.

The heart can be defined as the inner man—the function of mind, where man remembers and thinks. The heart is the seat and center of all physical and spiritual life. The soul or mind is the fountain and seat of thoughts, passions, desires, affections, appetites, purposes, and endeavors.

In both passages of Scripture above we see the connection between purity of heart, sight, speech, and friendship with king. “The king shall be his friend” is saying that the king will make him of his cabinet council. There was one in David's court and another in Solomon's. They were called the king's friend, or the man “in whose spirit there is no guile” (Ps. 32:2) and whose speech is always with grace.

God will be his friend.

Prophets are coming who will be equipped with lips of grace and a supernatural ability to speak with fluency and persuasive power, using words appropriate to the circumstances. These prophets will represent the King's heart and be His confidant.

Purity in a prophet's life is spiritual at its root, and its fruits will reveal itself in humility and love. (See Matthew 5:8, James 1:27.) The religious leaders of Jesus's day always considered ceremonial purity more valuable than a heart for spiritual purity.

In 2 Peter 3:1 we find the Greek word *eilikrinēs*, which literally means "found pure when unfolded and examined by the sun's light."² The thought is that of judging something by the sunlight to expose any flaws. The only way the flaw of the heart is exposed is when it is held up to the light of the Son. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly perverse and corrupt and severely, mortally sick! Who can know it [perceive, understand, be acquainted with his own heart and mind]?" (AMP).

The answer is only a visitation from the Lord can reveal what is truly in your heart. It takes an encounter with all-knowing God to reveal you to you.