



2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

8th January 2012

Readings from the English Bible

- Psalm 37
- Genesis 17
- John 1
- Hebrews 1
- Psalm 118

Metrical Psalms

- Psalm 25:15-22
- Psalm 37:3-7

Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection

Jan. 8

PURITY OF HEART AND LIFE

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8

Purity, even purity of heart, is the main thing to be aimed at. We need to be made clean within through the Spirit and the Word, and then we shall be clean without by consecration and obedience. There is a close connection between the affections and the understanding: if we love evil, we cannot understand that which is good. If the heart is foul, the eye will be dim. How can those men see a holy God who love unholy things?

What a privilege it is to see God here! A glimpse of Him is Heaven below! In Christ Jesus the pure in heart behold the Father. We see Him, His truth, His love, His purpose, His sovereignty, His covenant character, yea, we see Himself in Christ. But this is Only apprehended as sin is kept out of the heart. Only those who aim at godliness can cry, "Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord." The desire of Moses, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory," can only be fulfilled in us as we purify ourselves from all iniquity. We shall "see him as he is"; and "every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself." The enjoyment of present fellowship and the hope of the beatific vision are urgent motives for purity of heart and life. Lord, make us pure in heart, that we may see Thee!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time

“Rejoice the Saviour reigns”

John Ryland
(1753-1825)

*Dan. 4:3 How great are his signs!
and how mighty are his wonders! his
kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion is from generation
to generation.*

Rejoice, the Saviour reigns
Among the sons of men;
He breaks the pris'ners chains,
And makes them free again;
Let hell oppose God's only Son,
In spite of foes His cause goes on.

The baffled prince of hell
In vain new projects tries
Truth's empire to repel,
By cruelty and lies;
Th' infernal gates shall rage in vain,
Conquest awaits the Lamb once slain.

He died, but soon arose
Triumphant o'er the grave;
And now Himself He shows
Omnipotent to save;
Let sinners kiss the Victor's feet,
Eternal bliss His subjects meet.

All power is in His hand,
His people to defend;
To His most high command
Shall millions more attend;
All heaven with smiles approves His
cause,
And distant isles receive His laws.

This little seed from heaven
Shall soon become a tree,
This ever-blessèd leaven
Diffused abroad must be;
Till God the Son shall come again
It must go on. Amen ! Amen !

“O Lord I would delight in thee”

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*Ps. 37:4 Delight thyself also in the
LORD; and he shall give thee the
desires of thine heart.*

O Lord, I would delight in Thee,
And on Thy care depend;
To Thee in every trouble flee,
My best, my only Friend.

When all created streams are dried,
Thy fullness is the same:
May I with this be satisfied,
And glory in Thy name!

Why should the soul a drop bemoan,
Who has a fountain near—
A fountain which will ever run
With waters sweet and clear?

No good in creatures can be found,
But may be found in Thee;
I must have all things, and abound,
While God is God to me.

Oh, that I had a stronger faith,
To look within the veil,
To credit what my Saviour saith,
Whose word can never fail!

He that has made my heaven secure
Will here all good provide;
While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
What can I want beside?