When Jesus Heals... Believing is Seeing...

**1. We see God Physically...**

**2. We See God Mentally...**

**3. We See God Spiritually...**

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

*We will see God in every area of our life.*

I. What do we do when we struggle in unbelief and find it hard to see God's purposes?

A. Make sure your heart is in the right place to change...

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

1. Pure... Clean...

2. Clear...

a. A heart open to God...

b. A spirit yielded to the examination of God...

B. We find out we have a heart problem...

1. All the signs and tests verify we need a surgeon for healing...

2. We have to open up and submit to the Healing Hands of the Surgeon...

C. A clear heart is a heart God can see into...

1. It is also a heart we can see out of...

a. God wants us to see Him right where we are...

b. So He can take us to the next step in our journey with Him...

II. A story of a man with a clear heart...

Mark 9:14-29: 14  When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. [15] As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.[16] “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. [17] A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. [18] Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” [19] “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” [20] So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. [21] Jesus asked the boy's father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. [22] “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”[23] “‘If you can'?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.' [24] Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” [25] When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” [26] The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He's dead.” [27] But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. [28] After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn't we drive it out?” [29] He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.\*”

A. So many truths in this story about faith and healing...

I believe the main point is this...

1. A man's desperation for his son and his clear heart...

B. Sense childhood this young man had been afflicted...

1. The father heard of what Jesus could do and brought him to see Him...

a. Jesus was absent... (Was He?)

b. Leaders of the Law (Religious) were arguing with the disciples...

C. Jesus shows up and all confusion is put to an end...

1. As soon as the people saw Him they were overwhelmed by wonder...

D. The father pleads with Jesus...

1. If you can do anything help us...

E. Jesus:

1. If you can?

F. The Father:

1. I believe... Help me with my unbelief...

III. This father opened up his heart (Made It Clear) to Jesus...

Jesus could clearly see in... The Father could see clearly out...

A. Go to God and say...

1. I believe... Help me in my struggle... Help me with my unbelief...

B. Help me make my heart clear

1. So you Father can see me clearly... And I can see you clearly...

IV. When we do this there is a promise waiting for us...

1 Corinthians 2:9-12

[9] However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” [10] but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

V. Prayer