

Best Sermon Ever: Blessed are the Pure in Heart

1/11/2025 – MATTHEW 5:8

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The Beatitudes

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Three Questions

- ▶ What does Jesus mean by “heart”?
- ▶ What does Jesus mean by “pure”?
- ▶ What does Jesus mean by “see God”?

What does Jesus mean by “Heart”?



Love the Lord
your God with
all your **heart**
and with all
your **soul** and
with all your
strength.

NIV

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

The Biblical meaning of "Heart"



Above all else,
guard your heart,
for everything you
do flows from it.



Proverbs 4:23

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For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.

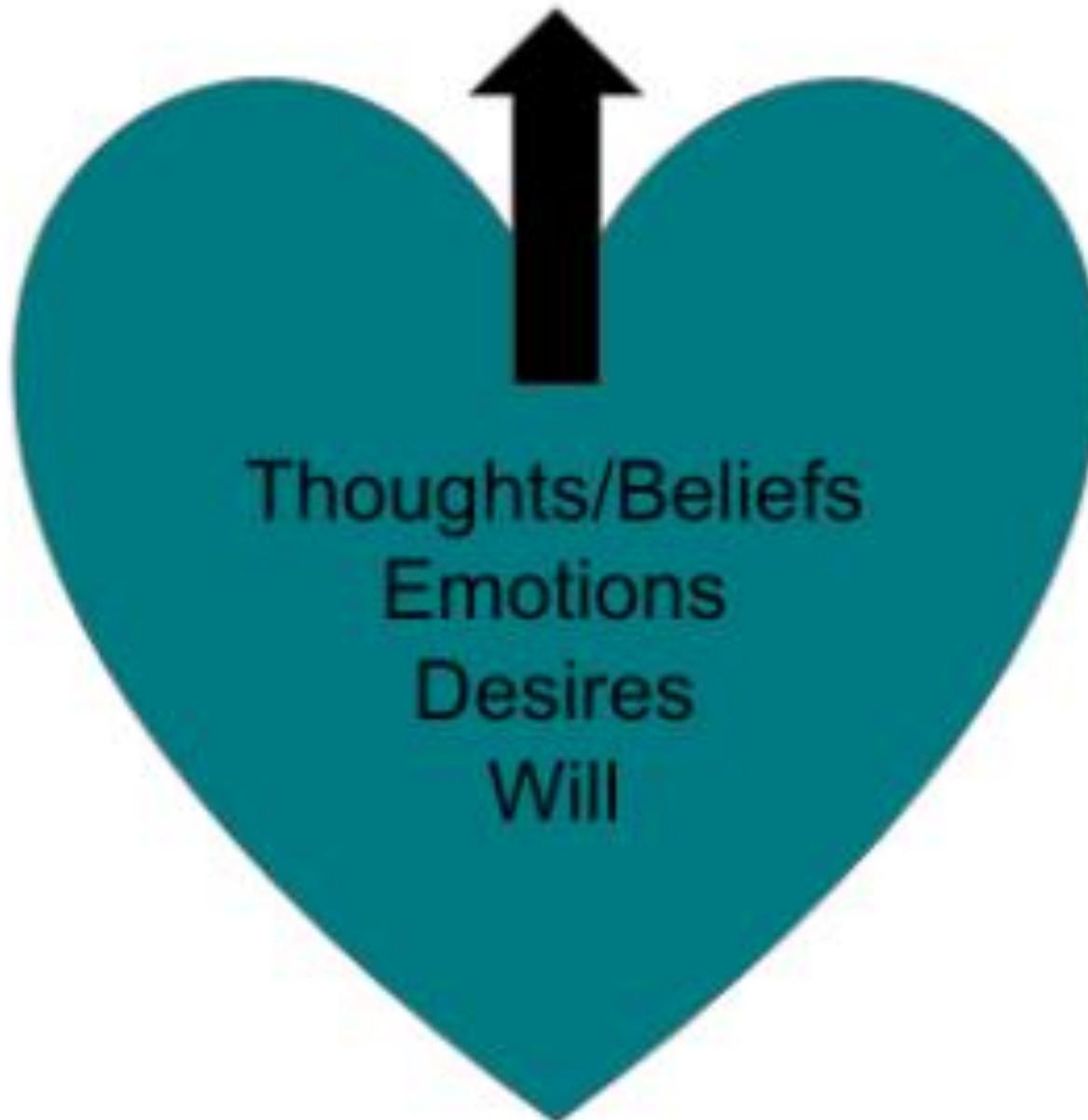
Matthew 6:21



Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus
is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised
him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with
the heart one believes and is justified, and with
the mouth one confesses and is saved.

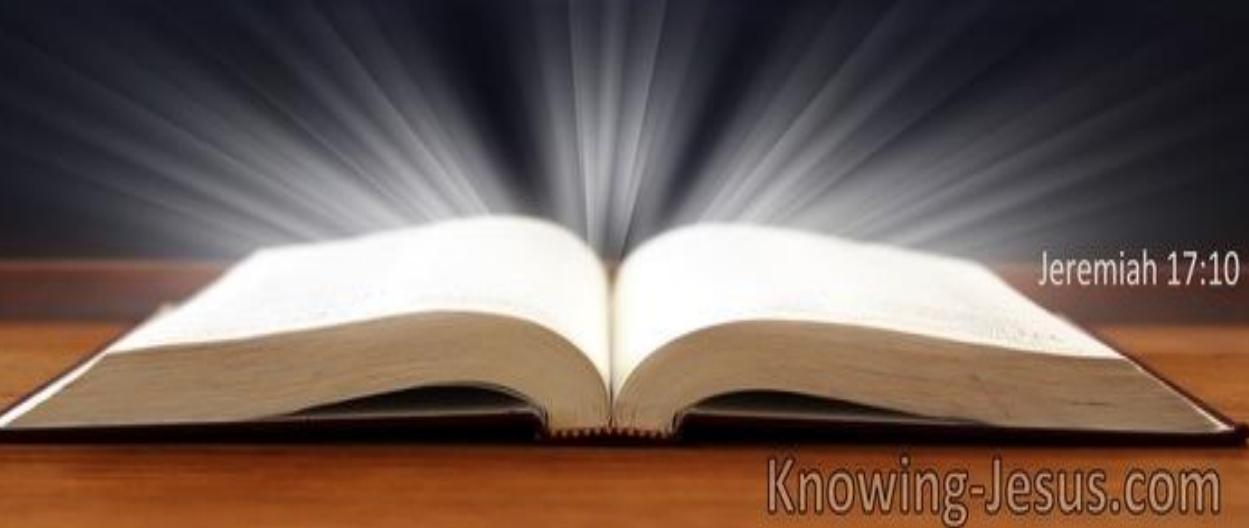
Biblical Heart



I, THE LORD, SEARCH THE HEART

I TEST THE MIND

even to give to each man *according*
to his ways, *according to*
the results of
his deeds.



Jeremiah 17:10

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“For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7b ESV

What does Jesus mean by “Pure”?



Pure Pooches

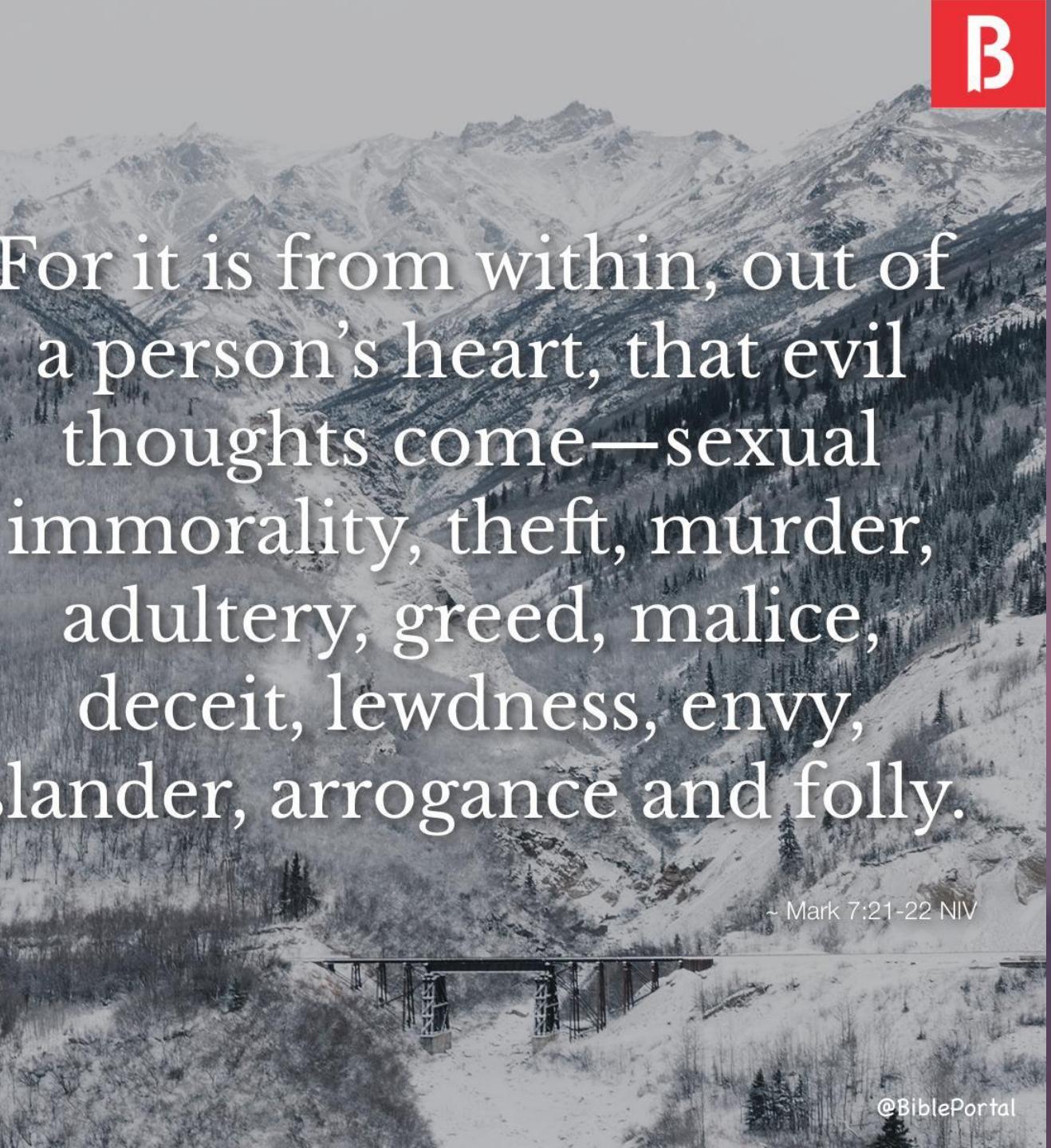
Clusters that emerge from DNA analysis of dog breeds

OLDEST	GUARDING	HERDING	HUNTING
Siberian husky	Mastiff	Old English sheepdog	Golden retriever
Chow chow	Bulldog	Collie	Bloodhound
Pekingese	Boxer	Shetland sheepdog	Beagle
Shar-pei	Rottweiler	Belgian sheepdog	Pointer
Alaskan malamute	German shepherd	Saint Bernard	Airedale terrier



TYPES OF GOLD

24K PURE GOLD	22K GOLD	18K GOLD	14K GOLD	10K GOLD
99.9% PURE	91.9% PURE	75% PURE	58.3% PURE	41.7% PURE
Soft, ideal for investment	Common for jewelry	Balance of purity and durability	More durable, affordable	Hard and inexpensi- ve



For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

~ Mark 7:21-22 NIV

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?



Create in
me a clean
heart O
God

and
renew a
right spirit
within me

Psalm 51:10

And I will give you a new heart, and
a new spirit I will put within you.

And I will remove the

HEART OF STONE

from your flesh and give you a

HEART OF FLESH.

EZEKIEL 36:26



**THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH,
"JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR
HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE
DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. FOR IT IS WITH
YOUR HEART THAT YOU BELIEVE AND ARE
JUSTIFIED, AND IT IS WITH YOUR MOUTH
THAT YOU CONFESS AND ARE SAVED.**

ROMANS 10:9-10





What does Jesus
mean by “see
God”?



SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

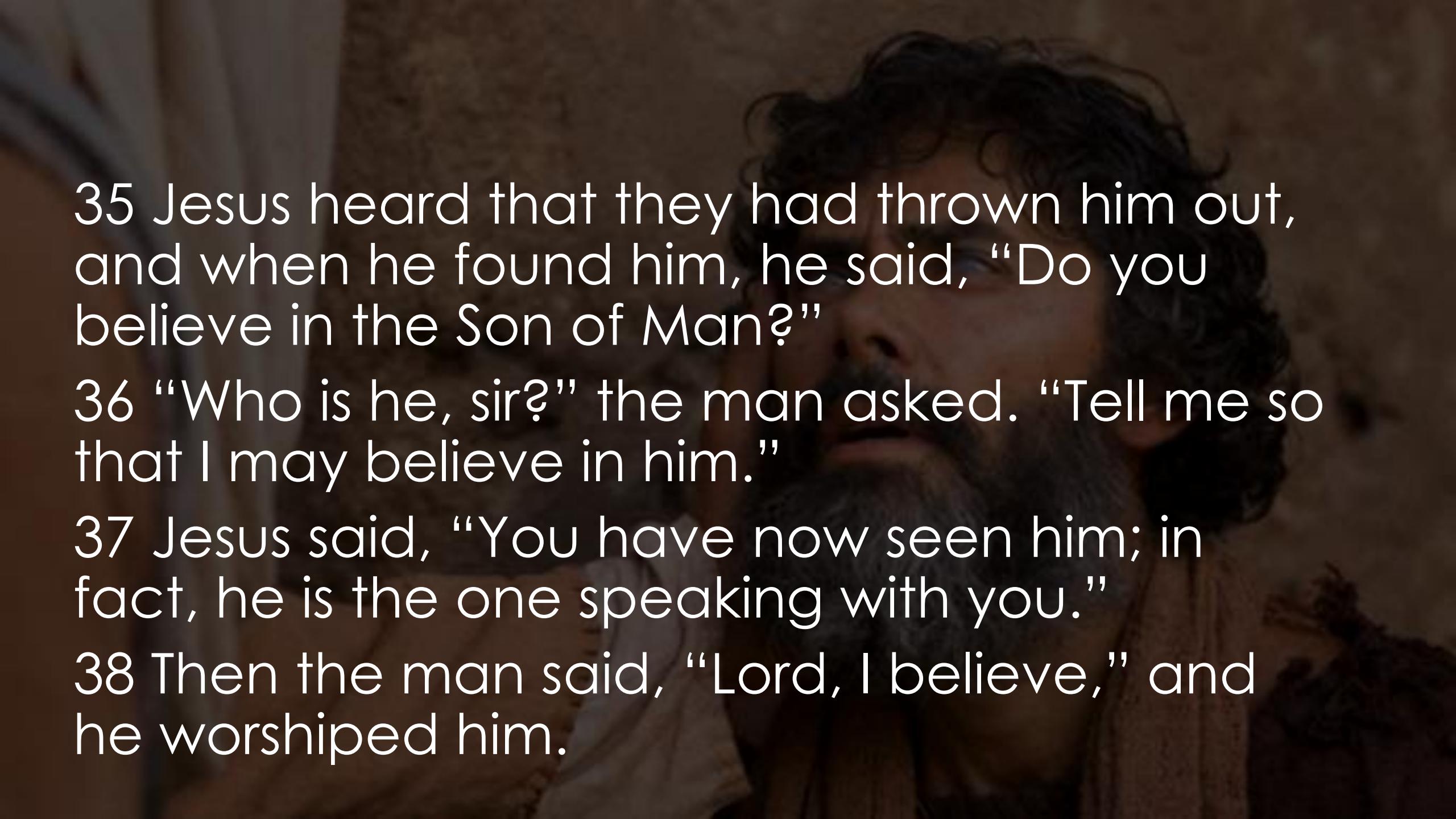
Woe to you, teachers of the law
and Pharisees,
you hypocrites!
You clean the
outside of the
cup and dish,
but inside they
are full of greed
and self-indulgence.

Matthew 23:25



“Cleanse first the
inside of the cup,
so that the outside
also may be clean.”
- Matthew 23:26

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A dark, moody painting of Jesus with a man, possibly the man mentioned in the text. The scene is set outdoors at night or in low light, with Jesus on the right and the man on the left. Jesus has long dark hair and a beard, and is looking down. The man has dark hair and is looking up at Jesus. The background is dark and indistinct.

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

The Blessing

- ▶ Seeing God means there is a deeper understanding of Him and His Word
- ▶ Seeing God means knowing He is with us and in control offering assurance
- ▶ Seeing God means hope beyond this world

CONCLUSION

WHO SHALL ASCEND THE HILL OF THE LORD? AND WHO SHALL 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. HE WILL RECEIVE BLESSING FROM THE LORD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THE GOD OF HIS SALVATION. SUCH IS THE GENERATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM, WHO SEEK THE FACE OF THE GOD OF JACOB. SELAH

~ Psalm 24:3-6

Benediction

24 ““The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you;
26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give
you peace.””