Heart Matters: New Testament

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Many of us believe that we are beyond healing and 100% with the Lord. In Immanuel, our true hearts are gently exposed. It can be a shock to find out that we have a variety of negative emotions and lies about God in our hearts. When we perceive Jesus with us, we are healed of the implicit memories that informed us incorrectly about who He really is. The veil is removed, and we can see ourselves and Jesus correctly.

Studies included in this article are: Heart And The Lord; Heart As Source; Characteristics of An Evil Heart; Wounded Heart; Fool's Heart; Characteristics of A Good Heart; Hardness of Heart; Heart Thoughts; Circumcised Heart; From The Heart (Earnest, Deeply Held); Heart's Desire; Heart's Guidance; State of the Heart; Training For The Heart.

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Heart And The Lord

- Matthew 15:8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.
- Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
- Mark 7:6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me."
- Mark 12:30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment.
- Mark 12:33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"
- Acts 8:21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.
- Acts 8:37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

- Acts 11:23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.
- Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after My *own* heart, who will do all My will.'
- Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
- Acts 16:14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.
- 2 Corinthians 3:3 Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, *that is*, of the heart.
- Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.
- 2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- Hebrews 3:10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in *their* heart, And they have not known My ways.'
- 1 Peter 3:4 Rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Heart As Source

- Matthew 12:34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- Matthew 15:18-19 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.
- Mark 7:21-22 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.
- Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
- Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Characteristics of An Evil Heart

- Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Lustful and Adulterous)
- Matthew 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' (Dull)
- Matthew 23:25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. (Extorting and Excessive)
- Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! (Foolish and Slow)
- Acts 5:3-4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." (Lying)
- Acts 7:51 You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. (Stiffnecked and Uncircumcised)
- Acts 28:27 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." (Dull)
- Romans 1:21 Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Foolish)
- Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. (Hard and Impenitent)
- 2 Corinthians 3:15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. (Veiled, Unbelieving)
- Ephesians 4:18 Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. (Blind)
- Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. (Unbelief)
- James 1:26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. (Deceived)
- 2 Peter 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. (Covetousness)

Wounded Heart

- John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. (Troubled)
- John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (Afraid)
- John 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. (Sorrow)
- John 16:22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. (Sorrow)
- Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Broken)
- Romans 9:2 That I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.
- 2 Corinthians 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you. (Anguish)

Fool's Heart

- Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- Romans 1:21 Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Characteristics of A Good Heart

- Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Pure)
- Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Gentle and Lowly)
- Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. (Believing)
- Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Proving)
- Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (Passionate and Believing)
- John 16:22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. (Joyful)
- Acts 2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. (Joyful, Glad, Hopeful)

- Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" (Open and Deeply Repentant)
- Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart. (Gladness and Simplicity)
- Acts 4:32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. (United and Generous)
- Acts 7:54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. (Open and Deeply Repentant)
- Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Believing)
- 1 Corinthians 7:37 Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well. (Determined)
- Ephesians 6:5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ. (Sincere)
- Colossians 3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men–pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. (Sincere)
- 1 Timothy 1:5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith. (Pure)
- 2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (Pure)
- Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (True)
- Hebrews 13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. (Established)
- 1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart. (Pure)

Hardness of Heart

- Mark 6:52 For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.
- Mark 8:17 But Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?
- Mark 10:5 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

- Mark 16:14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.
- John 12:40 He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.
- Romans 2:5 But in accordance with <u>your hardness and your impenitent heart</u> you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.
- Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be <u>hardened through</u> the deceitfulness of sin.

Heart Thoughts

- Matthew 24:48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming.'
- Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.
- Luke 2:51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.
- Luke 9:47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him.
- Luke 12:45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk.
- John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him.
- Acts 7:23 Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.
- Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- Romans 10:6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*).
- Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach).
- Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- 1 Corinthians 14:25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two–edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- Revelation 18:7 "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

Circumcised Heart

Romans 2:29 But *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

From The Heart (Earnest, Deeply Held)

- Romans 6:17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- 1 Corinthians 7:37 Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.
- 2 Corinthians 5:12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. (-)
- 2 Corinthians 6:11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.
- 2 Corinthians 8:16 But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- Ephesians 6:6 Not with eye service, as men–pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
- Philippians 1:7 Just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.
- Colossians 3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men–pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

Heart's Desire

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

1 Thessalonians 2:17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire.

Heart's Guidance

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

State of the Heart

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Also see: Luke 12:34

Matthew 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

Matthew 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Training For The Heart

2 Peter 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.

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