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Kingdom Power

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY OF MATTHEW 5–7

Salt & Light – Making a Difference

Matthew 5:13-16



September 6, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



**Salt of the Earth
Salt of the Covenant**

Matthew 5:13



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

**You are the salt of the earth;
but if the salt has become tasteless,
how will it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything,
except to be thrown out to be
trampled under foot by men.**

Matthew 5:13



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

How do you use salt in your daily lives?

How did the 1st Century Jewish family use salt in their daily lives?

Preserving Food

Seasoning

Newborn Care

Hygiene



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

Permanence and the Covenant of Salt

Numbers 18:19

All the contributions of the holy gifts, which the sons of Israel raise up to Yahweh, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual statute. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before Yahweh to you and your seed with you.

2 Chronicles 13:5

Do you not know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the rule over Israel forever to David and his sons by a covenant of salt?



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

Permanence and the Covenant of Salt Ancient Near Eastern Cultures

- 1. Shared Meal – “eating their salt”**
- 2. Pouch Exchange – “mingling of salt”**
- 3. Symbolic Equivalence to Blood**



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

Permanence, Purity & Rejection of Decay

Leviticus 2:11 & 13

- v. 11. No grain offering, which you bring near to Yahweh, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to Yahweh.**
- v. 13. Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that the salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall bring salt near.**



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

**You are the salt of the earth;
Matthew 5:14a**

**How did the Jewish listeners
interpret this statement in their day?**

**How do you as a Christian
interpret this statement in your day?**



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

**If the salt has become tasteless,
how will it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything,
except to be thrown out to be
trampled under foot by men.**

Matthew 5:13b



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Salt of the Earth – Salt of the Covenant

**If the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out to be
trampled under foot by men. - Matthew 5:13b**

**How did the Jewish listeners
interpret this statement in their day?**

**How do you as a Christian
interpret this statement in your day?**

How does salt lose its saltiness?



**Light of the World
Light of the Covenant**

Matthew 5:14-16



Salt & Light – Making a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

Light of the World – Light of the Covenant

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



Salt & Light – Making a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

Light of the World – Light of the Covenant

The prime focus of the Romans was glory.

The prime focus of the Greeks was knowledge.

The prime focus of the Jews was light.



Salt & Light – Making a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

Light of the World – Light of the Covenant

The prime focus of the Jews was light.

Genesis 1:1-4

Psalms 27:1

Isaiah 9:2

Isaiah 49:6

Daniel 2:22

Exodus 13:21

Psalms 119:105

Isaiah 42:6-7

Isaiah 60:1, 19-20

Micah 7:8



Salt & Light – Making a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

Light of the World – Light of the Covenant

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJ)

God said, “Let there be light.”

**God has shone His Light in our hearts,
placing in us the Light of the world.**

**God did this so that we would have
the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
as seen in the face of Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 4:6 (BYEV)



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Salt of the Earth – Light of the World

You ARE the salt of the earth.

You ARE the light of the world.

**It's not you will be
It's not you might be
It's not you should be**

YOU ARE!



Salt & Light – Making a Difference - Matthew 5:13-16

Salt of the Earth – Light of the World

You are the salt of the EARTH.

You are the light of the WORLD.

**You can make a difference in the physical realm.
You can make a difference in the spiritual realm.**

YOU CAN because YOU ARE!



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Salt of the Earth – Light of the World

**You can make a difference in the physical realm,
You can make a difference in the spiritual realm,
because you are
the salt of the earth and the light of the world!**

**You are salt and you are light because God,
through the blood of Christ, made you so.**



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Salt of the Earth – Light of the World

As believers we are physical agents of healing, cleansing, purification, preservation of God's goodness, seasoning - bringing out and highlighting the glorious flavors of God's creation, and of reminding the world of God's "chesed" – His Everlasting Love!

As believers we are bearers of the Light, torch bearers in the darkness, lighthouses of hope in the storms of life, glowing examples of what God can do and how God can love, and reminders to the world of God's Everlasting Light, the Light of the World!

We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.



Next Week!

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Bible
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Life

The Letter of the Law vs The Spirit of the Law Part 1

Matthew 5:17-32

September 13, 2026

