

Being Salt, Light, and Transparency

Description

Matthew 5:13-16.

For millennia, salt has been one of humanity's most precious commodities. As a preservative, it enables us to keep certain foods stowed away for seasons of scarcity. As a seasoning enhancer, it enriches our dishes across the spectrum of flavors. Salt is also a vital mineral for our bodies to function in a healthy state. And, if stored properly, salt can last virtually forever.

However, if salt is tarnished by outside pollutants, even by water or extreme variations in temperature, it will become damaged and lose its saltiness. Such a precious resource, once blemished, cannot regain the very thing that gives it value.

For the believer to be compared to salt in this way is particularly challenging. While we do not need to despair about losing our salvation because of our mistakes, we certainly should understand that our words and actions are vulnerable to being tainted by the pollutants of the world. If we are not careful to protect ourselves from those influences, our testimonies might become ineffective for the kingdom.

We are salt of the earth; let us do all we can to retain our saltiness!

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