

Staying Salty

D) God Is Calling the Church to Renew Its Saltiness

A) Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG)

v.13 (AMP) - The Church must rise up in the Power of God and bring revival and the light into a sinful, dark world. We are here to bring them from dark to light.

Flavor (AMP) - Taste, its strength, its quality.

(*grk*) To be foulish, to become insipid; insipid - dull, uninteresting

Trampled Under Foot - Judgement begins when believers lose their flavor. Either the Church changes the world or the world dismisses God from society and sin rules over people.

v.13 (MSG) - We are to bring out the God flavors.

vv.14-16 (MSG) - We are to be a witness to the world.

Don't confuse morality with Spirituality - Being religious is not necessarily being Spiritual. God wants us to be Spiritual, not religious.

B) v.13 - Four Things Salt Does

#1) Salt Flavors

- a) Job 6:6 (AMP) - Salt gives flavor so people can receive it. We are the salt that flavors the gospel to the level of taste the person needs to receive it. Not everybody's taste is the same. We must be salty in the measure of a person's taste. Some need a lot of salt, others just a little.

#2) Salt Preserves

- a) II Chronicles 7:13-14 (GNB) - When Church gets salty, we can change things.

#3) Salt Hinders

- a) Judges 9:45 (AMP) - Sowed it with salt so it wouldn't grow back.

#4) Salt Heals

- a) II Kings 2:19-22 - Elisha salted the water and healed it with God's Word.

C) Colossians 4:5-6 - We are to stay salty, filled with God's Word and the Holy Spirit so we can minister God's Word to a hurting world.

v.6 - Season our environment and flavor the people by speaking the Word in every situation.

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Matthew 5:13-16 (Message Bible)

¹³ "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.

¹⁵ If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand.

¹⁶ Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand--shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

¹³ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.

Job 6:6 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

⁶ Can that which has no taste to it be eaten without salt? Or is there any flavor in the white of an egg?

II Chronicles 7:13-14 (Good News Bible)

¹³ Whenever I hold back the rain or send locusts to eat up the crops or send an epidemic on my people,

¹⁴ if they pray to me and repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again.

Judges 9:45 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

⁴⁵ And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He took the city and slew the people who were in it. He demolished the city and sowed it with salt.