

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7

THE KINGDOM:

- ▶ The blessedness of His Disciples...
- ▶ Begins and ends with Kingdom!
- ▶ The “road” God uses...
 - ▶ Keep us dependent on HIM!
 - ▶ Is that so bad??? We will need it...

BLESSED ARE YOU... (11,12)

- ▶ Revile, persecute, all manner of evil
- ▶ FALSELY! For MY sake....
 - ▶ Acts 5:40,41; Mt 10:24,25; Lk 7:33,34; 1Pt 4:14-16; Mk 13:9-13; 2Co 6:3-10; 11:23-29; John 15:18-20; 1Th 3:3ff
 - ▶ Rejoice, be very glad???


PERSECUTION FACTOR

- ▶ His “Name” makes us targets...
- ▶ Joy? Acts 5:41
- ▶ 2 outcomes:
 - ▶ Reward in Heaven
 - ▶ Good company! The prophets...

NEW SECTION - INFLUENCE

- ▶ HIS road, Kingdom, blessings...
 - ▶ The world effects us - we effect it
- ▶ YOU – specific to disciples
- ▶ Not in isolation, but in the open!
 - ▶ Salt of the earth... not sugar!

SALT WORKS!

- ▶ **Primary use – preservative!**
 - ▶ **Kept things from rotting!**
 - ▶ **IF we are living as “blessed”...**
 - ▶ **Influence in our “DNA”**
 - ▶ **What we are, not what we do...**
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SALT FACTS

- ▶ Sometimes payed in salt-soldiers
- ▶ Earth/followers are different!
- ▶ Far-reaching effects – the earth!
- ▶ Salt verses... (see #2)
- ▶ Salt Covenant...


LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

- ▶ Salt & light – in every home!
- ▶ All that we do is visible, outward
- ▶ Bible sign of truth... fits well
- ▶ Un-salty salt? Dark/hidden light?
- ▶ Contrary to nature and useless

WHERE WE BELONG...

- ▶ Cities on hills were safe,
- ▶ Candle stand – giving light to all
- ▶ We cannot run away from this....
- ▶ Let 'YOUR light...YOUR good works'
- ▶ Bonhoeffer...

3 LESSONS:

1. **World/You = different!**
 2. **Responsibility to be ourselves**
 3. **Our mission is both +/-**
 - ▶ **Prevent decay, darkness**
 - ▶ **Expose, illuminate**
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IF WE FAIL...

- ▶ Romans 1 descent into darkness
 - ▶ Salt and light can be harsh
 - ▶ More than barricades to hell, we need to lead the way to Him!
- ▶ Radiance of the Beatitudes...