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Be Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16


Sermon on the Mount





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A cityscape, likely New York City, is shown upside down. The top half of the image (which would be the bottom of the city) is in a warm, orange-red color palette, while the bottom half (which would be the top of the city) is in a cool, teal-blue color palette. The city is reflected in a body of water at the very bottom. Large, semi-transparent white arrows point downwards from the top of the image. The title 'UPSIDE' is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with a small white triangle pointing up above the 'U'. Below it, a thin white horizontal line contains the subtitle 'A STUDY THROUGH THE BEATITUDES' in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the subtitle, the word 'NIMOD' is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with a small white triangle pointing down below the 'D'.

UPSIDE

A STUDY THROUGH THE BEATITUDES

NIMOD

MATTHEW 5:3-12

Those who will feature prominently in the kingdom

Blessed are	How good is life for
the poor in spirit	the powerless
those who mourn	those who are grieving loss
the meek	the unimportant and afflicted

Highly valued in the kingdom

Blessed are	How good is life for
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	those who desire right relationships and justice
the merciful	those who show loyal love and compassion
the pure in heart	those who love with pure and unselfish motives

Those who take the path of sacrifice

Blessed are	How good is life for
the peacemakers	those who put themselves in the middle of conflicts and seek reconciliation
those who are persecuted because of righteousness	those who suffer for doing the right thing
you for suffering for following Jesus	those willing to face ridicule and slander for living Jesus's way



Matthew 5:13-16 NLT

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Lev. 2:13 NIV

Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.

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Numbers 18:19 NIV

Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the LORD I give to you and your sons and daughters as your perpetual share. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD for both you and your offspring.”



A COVENANT OF SALT

The grain offering

Isaiah 42:6-7 NIV

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you

to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles,

to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

1 Peter 2:9,12 NIV

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.







Isaiah 2:2-3,5 NLT

In the last days, the mountain of the LORD's house
will be the highest of all—
the most important place on earth.
It will be raised above the other hills,
and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.
People from many nations will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of Jacob's God.

Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 58:6-8 NIV

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.



Kingdom People!

“I find that it is the seemingly very small deeds of ordinary ministers of the gospel and others that push the darkness back—small acts of kindness, love, and biblical instruction. These apparently insignificant acts, I believe, constitute the lion’s share of how Christ builds his kingdom—small act by small act, brick by brick, as the church shines forth the glory of our triune God.”

from the blog of Westminster Seminary

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