

## The Man of Salt

*The human body contains many salts, of which sodium chloride (AKA common table salt) is the major one, making up around 0.4 per cent of the body's weight at a concentration pretty well equivalent to that in seawater. -<https://www.sciencefocus.com/>*

### Matthew 5:13

**Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

'Lost his savour -*mōrainō mo-rah'ee-no* From G3474; to become insipid; figuratively to make (passively act) as a simpleton: - become fool, make foolish, lose savour.

If the follower of Jesus Christ has lost his passion for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and has become foolish in its proclamation; then as God' word states he has become good for nothing, and that is a terrible state of existence; for God will then cast him out. The follower of Jesus Christ must always be prepared for the calling and pronouncing of the Glorious Gospel.

**2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

**2 Timothy 2:4** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

**1 Peter 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ must be seasoned with salt for the Lord's work. In the spiritual warfare that rages for the souls of man; the soldiers of Christ must have their spiritual sacrifices seasoned with spiritual salt; being made acceptable to the LORD and given with a pure Heart, this is an acceptable sacrifice before the LORD.

**1 Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

The man of salt must be seasoned and preserved in the salt of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; for through the salt of the Gospel he is preserved for the work set forth for him to do in obedience to the calling of the Gospel. The believer is still called to offer up spiritual sacrifices which are to be acceptable to the LORD. What sacrifices do you bring before the LORD?

### Salt is Pure

Salt as a chemical compound cannot change; it is inherently pure. God wants the same properties in the heart of His people. An unchanging and devoted heart to Him and His Gospel; ones whose motives are pure in the work they do for the Kingdom.

**Miciah 6:6** Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

**Psalms 24:3** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Matthew 5:8** *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

**Leviticus 2:13** And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

Our service to the LORD must be seasoned with the salt of the Grace of the LORD; our work for the LORD must be seasoned with the spiritual salt of the Word of God for it is not of ourselves that we accomplish the work before us but it is the power of the Gospel **Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

The Gospel delivered with a pure heart seasoned with the Word of God will bear much fruit for it does not return void; **Isaiah 55:11** *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

### **Salt Preserves and Protects**

Not only is salt pure and we are called to be pure in our motives and service to the LORD, but salt also preserves as does the Gospel. The Gospel sustains the people of God and equips us to share the glorious gospel in its purity; the salt of the gospel preserves the believer for all eternity.

**Hebrews 10:39** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 6:39** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

**Ephesians 1:13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

**Psalms 97:10** Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

**Hebrews 7:25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Beloved the Gospel is to be delivered with the salt of our service, and the salt of the Gospel itself will preserve the believer through the trials and tribulations of this world. The Gospel preserves the believer to the saving of the soul, to everlasting life, we are preserved to the last day, to the day of redemption and delivered out of the hand of the wicked.

### **Salt Creates Thirst**

The Man of Salt will have a thirst for God and he is opposite of the man of sand. The man of sand has no foundation and is carried away as dust in a windstorm. He has no anchor and has placed his hope in the earthly which will come to naught. He has built his life and house on unstable foundations; the wisdom of the world is his foolishness and folly.

The Man of Salt will taste of the things of God and he will thirst for the things of the LORD and will be sustained by them. By the proclaiming and hearing of the Gospel a thirst for the knowledge of God and His salvation is created in the hearts of those willing to receive it.

**Psalms 63:1** A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

**Luke 10:38** Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, **Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:** 42 **But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

Beloved, it is better to sit at the feet of Jesus. Today too many churches are too busy with programs and distractions and neglect the good part which is the preaching of the Gospel. Many churches preach a gospel of social service and have forsaken the Gospel of Grace. The thirst for the Gospel cannot be quenched by the things of this world but only by the preaching and hearing can the salt of the Gospel have its effect upon the spirit and soul. The salt of the Gospel creates the thirst for the Living Water which feeds the spirit, nourishes the soul and counsels the flesh. The church needs to return to the feet of Jesus.

**John 4:7-13** There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (8) (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) (9) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (10) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

(11) The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12) Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? (13) Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

**John 4:14** But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.** 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Jesus asked for the woman to serve Him, to give Him a drink. The woman in talking with Jesus then gained a desire for the Living Water. It is the same with us; if we would but commune with Jesus and serve Him; speak with Him in prayer and grow closer to Him in true worship in spirit and truth; then the salt of the Gospel will create a thirst for the Gospel and a desire to serve it; and to the lost it will create a thirst for the Living Water; eternal life in the salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ. We will come to the well of the Living Water but once; for whoever drinks of it shall never thirst again.

## **Salt Cleanses and Heals**

**2 Kings 2:21-22** And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. (22) So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

**Proverbs 4:20-21** My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. (21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

**Psalms 107:19-21** Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. (20) He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (21) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

As salt can cleanse and draw out infection in a wound so the Word of God seasoned in Faith can do much good work upon the soul and spirit of man. The Word of God heals the broken hearted and delivers from the destruction of sin. In **2 Kings 2:21-22** the salt healed the waters and the gospel will do the same; for it creates a thirst for the LORD and a burden for the gift of salvation for those whose hearts are ready to receive it.

The Man of Salt is seasoned with the gospel of the LORD Jesus Christ and is burdened with the desire to speak the Gospel to the lost and is desirous to do good works in the name of the LORD.

The Man of Salt has a pure desire to serve God in Faithfulness and Obedience; His desire is to preserve and protect the truthfulness of the Gospel; as the Gospel itself preserves the believer through many temptations and protects the believer from death to the saving of the spirit. The salt of the Gospel preserves the believer to everlasting life. The Man of Salt has a thirst for the Gospel and a desire to share it to those who thirst for the Living Water; the Man of Salt desires the work of the Gospel and is not ashamed of it. The Man of Salt declares the Glory of the Gospel in which the Gospel itself cleanses the believer from sin and heals the brokenhearted; the Man of Salt and the salt of the Gospel will bear much fruit upon a lost and dying world; proclaim it and season yourself with it that you may go out and season others.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

JESUS SAVES-To God be the GLORY

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