



Salt & Light, Law & Prophets (Matthew 5:13-20)

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?”

Matthew 5:13 (MSG) 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 . . .

- When we try to mix the way of Jesus and the way of the cross, with other ideologies, or with the ways of _____ power and authority, we dilute our ability to be faithful witnesses to Christ and his kingdom.
- We are in danger of the salt _____ its saltiness.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. . . ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- No matter how dark things get, Jesus says there is a _____ in this world that can’t be hidden.

Matthew 5:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen,

will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

- I have not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to _____ them.
- I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to _____. (Matthew 5:17, NLT)
- Jesus doesn’t abolish the old covenant, he fulfills it. And in fulfilling it through his sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus inaugurates a _____ for all people.
- If Jesus accomplished the purpose of the Old Testament, we must read and understand the Old Testament in _____ of that purpose.

John 5:39-40 (NIV) ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

- Jesus is the full, _____ revelation of who God is.
- “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).
- “If you’ve seen me you’ve seen the Father” (John 14:9).
- John 1:14, 17-18; Hebrews 1:13

God is both like and unlike the best of our earthly fathers. God is both like and unlike our impressions of Him from the Old Testament. But God is altogether like and not at all unlike Jesus Christ. (Jerry Cook)

He (Jesus) was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hill-top, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his father, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest fulfilment of the law and the prophets. (N. T. Wright, Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1–15)