

## The Parable of Salt and Light

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### The Parables of Jesus

#### Mark 4:1-2 NASB

1 He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land.

2 And **HE WAS TEACHING THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES.**

- *39 unique parables that Jesus taught are recorded in the Gospels.*
- *Parables place divine, spiritual Truth in a natural context for easier and simpler understanding and application.*

#### Mark 4:33-34 NASB

33 **WITH MANY SUCH PARABLES HE WAS SPEAKING THE WORD TO THEM,** so far as they were able to hear it;

34 and **HE DID NOT SPEAK TO THEM WITHOUT A PARABLE;** but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

#### Matthew 5:13-16 NASB

13 **YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH;** but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 **YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.**

#### “Glorify your Father”

1. *Our good works should have a divine element, surpassing the human norm.*
2. *Those around us hear us speaking of our Heavenly Father and giving Him glory.*

#### HOW EFFECTIVE IS YOUR INFLUENCE AS A CHRISTIAN?

1. **SALT** - *to preserve, cleanse, heal and restore your surrounding environment from the sin and evil of the world*
2. **LIGHT** - *to push back the darkness of Satan’s kingdom and the advancement of sin and evil*

#### 1 Corinthians 7:13-14 NASB

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away.

14 **FOR THE UNBELIEVING HUSBAND IS SANCTIFIED** (*hagiazō - to separate from profane things and dedicate to God*) **THROUGH HIS WIFE, AND THE UNBELIEVING WIFE IS SANCTIFIED THROUGH HER BELIEVING HUSBAND; FOR OTHERWISE YOUR CHILDREN ARE UNCLEAN, BUT NOW THEY ARE HOLY.**

- *The power of the Holy Spirit living in a Christian is greater than the sin and darkness of any unbeliever.*
- *The light in the Christian has the power to dispel any surrounding darkness. The darkness should never extinguish the light.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 NASB**

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

**6 AND YOU KNOW WHAT RESTRAINS HIM NOW, SO THAT IN HIS TIME HE WILL BE REVEALED.**

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **ONLY HE WHO NOW RESTRAINS WILL DO SO UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.**

8 **THEN THAT LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED** whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

**1 John 4:4 NASB**

4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; **BECAUSE GREATER IS HE WHO IS IN YOU THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**

**Mark 5:2-7 NASB**

**2 WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE BOAT, IMMEDIATELY A MAN FROM THE TOMBS WITH AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT MET HIM,**

3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones.

**6 SEEING JESUS FROM A DISTANCE, HE RAN UP AND BOWED DOWN BEFORE HIM;**

7 and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "**WHAT BUSINESS DO WE HAVE WITH EACH OTHER, JESUS, SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD? I IMPLOR YOU BY GOD, DO NOT TORMENT ME!**"

**Acts 5:14-15 NASB**

14 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, 15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, **SO THAT**

**WHEN PETER CAME BY AT LEAST HIS SHADOW MIGHT FALL ON ANY ONE OF THEM.**

**Ephesians 3:16-21 NASB**

16 that He would grant you, **ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN,**

17 **SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH;** and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED UP TO ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.**

20 **NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US,**

21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

## HOW DO WE BECOME TASTELESS SALT AND COVERED LIGHT?

1. When we “blend” in, being overcome and returning to the world and a worldly lifestyle.

**Colossians 4:14** NASB

14 Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and **ALSO DEMAS.**

**2 Timothy 4:10** NASB

10 **FOR DEMAS, HAVING LOVED THIS PRESENT WORLD, HAS DESERTED ME AND GONE TO THESSALONICA.**

**1 Corinthians 10:6-12** NASB

6 **NOW THESE THINGS HAPPENED AS EXAMPLES FOR US, SO THAT WE WOULD NOT CRAVE EVIL THINGS AS THEY ALSO CRAVED.**

7 **DO NOT BE IDOLATERS,** [*eidōlōlatrēs - worshipper of false gods - idols placed before God - unsundered heart*] as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

8 **NOR LET US ACT IMMORALLY,** [*porneuō - adultery, fornication, fleshly appetites out of control*] as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 **NOR LET US TRY THE LORD,** [*ekpeirazō - to put to the test, to tempt, presuming upon God's mercy and forgiveness*] as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 **NOR GRUMBLE,** [*goggyzō - complain, murmur, discontentment*] as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 **NOW THESE THINGS HAPPENED TO THEM AS AN EXAMPLE, AND THEY WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTION, UPON WHOM THE ENDS OF THE AGES HAVE COME.**

12 **THEREFORE LET HIM WHO THINKS HE STANDS TAKE HEED THAT HE DOES NOT FALL.**

2. When we cover our light because of the fear of man.

**Galatians 2:11-14** NASB

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, **HE USED TO EAT WITH THE GENTILES; BUT WHEN THEY CAME, HE BEGAN TO WITHDRAW AND HOLD HIMSELF ALOOF, FEARING THE PARTY OF THE CIRCUMCISION.**

13 **THE REST OF THE JEWS JOINED HIM IN HYPOCRISY, with the result that EVEN BARNABAS WAS CARRIED AWAY BY THEIR HYPOCRISY.**

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

**Proverbs 29:25-26** NASB

25 **THE FEAR OF MAN BRINGS A SNARE, BUT HE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD WILL BE EXALTED.**

26 **MANY SEEK THE RULER'S FAVOR, BUT JUSTICE FOR MAN COMES FROM THE LORD.**

*Trust in God sets you free from the snare of the fear of man.*

*Even when you seek the favor of those who can promote you, God is still sovereign and is ultimately the only One Who orders your steps.*

**Galatians 1:10 NASB**

**10 FOR AM I NOW SEEKING THE FAVOR OF MEN, OR OF GOD? OR AM I STRIVING TO PLEASE MEN? IF I WERE STILL TRYING TO PLEASE MEN, I WOULD NOT BE A BOND-SERVANT OF CHRIST.**

**Hebrews 13:5-6 NASB**

5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "**I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,**"

6 so that we confidently say, "**THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.** WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

**Matthew 10:16-33 NASB**

16 Behold, **I SEND YOU OUT AS SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES; SO BE SHREWD AS SERPENTS AND INNOCENT AS DOVES.**

17 But **BEWARE OF MEN,** for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues;

18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 But when they hand you over, **DO NOT WORRY ABOUT HOW OR WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY; FOR IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU IN THAT HOUR WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY.**

20 **FOR IT IS NOT YOU WHO SPEAK, BUT IT IS THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER WHO SPEAKS IN YOU.**

21 **BROTHER WILL BETRAY BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER HIS CHILD; AND CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS AND CAUSE THEM TO BE PUT TO DEATH.**

22 **YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL BECAUSE OF MY NAME, BUT IT IS THE ONE WHO HAS ENDURED TO THE END WHO WILL BE SAVED.**

23 But **WHENEVER THEY PERSECUTE YOU IN ONE CITY, FLEE TO THE NEXT;** for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

24 **A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, NOR A SLAVE ABOVE HIS MASTER.**

25 It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household!

26 **THEREFORE DO NOT FEAR THEM, FOR THERE IS NOTHING CONCEALED THAT WILL NOT BE REVEALED, OR HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN.**

27 **WHAT I TELL YOU IN THE DARKNESS, SPEAK IN THE LIGHT; AND WHAT YOU HEAR WHISPERED IN YOUR EAR, PROCLAIM UPON THE ROOFTOPS.**

28 **DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY BUT ARE UNABLE TO KILL THE SOUL; BUT RATHER FEAR HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.**

**Isaiah 2:22 NASB**

22 **STOP REGARDING MAN, WHOSE BREATH OF LIFE IS IN HIS NOSTRILS; FOR WHY SHOULD HE BE ESTEEMED?**

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? **AND YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND APART FROM YOUR FATHER.**

30 **BUT THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED.**

31 **SO DO NOT FEAR; YOU ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN MANY SPARROWS.**

32 **THEREFORE EVERYONE WHO CONFESSES ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL ALSO CONFESS HIM BEFORE MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.**

33 **BUT WHOEVER DENIES ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL ALSO DENY HIM BEFORE MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.**