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## **Salt And Light**

**Is that what you want to be?** Is what do I want to be? **Do you want to be salt and light in the world? Do you want others to give thanks and praise and honor and glory to me because of what they feel and see coming out of your life?** Nothing would give me greater hope and joy and pleasure to be salt and light for you in the world. To know that I have been, am, and will be used by you would be very satisfying and gratifying. How can I be salt for you in the world? How can I be a light for you in the world? **Those are very good questions. Let me ask you a question.** Go ahead, I am listening. **Does salt and light originate in you?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Are you the source of salt and light that will cause others to give thanks and praise and honor and glory to me? Will doing what comes naturally to you bring salt and light to others in the world?** Those are easy questions to answer. **What are your answers?** I am certainly not the source of world changing salt and light, there is no doubt about that. Doing what comes naturally to me will never bring salt and light into the world. My efforts alone will never give others cause to give thanks and praise and honor and glory to you. **It is good that you know these thoughts to be true.**

**So, what then will cause you to be able to live as salt and light in the world?** Only living in an intimate relationship with you will allow me to be salt and light in the world. You are the source of any salt and light that will come out of my life. As I allow you to live in and through me, I will salt the world all around me with your flavor. As I allow you to live in and through me, I will bring light into the darkness of the world all around me. **Will you live in an intimate relationship with me? Will you draw near to me? Will you walk with me through life? Will you allow me to make you salt and light in the world?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Heavenly Father help me to be salt on this earth. Help me to bring your flavor to people everywhere. Help me to be a light in the world. Help me to shine in the darkness in such a way that people will give thanks, praise and honor and glory to you. This is my prayer. Amen*

**Promises***Let Your Light Shine*

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

NIV

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Good Works Shine*

"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.

NLT

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Light Shine*

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

NRSV

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Light So Shine*

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence *and* your praiseworthy, noble, *and* good deeds and recognize *and* honor *and* praise *and* glorify your Father Who is in heaven.

AMP

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Light Shine*

"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 under foot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 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. "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.

NASB

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Light Shine*

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

ESV

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let Your Light So Shine*

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

NKJV

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Shine!*

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

MSG

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Let It Shine*

"You are the world's seasoning, to make it tolerable. If you lose your flavor, what will happen to the world? And you yourselves will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the world's light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.

TLB

Matthew 5:13-16

**Promises***Be A Light*

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on. "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

NCV

Matthew 5:13-16

# Let Your Light Shine

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Matthew 5:13-16

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 5*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father help me to be salt on this earth. Help me to bring your flavor to people everywhere. Help me to be a light in the world. Help me to shine in the darkness in such a way that people will give thanks, praise and honor and glory to you. This is my prayer. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why should you not be surprised to learn that you will experience a wide variety of trials in this life?

**What do you know that will help you to remain joyful even in the midst of trials?**

**When have trials tested your perseverance and made your faith stronger?**

Why is it important for you acknowledge to God that you need His wisdom, especially as you go through trials?

When have you asked God to give you wisdom as you have gone through various trials?

What can you expect to receive when you pray prayers that are filled with doubt?

**How has God heard and answered your faith filled prayers by generously giving you wisdom?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow your light to shine in the world so that people will give thanks and praise to God.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will make your light shine so people will give praise and thanks to Him.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your light has caused others to give thanks and praise to God.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you let your light shine so that people will give thanks and praise to God.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Heavenly Father, I will let my light shine so that people will give thanks and praise to you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can I let my light shine so that people will give praise to you today?*

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