

THE WITNESS OF THE KINGDOM
(Matthew 5:13-16)

I. The SALT of the EARTH (Matt. 5:13)

A. The PROPOSITION: How salt is USEFUL

1. Salt's VALUE
2. Salt's being WHITE may signify PURITY
3. Salt's work as a FLAVOR ENHANCER
4. Salt's STING when applied to a WOUND
5. Salt's provoking of THIRST
- *6. Salt's work as a PRESERVATIVE

B. The PROBLEM: When salt becomes TASTELESS

1. Thrown on a ROAD or FOOTPATH
2. Illustrates a believer's loss of EFFECTIVENES
3. Depicts CHASTISEMENT of a DISOBEDIENT believer

II. The LIGHT of the WORLD (Matt. 5:14-15)

A. The PROPOSITION: How light is VISIBLE

1. Intended for the WORLD
 2. Obvious even from a DISTANCE
- B. The PROBLEM: When light is HIDDEN
1. The FOLLY of lighting a lamp and COVERING it with a basket
 2. The USEFULNESS of putting it on a STAND
 3. Provides illumination for EVERYONE in the HOUSE

III. The GLORY of the FATHER (Matt. 5:16)

- A. The SHINING of “YOUR LIGHT”
- B. The illumination of “YOUR GOOD WORKS”
1. Those works that reflect the BEAUTY of God
 2. Those works that reveal the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God
- C. Emphasis on YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
- D. Results in GLORIFYING the FATHER in HEAVEN