

Salt, Light, and Blessing Others

Sermon on the Mount, Part 2

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Matthew 5:13-20

I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on the earth will be blessed through you.
Genesis 12:2-3

God blesses me for a purpose, so that I can be a

It is an everlasting covenant of salt before the Lord for both you and your offspring.
Numbers 18:19

I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.
Isaiah 42:6

I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."
Isaiah 49:6 NLT

Four Competing Visions:

1. **Rome:** "Everyone else exists to bless me."
2. **Zealots:** "I want to be in control."
3. **Sadducees:** "I want to get my share."
4. **Pharisees:** "I reject (or isolate myself from) the world."

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 underfoot. Matthew 5:13

1. I can bless others by being _____

"You are the light of the world. A town built 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 others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

2. I can bless others by being _____

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. 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. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20

Honor your father and... so that you may live long and that it may go well with you. Deuteronomy 5:16

If you come across a bird's nest... so that it may go well with you and you may have a long life. Deuteronomy 22:6-7

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:37-40

Transformation happens when I obey the command _____

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