

Treasure Hunt

- With what two things does the Lord compare believers?
- How does the same saying by the Lord Jesus end up in different places in the histories of his life?
- What does it mean for us to be salt, according to Luke 14?
- How does Mark 9 explain Col 4:6?
- What is the function of salt, according to the OT?
- What does God do with useless things?
- What warning does this give to us?

The Structure of the Sermon

Consequences →	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
Conduct →	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
	Toward Man	5:20-48	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

Broken Alternation in 5:13-16

	Salt	Light
Metaphor	13 Ye are the salt of the earth:	14 Ye are the light of the world.
Parable(s)	but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.	A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Command	?	16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Repeated Sayings in the Gospels

“if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?”—Matt 5:13; Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34

A lamp under a bushel or on a lampstand—Matt 5:15; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33

Explanations

- Modern scholarship: a single saying of the Lord, preserved by tradition, and variously arranged **by the evangelists** to suit their purposes.
- Tradition (and my position):
 - Any active teacher has a collection of favorite sayings that he frequently repeats
 - Ron: “no other name under heaven,” “a beauty that we should desire him”
 - Van: “to live above with saints we love...,” Isaiah’s hourglass
 - **The Lord** uttered these sayings multiple times in different settings
 - The evangelists chose to record one or another episode based on their larger theme

Tasteless Salt in Luke 14

Luk 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. ...

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

→ We are **different** from the world, reflecting our change in allegiance.

Tasteless Salt in Mark 9

33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? 34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. ... 36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: ... 42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. ...

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good: but **if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it?**

Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Cf.

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* alway with grace, **seasoned with salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Mat 5:44 Love your enemies, **bless them that curse you**, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Salt, Sacrifices, and Covenants

	Sacri- -fice	Salt	Cove- nant	For Ever
Mar 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt .	X	X		
Lev 2:13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt ; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt .	X	X	X	
Num 18:19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever : it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.		X	X	X
2Ch 13:5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever , even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt ?		X	X	X

What Happens to Useless Things?

Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch ~~in me~~ that beareth not fruit in me, he taketh away

Matthew 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (John the Baptist)

Matthew 21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

Luke 13:6 A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: 9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

Hebrews 6:7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.