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Parable #12

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Luke 14:34-35

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“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? **35** It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Russian Born Jew, Immanuel Velikovsky

AUTHORED THE BOOK “WORLDS IN COLLISION”

It May Be Scientifically Possible that Two Separate, Material Worlds Could be Coexisting side by side and even intertwined without either one knowing about the other.

As Christians, We Know That 2 Worlds Do Coexist,

John 17:1-2,9,14-15

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him... ⁹ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me... ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world,

THE PARABLE OF BEING THE SALT

1.) Salt as a preservative

v.34a

Luke 14:34a
“Salt is good.”

The word **Salary** gets its root meaning from the word “Salt”. In the ancient world, salt could be used as a form of wages for a job done. We’ve all heard the saying “He’s not worth his weight in salt” meaning he was a pretty poor employee – or “he earned his salt” meaning that he had performed well that day on the job.

Salt in the old world was not like our salt today. Our salt today is almost pure and so does not lose its salinity. In Jesus’ day, salt was a perishable commodity because it could go bad or become polluted if not managed.

Matthew 5:13

“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.”

The Preserving Power of the Christian Has a Great Purpose.

Matthew 10:7-10

And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.⁹ Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,¹⁰ nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

Salt on The Go -

Here’s an Excellent Word

Dr. G. Campbell-Morgan writes:

“If salt is at home and in his neighborhood, he will not allow decay, rottenness or corruption to move in. And if salt moves into an already existing neighborhood, he shuts down decay, rottenness, and corruption from spreading and holds them in check.

Salt Arrests Corruption in its Tracks.”

**Salt (you and I) as a Preservative will effect
any and every culture that we’re placed into
Spiritually // Physically // Morally**

Mark 9:50

Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? **Have salt in yourselves**, and have peace with one another.”

THE PARABLE OF BEING THE SALT

2.) Salt as an effect

v. 34b

Luke 14:34b

But if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? (re-seasoned)

There is a Picture within This Parable

The Impure Salt of Jesus' Day could not come in contact with earthen-soil.

Contact with the earth triggered a chemical reaction that would suck the benefits of the salt's properties right out of it.

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." **17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."**

But in Contrast, The Cleansing Influence of the Christian Has a Great Effect

Leviticus 2:13

And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.

I'd Like to have Some Salt with That Worship Please

(Healing, convicting, preserving, burning, cleaning)

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice (**salted**) the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world**, but let God transform you into a new person by changing **the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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3.) Salt as an aseptic

v.35a

Luke 14:35a

It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out.

If something is “aseptic” it means that it’s void of impurities. If something is an Anti-septic it means it controls or manages disease

The “Aseptic” Properties of Salt are Powerful.

Salt cannot cure anything. But because of its purity, it stops the advancement of the infection in its tracks.

But men throw it out

Just Road Material

Salt in the ancient world that had been compromised was used to pack down a roadway. It was also used to kill weeds or grasses along fence lines or property lines – it left nothing but barrenness.

If the world begins to creep into the Christians Life.
Then a Christian will “Backslide Away” from being an **Aseptic**,

**But in Contrast,
The Advancing Goodness of the Christian
Has a Great Result.**

#1

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

#2

Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

#3

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all**, especially **(not exclusively)** to those who are of the household of faith.

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4.) Salt as an enhancer

v.35b

Luke 14:35b

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Listening / Hearing / it's a Spiritual Issue.

It's a very serious thing to be exposed to truth.

I've been watching debates that have the famous evolutionist-atheist in the world, Dr. Richard Dawkins in them.

And when I hear what he is
hearing,

I shudder. How can he still be an unbeliever when so much excellent logic, scientific fact and reason has been placed in his ears to ponder?

But What about Those in Church
Today

Apostasy is like a cancer or an infectious disease that is creeping in and throughout the church in the world today.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

Jesus warned about these days

Compromise / Apathy / Liberalism / Unbelief / Godlessness

Luke 21:34-36 NLT

"Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

But in Contrast,

The Faithful Obedience of the Christian Has a Great Reward.

Are you, am I, one of those who hear?
Do we have the ears to hear?

**“If we are among those who “hear”
then what will be the proof that we have heard?”**

We will **Abide** / We will **Continue** / We will be **Fruitful**

We will generate a **Reaction** / We will **Finish**

What Does It Mean to be Salty?

*That your personal Christian witness (1) provokes conviction of sin, (2) engenders hope, (3) exhibits a biblical godliness. - - **and of that in Love.***

Where is a Christian to be Salty?

*There is literally no place off limits to where the Christian is to have an effect. The darker and uglier the infection, the greater the need for salt. - - **and of that in Love.***

When is a Christian to be Salty?

*Always - The Christian, by nature cannot be anything but salt. Even if the Christian loses his effectiveness, he is still salt – he may become useless and ineffective, but that is to his loss in the end. To stay spiritually healthy and salty – be salt at all times - - **and of that in Love.***

How is a Christian Salty?

*By allowing the power of Jesus Christ to come out of you at all times. If you see, hear, know of ungodliness, wickedness, evil attempting to advance, then you are responsible for doing all you can to stop its poisoning effect. - - **and of that in Love.***

Amount of Salt in the World:

Salt is the most common and readily available nonmetallic mineral on earth; in its abundance, accurate estimates of salt reserves are unavailable due to the overwhelming presence of salt. In the United States there are an estimated 55 trillion metric tons. The annual world consumption of salt is 240 million tons of per year, making the U.S. salt reserves a dependable source for the next 100,000 years. The enormity of the Earth’s underground salt deposits, combined with the saline vastness of the Earth’s oceans makes the supply of salt literally inexhaustible by mankind.

What if every Christian decided tonight to be like Salt In his or her world? Imagine a church full of salty Christians.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The
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