

Notes for Matthew 5:13-16

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Salarium (*sah-LAH-ree-oom*) Latin for “salt money” and is where we get the word salary from.

The Greek word translated as “lost its taste” is **mōranthē** (pronounced *mo-ran-THAY*) belongs to the same word-family as **mōros** (pronounced *mo-ROSS*) which means “it becomes foolish”

2 Kings 2:19-22 - *Now the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.” 20 He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, “Thus says the Lord, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” 22 So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.*

Colossians 4:6 - *Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

Leviticus 2:13 - *You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.*

Isaiah 42:6 - *“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,*

Isaiah 42:9 - *Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.*

1 Corinthians 11:1 - *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Exodus 25:31-40 details God's instructions to Moses for crafting the menorah, a seven-branched lampstand of pure, hammered gold for the Tabernacle. Featuring intricate almond-blossom designs, it held seven lamps to illuminate the Holy Place, symbolizing God as the light, life, and divine presence in the sanctuary

In Judges 7, Gideon's jars and torches are light hidden briefly, then revealed at the decisive moment.

In Daniel 6, Daniel's unwavering faithfulness to God leads his jealous colleagues to plot against him, resulting in his imprisonment in a lions' den, from which God miraculously delivers him, causing King Darius to honor the God of Israel.

Ephesians 2:10 - *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”.*

James 2:17 - *So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead*

Mark 9:24 - *I believe; help my unbelief!*

Romans 10:17 - *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Matthew 6:1 - *Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*

1 Peter 2:12 - *“Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your good behavior and glorify God...”*

The term "gentiles" in 1 Peter 2:12 refers to all people outside of the Christian faith — regardless of their ethnicity or nationality — and not specifically to any particular nation or ethnic group. The Greek word for "gentiles," *ethnos*, translates into "nations," but Peter's use of it refers to all of the unbelieving, non-Christian world around him — whether people were of one ethnic/genetic background or another. While the Old Testament writers historically used the term *gentile* almost exclusively to refer to someone who was not a physical descendant of Abraham, by the time of the New Testament, the early Christian church had become made up of both Jewish and gentile converts; therefore, the major divide changed from genetic/ethnic identity to faith in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:29 - *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

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13 "YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH,
BUT IF SALT HAS LOST ITS TASTE, HOW
SHALL ITS SALTINESS BE RESTORED? IT
IS NO LONGER GOOD FOR ANYTHING
EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT AND
TRAMPLED UNDER PEOPLE'S FEET.

14 “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD. A CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT
BE HIDDEN.

15 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.

16 IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT[A]
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND
GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS
IN HEAVEN.