



YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

THE SIMILITUDES

Matthew 5:1-16

(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. (14) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are in the house.*

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SALT

1. Roman soldiers were sometimes paid in salt - which is where the word 'salary' comes from. Difficult to spend it in restaurants today though.
2. Every cell in the body contains salt - an adult contains about 250 grams, equivalent to a box of Morton salt.
3. In old Japanese theatres, salt was sprinkled on to the stage before each performance to prevent evil spirits from casting a spell on the actors.
4. Salt is used to remove traces of water from aviation fuel after it is purified.
5. At one time salt bars were the standard currency of Ethiopia.
6. Salt was used to preserve Egyptian mummies .
7. Sodium is key in the operation of all signals within, as well as to and from, the brain.

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(1) We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (2) Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. (3) For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." (4) For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

BIBLE PERSONS WHO WERE *NOT*SALT

- ❖ Lot's Wife – Genesis 19:16-29
 - ❖ Lot had grown incredibly wicked – 1-11
 - ❖ Angels had been sent to warn Lot to escape – (Genesis 18:22-33)
 - ❖ Lot bargained, delayed then finally was driven out – Genesis 19:14-16
 - ❖ He was given grace to escape to Zoar – Genesis 19:17-22
 - ❖ His wife looked back – Genesis 19:23-26
- ❖ Jesus' Warning to the Disciples – Luke 18:29-32
- ❖ Nadab and Abihu - Leviticus 10:1-2



(1) Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. (2) For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, (3) how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

BIBLE PERSONS WHO *WERE* SALT

- ❖ The saints in Jerusalem – Acts 4:34-35
- ❖ Barnabas – Acts 4:36-37
- ❖ Abraham – Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-10
- ❖ Joseph – Genesis 50:18-21



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THE DANGER OF LOSING YOUR SAVOR



- ❖ The latter is worse than the first! – 2 Peter 2:20-22
 - ❖ What could be worse than being lost?
- ❖ Behold what manner of love! – 1 John 3:1-3

IMAGE CREDITS

Lot's Wife Pillar Salt - <https://keepcalmandwander.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/lots-wife-jordan.jpg>

The Call of Abraham -

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