

## **Matthew 5:13-16**

### **“A doctrinal look at an inspirational passage”**

#### **The “inspiration” of this passage**

“Salt”: It is a warning regarding “losing its savor” (Luke 14:34)  
It is used in reference to a discourse on the reality of hell (Mark 9:49-50)

“Light”: Jesus is “the light of the world” (John 8:12)  
Believers are “agents” of light in a dark world (2 Cor. 4:4)

#### **The “doctrine” of this passage**

The “potential” (v.13) – “Ye are the salt of the earth, but. . . trodden under foot of men.”

Israel is the “salt of the earth”:	Is. 49:6, “to the gentiles”
Israel “lost his savor”:	Matt. 27:25; Acts 7:54-60
Israel was “cast out”:	The dispersion of 70AD
Israel has been “trodden under”:	Edict of exp. (1492); Holocaust

(20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

The “promise” (v.14) – “Ye are the light. . . a city that is set on a hill and cannot be hid”

Israel possesses an “everlasting covenant”:	Gen. 17:7; 2 Samuel 7:13
Jesus promised Israel would “return”:	Matt. 24:32-35
Those who care for Israelites are blessed:	Gen. 12:3; Psalm 122

The “response” (v.15) – “Neither. . . put it under a bushel. . . giveth light unto all in the house”

Egypt was blessed because of Joseph:	Gen. 37-50
The “wilderness” was blessed of Israel:	Exodus 16
Babylon was blessed because of Daniel:	Daniel 1-7
** our culture has been blessed by Israel:	1492-1948

The “restoration” (v.16) – “Let your light so shine before men. . . glorify your Father”

Geographical restoration:	1917 (Balfour declaration); 1948 (United Nations)
	1967 (6 day war); 1973 (Yom Kippur war)

Religious restoration: Rev. 7:1-8 (tribes); Rev. 11:1-2 (temple)

Spiritual restoration: Rev. 7:9 (souls)