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## "Salt"

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I thank God for what He is doing today. It is extraordinary how He is moving. We want to get into some things that again will confirm, challenge, and maybe give you a little different insight. Maybe it will explain some things that you didn't quite see before. We have quite a bit to share with you.

One day the Lord brought a sixteen year old to us, and God ministered to him for about two whole hours. At the time we couldn't understand why the weights were so heavy.

Later God showed us the reason why the weights were so heavy with this boy. It was because God was putting the burden of the younger generation on us; those that are into drugs, and whose minds are being taken over with the things of this world. This is happening in cities and towns all over the world. God opened up more understanding as to what is going on, and then took us in the Spirit to Washington, DC and Baltimore, so that He could minister through us in those areas. As He was doing this, we heard the Lord say that He was revealing the "kingdom of darkness". He said that it is taking over children's minds very

rapidly in the schools, and on the streets. The drugs and the music are taking their minds over. The kingdom of darkness is trying to destroy the upcoming generation. It's happening to some of our children and our grandchildren.

God spoke very clearly and said that He wants to take the cities back. He said that it is time for the Sons of God to take their positions in Christ and take back the nations. He has given His Sons dominion over these situations, just like He gave man dominion over them in the beginning. In Genesis 1:26-28 it says, "And God said, Let us make man in Our Image, after our Likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His Own Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, AND SUBDUE IT: AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the

earth." God gave Adam dominion over the sea, and all the fish in the sea. Well the "sea" represents "humanity". He gave Adam dominion over all creation (before the fall).

Now the Lord is bringing His Sons back to that same position of dominion and authority. He is doing this in those Sons who are allowing Him to deal with everything in them that is not like Christ; because the flesh cannot have dominion over God's creation, and never will.

Right now, those that are one with God through the mind of Christ are allowing Him to minister through them to the nations. Ephesians 2:6 says that He, "...hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." and in Revelations 3:12 it says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." In these scriptures Christ was saying that He would allow us to sit with Him in heavenly places, and to rule and reign with Him. This means that the only one who is ruling in you and through you is the Christ! It is Christ ruling out of you to bring in the cities

and take charge/have dominion over them again. It is your rightful inheritance to operate this way. He has given you the nations. Because of this, we are to take our position in the Lord and not allow the kingdom of darkness to bring a snare our way. We are to keep focusing on the purpose and plan of God that He has set before us.

We need to get into the Word in order to share with you what the Lord has been revealing to me in the last couple of weeks. He was showing us the River of Life that Ezekiel had a vision of. In Ezekiel 47:1-5 it says, "Afterward He brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought He me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in His hand went forth eastward, He measured a thousand cubits, and He brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again He measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again He measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward He measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over."

Ezekiel saw this river coming out of a house, which is the house of the Lord. He saw how the water was measuring Ezekiel as it came first to his feet, and then to his loins, and eventually it overtook him. He was actually having a vision of a people who have allowed the Word of God, by the Holy Spirit, to measure their lives. Their lives were being measured, and they were being changed by the Word from Glory to Glory, into the image of His dearly beloved Son. 2Corinthians 3:18 says, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the Glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from Glory to Glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

God's Word brings a change in you to the point where it begins to swallow up your soul, and then over takes it. That's what happens when we are in the Spirit. God begins to overtake your soul/mind, and then you begin to operate in the mind of Christ.

Continuing on in Ezekiel, in verses 6-8 it says, "And He said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then He brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said He unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed." When we are in the Spirit this river begins to flow out of us, and it says that it goes down into the desert, and into the sea. Then in verses 9-10 it says that, "And it shall come to pass, that every

thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, SHALL LIVE; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many." As this river flows out of us it flows into the sea where there are multitudes of fish, and it says that the fishermen take their nets and spread them out. The net that each one is spreading is the message of the Kingdom of God! They catch a many fish out of the "great sea", and the sea is speaking of the sea of humanity - all mankind from all nations and every nationality. Jesus said in Matthew 4:19, "...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

The "River of Life" is a group of people! You need to read about this river in both Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22. Revelations 22:1-2 says, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations." It is speaking here of the "pure river". It's a "pure river" that's being issued out of the Throne of God, and that "pure river" is the "mind of Christ". It is a people who are operating out of the mind of Christ! It says that the

river has trees on both sides of it. Why? Because they are working and operating in both the invisible and visible realms!

It says in Ezekiel 47:12, *"And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine."* And in Revelations 22:2, *"...and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations."* The Word says that the leaves of the trees are for the healing of nations, and that every tree shall bring forth fruit. Their fruit shall be for food and their leaves for healing. In Ezekiel 47:13, the twelve tribes are mentioned (twelve means: the Government of God), and here the fruits are coming forth and operating to bring healing to the nations.

It is really verse 11 of Ezekiel chapter 47 that stood out to me, because I really hadn't noticed what God was saying here until now. I want to go back to it for just a moment to tie in some more things. Ezekiel 47:11 says, *"But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; THEY SHALL BE GIVEN TO SALT."*

Recently we were in the Spirit and the Lord took us into some marsh places, and in these marshes we saw some crocodiles. Sometimes God will use symbols

to show us things. At first we didn't understand what He was trying to show us, but then we heard the Lord say the word, "leviathan". That is when He quickened to our Spirits the understanding of what He was trying to show us. He said that this was the nature of the carnal man. The carnal man cannot produce any life, nor can it produce the Nature of the Lord. A "leviathan" is a monster. It is a crooked serpent. The nature of the carnal man is that of the serpent, because the carnal mind is enmity of God. Jesus even called the scribes and Pharisees serpents, and a generation of vipers.

It says in Ezekiel that this river flowed and there were many, many kinds of fish. The river would flow out to the multitudes, and wherever the river went, it healed and made everything come alive again! That's because this River is nothing but the Spirit of God that is being issued out of the Throne of God. Where ever it goes, it quickens that individual and causes them to come into Life by awakening them in their mind. This River is "Truth" that wakes people up and sets them free! That's the way God awakened you and me. Every time the Spirit of God brings Truth to you, it causes an awakening in your mind. It flashes things before you; consumes the lies, imaginations, and illusions that have been in your mind; and it sets you free! This happens every time the Truth of God ministers to you by the Word and the Spirit.

It says that where ever the river flows, multitudes of fish

will live, and that it is a place for the fishermen to stand and spread their nets. The reason why we know that "the net" is the message of the Kingdom of God, and that it is meant to catch people, is because in Matthew 13:47 Jesus said, *"Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind"*. It caught you and me!

There may be times when you slip; but God will spread His net, and another message of His Kingdom will capture your heart again and get hold of you within. Eventually you will become like that tree in Jeremiah. Jeremiah 17:8 says, *"For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."* Your roots will go deep - deeply rooted by "the River" which is Christ. Then you stay by the River. You don't move away from it, because you are planted by the River. You don't plant your tree in the valley or in the swampy area; you plant your tree by the River, where your roots go deep, so that when the storms come you can stand firm! The storms are coming upon creation, and the people that are not planted by the River will not be able to withstand the storms that are coming.

I had a dream a long time ago, and in it I dreamt that my house was built by the sea. I didn't understand what the Lord was telling me then. My house was by the sea, and all of a sudden these storms came. The storms were coming up out of the

sea, and they beat upon the house. Then all of a sudden, I saw that my house was built upon these little rubber things. The house was never destroyed because it would sway and move; but then it would come back to standing straight and firm.

The Lord was saying that this house has not been built on sand. He was saying that it has been built on the Lord and His Word! When the storms come and blow; the house will not be destroyed. Any house that has been built on sand, (in other words) on teachings that come out of the carnal mind, and not out of the Spirit and the Word of God, will not bring an individual to a place where they can stand in the evil day. Ephesians 6:13 in the Amplified Bible says, "Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]." We have come into the evil day. But this is the Day of the Lord! God is building some very strong houses (individuals) here, and in other places!

How does He build? You have to go through different storms in your life; and they will keep coming until He is finished. The storms that you have to go through are not to destroy you, but to form you and make you strong, so that your roots will go really deep in the Lord. If there is a weak area in your life, a storm will come and reveal that area that needs some work. God will then consume those areas.

When your house is built on the rock, it may sway from time to time, but it will remain on the

Rock (which is Christ Himself). When you know that Christ has built you to where the River begins to flow out of you, then you are ready to cast your net out into the sea (the sea of humanity)! This sea consists of all nations in both the visible and the invisible realms.

Getting back to the vision, we were in the Spirit and the Lord showed us the marsh places and crocodiles. He told me that these were different people who would not be released at this time. He then said that I was to read Ezekiel 47:11. When I opened up the scripture, I read "...the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; THEY SHALL BE GIVEN TO SALT." That Word really stood out to me, and this is what I am to share with you today. "Salt!"

You are going to be very tasty today. We will give you a little flavor today. It will wet your appetite and taste buds in the Word of God!

God got our attention by allowing us to see what He does. These are different individuals that God might be dealing with; but because it isn't time for them to be released yet, He turns them over to salt. He preserves them until His appointed time for them. When God destroyed all those people by the flood in the days of Noah, He preserved them until the time when Jesus (after the Resurrection) could descend into the depths of hell, preach to all who had died in the flood, and set those who we captive free! He had preserved and seasoned them with salt, to purify them, and tenderize their hearts to where they could receive the

Word and the Spirit of God (Jesus Christ) into their hearts and be set free. 1Peter 18-20 says, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but QUICKENED BY THE SPIRIT; BY WHICH ALSO HE WENT AND PREACHED UNTO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON; WHICH SOMETIME WERE DISOBDIENT, WHEN ONCE THE LONGSUFFERING OF GOD WAITED IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

We are going to find as we go into the Word, that "salt" is for purification. All these people who are in the marshes are turned into salt. God doesn't heal them, but purifies them until a later time. The river goes there, but does not heal them. They are turned over to salt for a season (and maybe for many seasons) until God goes back to them once again to release and reconcile them back to Himself! Do we not have a God that is merciful?

There is something else that I want to point out to you. In the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham was before the Lord interceding for Lot and those who were righteous. Abraham pleaded with God to spare those who were righteous and not to destroy all of Sodom and Gomorrah. Then in Genesis chapter 19 it says that two angels came to Sodom and Lot saw them; bowed to them; and begged them to come into his house. A few verses later in this chapter it says that these angels were men. The two angels were really just men of God. They did not have feathery wings and

halos as we have been taught by traditions of men and religion. They were two men of God that He had been sent to talk with Lot face to face. They told Lot to flee out of that country and that he needed to obey the Lord immediately! They took them out of the city and showed him a particular mountain that they were to go to as quickly as they could physically move and without looking back. Genesis 19:15-17 says, "And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." The angel said, "Don't turn back because if you do you will be consumed." When I read this, the Lord began to speak to me. He said that every individual who has received a Word from Him, or who has heard the Message of the Kingdom of God and does not allow Him to change them; they will turn back to their old ways! He said that they will turn into a pillar of salt. Meaning that, God will preserve them in their life (on this side or the other side). They will be preserved until His time, because Philippians 2:10-11 says, "That at the name of Jesus

every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father."

The Lord also told me that the pillar of salt that Lot's wife turned into was a sign for Sodom and Gomorrah.

What is the meaning of the word "preserve"? We know that salt preserves. I used to watch my mother when she canned food. She would work for hours. Whether she was canning green beans or other types of vegetables, she always added salt. Once in a while she would add sugar, but most of the time it was salt that she used. My father always used salt to preserve meat. It was put in the meat house and was preserved for a long time until we needed it.

Back to the meaning of the word "preserve". It means: to protect from harm or damage; to keep from spoiling; to prepare food for a later date. So salt keeps things fresh. It is used to keep things in a certain condition and maintain it.

In the Webster's Dictionary, it says: to keep or save from injury or destruction; to defend from evil; to uphold; to sustain; to save from decay; to keep or defend from corruption; to set apart for a later use; to set aside for oneself; something kept back or stored up for a later use; reserved for a later use for some person. Very interesting! There is a lot in this!

The river begins to flow out of you and it begins to go into the sea. As it goes into the sea, there are multitudes of fish. Then the fishermen take their nets and

spread them out. The net that they are spreading is the message of the Kingdom of God. And it says that they catch a great many fish out of the sea. The "sea" is speaking of "the sea of humanity". It is all mankind, all nations, and every nationality.

This "River of Life" is a group of people. You can read Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22 for yourself. In Revelations it speaks of the "pure river". It's a pure river that's being issued forth, and that pure river is the mind of Christ. It is a people who are starting to operate out of the mind of Christ. "...on either side of The River, was there the Tree of Life..." "...at the bank of The River were very many Trees on the one side and on the other" meaning that they (the Tree and the Trees) are working and operating in both the visible and the invisible realms. The Word says that the leaves of the trees are for the healing of nations and the fruit thereof shall be for meat. All the trees shall bear fruit! Their fruit shall be for food, and their leaves for healing. In Ezekiel 47:13, the twelve tribes are mentioned. The number twelve represents divine government of God. The fruits are operating and bringing healing to the nations.

The Lord quickened to my mind that Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt when she turned and looked back upon Sodom and Gomorrah. If you turn to Jude, I want to show you that the words 'reserve' and 'preserve' have the same meaning. Jude 1:5 says, "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward

destroyed them that believed not."

We know that God destroyed Pharaoh, all of his army, his son and everyone that did not believe what Moses brought forth at that time. Jude 1:6 says, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Listen to that word "reserved". "Reserved" and "preserved" have the same meaning. He reserved all of these people "...under everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of THE GREAT DAY." God reserved every one of those people who did not believe Him at that particular time. He reserved them in a state of hell. Hell is fire and hell is salt; a place of purification. That is what the lake of Fire is. It is a place of purification.

We don't have time to cover all of the teaching, but if you want a better understanding of hell, you can get a tape on it from us. There are different levels of hell on this side and on the other side. "Hell" is: not being in the presence of the Lord. It is not having Peace in your mind. It is being tormented and confused. Every time we come out of the Spirit, we experience hell.

People are at different levels of hell. The lowest state of hell is the bottomless pit that man can get himself into. But guess what? God is there preserving him, and reserving him! Lot's wife is preserved as well as all the other people from Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities nearby. Jude 1:7 says, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities

about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

The "eternal fire" they are experiencing means: ages; different ages or times. That word "reserve: means: to hold on; and "preserve" has the same meaning. Isn't it exciting? Think about it! The Lord has caused you to become the salt of the earth!

There is something I just couldn't understand. Every time David and others in the Old Testament went out to battle, God had to deal with and slay them in the "Valley of Salt". 2Samuel 8:13-15 says, "And David got him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the VALLEY OF SALT, being eighteen thousand men.

And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. AND THE LORD PRESERVED DAVID WHITHERSOEVER HE WENT. And DAVID REIGNED OVER ALL ISRAEL; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people." 2Chronicles 13:5 even says that God has a covenant of salt with David and his sons forever. It says, "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?" The reason why God gave the Kingdom to David by "a covenant of salt" was because David had an understanding of how the Mercy of the Lord worked. He understood that in dealing with and slaying those different nations in the valley of salt, he was really preserving their souls

through the Mercy of God. It was David's understanding of God's Mercy that caused him to write in Psalms 89:1-4, "...I will sing of the Mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known Thy Faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: Thy Faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David My servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne (which is the Mercy Seat) to all generations. Selah."

I found out that the "Dead Sea" is also called the "Salt Sea" and the "Sea of Salt", because its waters contain 31.5% salt, which is 8.6% saltier than the ocean, and its shores are said to be the lowest place (on dry land) on the earth. I said God, you just blow my mind. Those people who were slain in battle were being "preserved" and "reserved".

God spoke to me one day and said, "I speak in and through the natural, Joyce! Do you not know that even the ocean has every manner of fish in it? The ocean has every kind of fish that you can think of, and they come in every color and size. This is a representation of the nations; of the people; of the way they look and behave; their color, race, shape, and size; from the smallest to the largest - they are there. But guess what is in the ocean, Joyce? Salt!" The ocean has salt in it, and is representative of God's Mercy and plan of reconciliation of all things visible and invisible, things in heaven and things in the earth, from even before the foundation of the world.

So God uses things in the natural to show us things. He uses them to help us understand His greatness! How awesome and wonderful He is! And how great His Love and Mercy is! The Lord "salts" us first.

Each of us has to be seasoned by the Lord. We are being salted by the Word! We are salted by every Truth that the Lord reveals to you and me! The Word pours salt on us; and those Truths preserve and protect us, making us strong and well seasoned.

In the Old Testament, when the priest came to bring the sacrifice to God, he had to sprinkle salt on all of the sacrifices before they could present them to the Lord. As a matter of fact, every time we are in the Spirit and the mind of Christ is ministering to people through us, we are sprinkling salt and seasoning them before presenting them to the Father as a sacrifice. You are a priest of the Lord in a higher order than the Levitical priests back then. You are called of God a high priest after the order of Melchisedec. This priesthood is not in time; it is forever and unchangeable. In Christ we have come out of time, and God can take us to any place and time to unlock and set people free that are in time. There is no time zone in the Spirit. A Melchisedec priest has that endless life.

"Salt" is also used as a medicine. When I was little my mother would give me "Epsom Salts" when I had stomach problems from something that I ate. It was supposed to be good for what ails you.

Remember Elisha? In 2Kings chapter 2 the water was so bad

that they couldn't drink it. Elisha said bring some salt. He put the salt in the water and spoke the Word to purify it. It was the Lord Himself Who healed those waters so that it was fit to drink.

Sometimes when we are in the Spirit and the Lord is dealing with some individuals who are in high places, God is judging and correcting them. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." They are rulers in high places in the invisible realm. They are spirits that disobey the Lord and are in their carnal mind. They use their carnal minds to control cities or countries. We are up against spiritual wickedness in high places. When we are in the Spirit, God is dealing with those forces by judging and correcting them. He releases some of them, and others He preserves by turning them over to salt. Ezekiel 47:11 says they are not healed. These people are turned over to salt. This means they will go through "hell", which is really a process of purification until they are ready to hear the Truth and be reconciled to the Lord.

Philippians 2:10-11 says, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord in heaven, in earth and under the earth." Those who are "under the earth", are in a state of hell. They have died and are on the other side. There is a time that they will be ready to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, but what is preserving them until that time? Salt! In Matthew 5:13 Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the

earth: 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."

Even our conversation is to be seasoned with salt.

Have you ever notice that at times you may be in the presence of someone and not saying anything, then all of the sudden as you are just walking in the Spirit, the Lord will speak to you a Word for them. That Word will either release them, deliver them, or convict them as you speak it forth. During those times you just season them with salt. Maybe that Word convicted them, but they didn't act upon it. No matter what, it will preserve them until a later date. God will deal with them down the line, and when He does, they will remember the Word that was spoken to them through you.

In Mark chapter 9, Jesus was using the eye to illustrate some principles of the Kingdom and walking in the Spirit/mind of Christ. Mark 9:47-50 in the Amplified Bible says, "And if your eye causes you to stumble and sin, pluck it out! It is more profitable and wholesome for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell (Gehenna), Where their worm [which preys on the inhabitants and is a symbol of the wounds inflicted on the man himself by his sins] does not die, and the fire is not put out. For everyone shall be salted with fire. Salt is good (beneficial), but if salt has lost its saltness, how will you restore [the saltness to] it? Have salt within yourselves, and be at peace and live in harmony with one another." And in Matthew

6:22-24 in the Amplified Bible it says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light. But if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you [your conscience] is darkened, how dense is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in)." Jesus was not saying for you to pluck out your natural eye. He was saying that the eye is the window of the soul, and that your eyes can cause your flesh to lust after things. First you look; then you begin to lust after what it is you see; and then you take action and begin to sin. In other words, Jesus was saying that your eye is the window through which your soul/mind looks upon things, and if there is still something in your mind that is causing you to look upon things and to lust after them - you need to pluck out and deal with what ever (thought or pattern of thinking) is in the mind/soul that is causing you to lust and sin. He is also saying that if you don't pluck it out and deal with it, you are going to have to go into hell. Do you understand what I am saying?

In Matthew 6:6 Jesus said, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Jesus wasn't talking about a literal

closet. He was saying that when you pray, you are to go within; get quiet, and shut the door of your mind. That you are to get your mind off of the things around you and listen to God's voice within. Sometimes the Lord uses examples to speak to us, and this is the reason why we must understand God's Word by the Spirit.

Going back to what Jesus spoke about the eyes in Mark chapter 6, Jesus was referring to the flesh. He was saying that if we are looking at things that cause us to sin, in order for us to enter the Kingdom of God we must first pluck those thoughts out of our mind. This means, that until you pluck out those thoughts and allow Him to deal with those things in you, you will not be able to enter into His Peace or Joy. It means you will not be able to enter into His Rest and stay in His Rest. This is the reason why you experience restlessness in your soul (mind). Your mind becomes restless and has no peace or joy, because it is in a state of hell. Mark 9:48 in the Amplified Bible says, "Where their worm [which preys on the inhabitants, (and is a symbol of) the wounds inflicted on the man himself by his sins] does not die, and the fire is not put out."

Out of this, the Lord revealed to us that the worm is the carnal mind. The carnal mind is the soul which uses the five senses to lust after the flesh. It says, "Where their worm [which preys on the inhabitants, (and is a symbol of) the wounds inflicted on the man himself by his sins]...". In other words, his own sins correct him! Jeremiah 2:19 states this same thing. It says, "Thine own

wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that My fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts." In both verses they were suffering from as a result of their own sins; and in both, the Word it says that our own sins will correct us! This is so true!

It says in Mark 9:48, "...and the fire is not put out." This refers to people on the other side whose carnal mind is still operating. Now there are a lot of ministers who don't agree with this, but God has revealed to us that in fact that the mind is still operating on the other side. The soul and Spirit still exist after a person dies. I'll give you an example. Remember Lazarus? In Luke 16:19-31 it says, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime



receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Lazarus was poor, but he was in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man was a priest. He knew God. He wore "purple" which represents the "priesthood", but he ended up in a state of hell after he died. He was tormented, but it also said that he looked up and saw Abraham afar off, meaning he had the conscious mind to know where he was and cry out, praying for mercy from Abraham. He could see Lazarus with Abraham and he asked him to send Lazarus to him with a drop of water to cool his tongue. Then he asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to testify to them, hoping that they would then obey God and not end up where he was. You do not want to go to that place! There was a great gulf between the rich man and Lazarus.

Have you ever noticed that when you Love the Lord and you're walking in the Spirit, whenever there is someone around you who is in the world and in sin - there is a great gulf between you and them? They are in hell in their mind, and that is the great gulf! People can be in that gulf on this side or on the other side. Those on the other side still have minds that are working, and Luke 16:19-31 is a good scripture to show us that even after a person dies in the natural, their soul and spirit are still operating on the other side. The Lord is trying to teach us these things.

God has also called man "trees" in His Word, and it says in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that, "...if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.". In other words, what ever state a person is in on this side, when he dies, he is in the same state on the other side.

When a person commits suicide, that person thinks the pain will be all over; but it's not! They still have their soul and spirit. The same thoughts that tormented them when their body was alive - still cause them mental and emotional anguish on the other side! The only difference is, now they no longer have a physical body. Do you see what I am saying? Many of these individuals are earth bound, and even though they don't have a physical body, they are stuck just walking through the earth as restless souls.

Going back to Mark 9:49 in the Amplified Bible, it says, "For EVERYONE shall be SALTED with FIRE...". Oh, I just want to

shout! Everyone will be preserved! Do you see that? Everyone must be sprinkled with fire. They've got to go through hell. What is hell? Is it fire? What is the fire? It is God Himself! Hebrews 12:29 says, "For our God is a CONSUMING FIRE." Deuteronomy 4:24 also says, "For the LORD thy God is a CONSUMING FIRE, even a jealous God."

David wrote in Psalms 139:7-8, "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there." God is everywhere! He is right there refining, purifying, in every age!

1Peter 3:18-20 says, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: BY WHICH ALSO HE WENT AND PREACHED UNTO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON; WHICH SOMETIME WERE DISOBEDIENT, when once the longsuffering of God waited IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." Of those people who died in Noah's time many chose to receive Christ when He went and ministered reconciliation to them after His Resurrection, but some did not. Those that did not receive Him, Christ just put more salt on them. He left them in prison and preserved them for yet another age. But do you think that if later He came back to them with that same message: "Are you ready now? Do you want to come out of prison now?" If you were locked

up in prison for life, a thousand years, two thousand, or even four thousand years like these people, if Jesus were to one day come to you again saying, "You can come out of your hells now. Follow me, and I will give you Rest." Wouldn't you be ready to come out? Don't you think that after all that time in hell you would be ready to come out?

I was raised a Baptist, and for a long time I had a question in my mind, so I prayed, "Jesus, if you are a God of love, how could you put a child in eternal hell forever?" At the time I was thinking of an eight year old who had died in an accident. "How could you let him remain there forever, God? I am reminded of all the little babies that have been aborted. Are they going to be in hell for eternity? Are they going to be in hell forever and ever?"

However, if you study "forever and ever" in the Greek and Hebrew, you will find that that phrase means "age". There are many worlds, and there are many ages in God. Everything came out of God, everything is going through God, and everything is going back to God. Romans 11:36 says, ***"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are ALL THINGS: to Whom be Glory for ever. Amen."*** The ***"and through Him"*** is the salt time. It's the hells that we all experience. These are the stages of change that we all must go through.

Mark 9:50 in the Amplified Bible says, ***"Salt is good (beneficial), but if salt has lost its saltiness, how will you restore [the saltiness to] it? Have salt within yourselves, and be at peace and live in harmony with one another."*** In other words, you

and I are to have "salt" all of the time. How? You need to understand that every area of your life that the Lord has salted and changed by Fire, has become the Nature of Christ; and in those areas you are One with Him. Because of all this, the salt is there within you! Do you understand what I am saying? From that Oneness and the areas that have already been salted and changed into the Nature of Christ within you - you are then salting anyone you come in contact with. You may not even say a word, but something is happening to those around you. Why? Because He lives in you, and wherever your feet tread it becomes Holy ground! You have become and are the Holy of Holies! You are the Presence of God, because Christ is in you and you are One!

A long time ago (before I even knew this scripture), I walked into someone's house and God said, "You have walked into this house and it has become a Holy Place." I said, "God, what do you mean by that?" He said, "Do I not live in you; and am I not walking in you? I have just walked in this place, and I have just claimed these people for My Own. They will be preserved until I wake them up."

No one can wake up unless God does the waking. God has to draw them in His time; and He is pulling out a remnant at this particular time for the Kingdom of God. Those who do not come in at this particular time are being salted and preserved for His good use and His good pleasure. We are to remain in the salt by having a relationship with the Father. It is as simple as that.

Your union and your relationship with Him is what matters.