

# Salt of the Earth...



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If you are to take an honest look in reference to the Word of God from both the past to the present state of any people or country, it is the history of men forgetting the Lord; and when they do, the decay begins.

*"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." -Psalm 9:17*

DECA'Y – To pass gradually from a sound, prosperous, or perfect state, to a less perfect state, or towards destruction.

Why does history repeat itself? It is because the people have failed to take the time to know His-story.

It is also true, that since the beginning of time, concerning men that decadence (synonymous with decay) follows luxury.

Let me put this into Scriptural terms:

*"When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which He hath given thee.*

*Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day:*

*Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all*

*that thou hast is multiplied;*

*Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.” -Deuteronomy 8:10-14*

Let me put it to you this way, poverty has destroyed its thousands, but prosperity has destroyed its millions. Simply put, the people have forgotten the Lord in their prosperity. Because of this, decadence follows.

## **Salt of the Earth**

Christians are to be Christ like, period. Matthew 5:13 tells us:

*“...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.”*

Salt is to stop the putrefaction, the demoralization of a society or a nation of people.

- Preserve – keep or save from injury or destruction; to defend from evil.
- Season – to grow fit for use. Read 2 Peter 3:18.

Jesus specifically defined the role of the Church in society as that of salt and light.

Salt preserves and seasons.

Light illuminates’ darkness. Light denotes in Scripture God, the source of knowledge. God is light (1 John 1:4).

When the Church compromises and becomes influenced by and like the world, it loses its savor and therefore, becomes “good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

## **Time to Contend for the Faith**

In Jude 3 and 4, we find that Christians, out of charity, a pure love for our Savior Jesus Christ, Him who has commanded us to love one another, are to contend for the faith with all diligence.

*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”*

And why?

*“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Therefore, in reforming the current state of the Church back to its original duties, let us hold fast to our Father’s instruction manual, the Bible, lest we also find ourselves traitors to the Lord on high.

Charles Spurgeon said:

*“I fear sometimes, in our endeavors to be sweet in disposition, we have not been strong in principle. “Charity” is a word that is greatly cried up nowadays: But often, it means that, in trying to be courteous, we have also been traitorous.”*

Therefore, genuine Christians are to be guilt free in sacrificing any portion of truth on the altar of peace.

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