

Availability of the Kingdom
Access through the Mind
Abundance (~Blessed)

Think about what you will be doing at 9:00 am tomorrow morning ...

- WHY → Give an **EXPLANATION** for what you will be doing.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the **salt of the earth**. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ “You are the **light of the world**. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may **see your good works** and **give glory to your Father in heaven**.”

God wants to be the **explanation** for our lives.

- Original Design → Genesis 1:26-27
- Restoration Project → Matthew 4:17; Colossians 1:10

God has a **bigger vision** for our lives than we realize.

- The explanation not just for salvation
- The explanation not just for avoidance
- The explanation not just for survival & deliverance

Jesus’ Kingdom people are **different** and therefore, make a **difference**.

- He does not tell them to be salt & light but that they *are* salt & light.
- The only command: *Let your light shine ...*
- Be who you are!

1) Know the “**flow**” or order of the Kingdom
→ **Position to Purpose** and **Who to Do**

The great grace of the great God-King creates bright & salty people ...

Warning: Recognize the danger of **diminishment**

- What & How I do → determines who I am
- Purpose from a worldly position

2) Know the “source” of satisfaction in the Kingdom

Matthew 5:10-12a (CSB)

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. ¹¹ “You are **blessed** when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you **because of Me**. ¹² **Be glad and rejoice**, because your reward is great in heaven.

Jesus is **enough** (*sufficient abundance, plenitude of goodness*).

- Jesus is my contentment & reward

If you can truly provide me with a joy that is fuller than completely full and longer than forever, I will stop being a Christian and follow your way ...

So, whatever we are doing **at 9:00 am**, we are NOT doing it ...

- for earthly reward
- to find contentment
- to fill a void
- to satisfy the ego

A) Being salt & light does not necessarily change **what** we do but it does change **how** **and why** we do it.

Our **why is King Jesus**

Our **how** is that we act, think, feel, behave, give, go, share, & sacrifice in ways that make God look as great as He really is!

B) Being salt & light is both a **privilege** and **a responsibility**

C) Being salt & light means we go (*make contact*) to **bless NOT to get blessed**.

D) Being salt & light is a **vision** for **how** to live and that is **worth** living for!

God,

Make me ... make us ... a FORCE FOR GOOD for the rest of our lives and in every area of our lives.