

Wherewith Shall it Be Salted?

Matthew 5:13

Introduction:

- A. Explain the text.
- B. How much difference does a little salt make? A Little light?
- C. How much difference the faithful few in the world make?
 - 1. If we don't, who will? - "Wherewith shall it be salted?"
 - 2. How much difference have the faithful few made in the past?

Discussion:

- I. The Faithfulness of Noah Preserved Humanity. (Gen. 6)**
 - A. What if he had be just like everybody else in the world?
 - B. What if he had given up because of lack of response to his preaching?
- II. The Faithfulness of Ten Could Have Preserved Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:32).**
 - A. Perhaps if all of Lot's family had been righteous.
 - B. Who knows how few it would take to preserve America? (Prov. 14:34).
- III. The Faithfulness of Abraham Preserved God's Promise. (Gen. 22:15-18).**
 - A. What if he had let his emotions ruled his thinking?
 - B. What if he had decided God could not mean what he seemed to say? (cf. Heb. 11:19).
- IV. The Faithfulness of Joseph Preserved God's Nation. (Gen. 45:5-8).**
 - A. What if he had let the wealth and power of Egypt spoil him?
 - B. What if he had yielded to Potiphar's wife?
 - C. What if he had let resentment for his brother's overcome him?
 - D. What would have happened to Judah? The Lion of Judah?
- V. The Faithfulness of The Exiles Preserved The Remnant.**
 - A. What about Esther and Mordecai?
 - B. What about Daniel, Ezekiel, and others?
- VI. The Faithfulness of Jesus Preserved Our Salvation. (Heb. 5:8).**
 - A. What if he had failed the test of his faithfulness? (Heb. 4:14-16).
 - B. What if he had thrown in the towel when others became unfaithful?
 - 1. Many turned back. (John 6:66).
 - 2. Judas' betrayal.
 - 3. Peter denial.
- VII. The Faithful of Apostles Preserved The Bible. (Eph. 3:1-5).**
 - A. What if they had yielded to all the adverse pressures upon them?
 - B. What if they had allowed the conventional wisdom of their day influence them?
- VIII. The Faithful of Christians Today Will Preserve the Purity and Peace Of the Church.**
 - A. If we do not, who will? (cf. text).
 - B. If we do not walk worthy of our vocation? (Eph. 4:1) Who will?
 - C. If we do not keep the unity of the Spirit? (Eph. 4:3) Who will?
 - 1. By each seeking peace and pursuing it. (1 Pet. 3:10,11).
 - 2. By rejecting those who destroy it. (Tit. 3:10; Rom. 16:17,18)
 - D. Who will salt the earth, if:
 - 1. Compromise truth for temporary peace and advantage (Gal. 2:5)?
 - 2. We do not study and pass the fruits on to other?
 - 3. We bite and devour one another (Gal. 5:15)?

Conclusion:

- A. What difference can we make?
 - 1. Who will preserve "Christian Values" for the next generation, if we don't do it?
 - 2. Who will preserve "Christian Homes" for the next generation, if we don't do it?
- B. Are you willing to become one of the few who are the salt of the earth?