

Salt and Light  
Matthew 5:13-16

Review:

1. As the salt of the world, we are called to act as a preservative of society, restraining evil and mitigating its consequences
2. As the light of the world, we are called to demonstrate the selfless, unconditional love of Christ to all those around us.
3. The only way to be the salt and shine the light while God gets all the glory is to give of ourselves as completely as Christ gave Himself for us

Go Further: Read Micah 4:1-8

1. When does Micah 4:1 say that the events it describes will take place? According to Hebrews 1:1-2, have these days already begun? How do we know that the last days have begun?
2. What does Micah 4:1 say will happen to the reputation of Mount Zion, the place where the Temple was built?
3. Who does Micah 4:1 say will be attracted to Mount Zion?
4. According to Micah 4:2, what will the nations want to learn from God? How do they intend to act on this knowledge?
5. According to Micah 4:2, what will go forth from Jerusalem?
6. According to Micah 4:3, how far will God's justice extend?
7. What effect will God's justice have on the tendency of the nations to make war on one another?
8. What blessings does verse 4 envision coming from the nations being in a right relationship with God?
9. Micah 4:5 seems to shift its focus from the last days to the days in which Micah was writing. How does he describe the allegiance of the peoples or nations in his own time?
10. How does Micah describe his own people's allegiance in 4:5?
11. On whom does God promise His blessings in Micah 4:6-7? What are these blessings?
12. How does God describe His people in Micah 4:8? Why do you think these images would have been comforting to God's people?
13. What does God promise His people in Micah 4:8?

Apply:

1. Given that the coming of Christ inaugurates the last days, what parts of Micah's prophecy have already come true? For what parts are we still waiting to be fulfilled?
2. Thinking about Micah 4:3, how has obedience to God's Word already brought peace and prosperity to the world? How have these blessings come into your own life?
3. In Micah 4:5, Micah describes a tension between the loyalties of the world and those of the Kingdom of God. How have you experienced this tension in your own life?
4. Why do you think God promises in Micah 4:6-7 to bless those the world considers to be weak and helpless? How does this display God's grace and bring Him glory? In what parts of your life have you experienced these kinds of blessings?