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Lot's wife = "salt" in the sacrifice? **Genesis 19:26;**  
Mosaic sacrifices all had salt **Leviticus 2:13;**  
"Covenant of salt" **Numbers 18:19;**  
Promised Land bordered on Salt Sea **Numbers 34:3;**  
Salt dedicated water through Elisha **2 Kings 2:18-22;**  
Should NOT have "salty" language  
**Colossians 4:6; James 3:8-12**



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### New Life

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**14** “You are the light of the world.

A city that is **set on a hill** cannot be hidden.

**15** Nor do they **light a lamp** and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to **all who are in the house.**

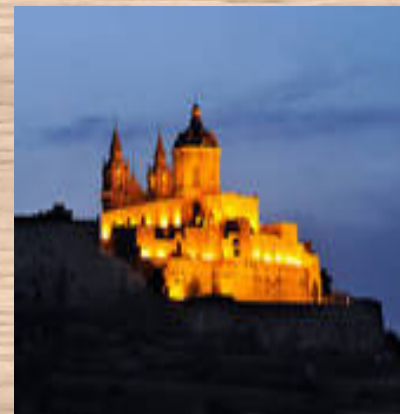
**16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

*Good-for-nothing salt = covered-up light!*

*“All who are in the house” = Everyone in our life!*

**Proverbs 4:18:** “But the **path of the just is like the shining sun**, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”

**Philippians 2:15; 2 Corinthians 8:21; Titus 2:8; 1 Peter 2:12 (Luke 19:43-44)**



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# Therefore, There Is

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## A New Law

**Matthew 5:17-20:** "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did **not** come to destroy **but to fulfill**. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, **one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled**. **19** Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called **least in the kingdom of heaven**; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**. **20** For I say to you, that **unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees**, you will by **no means enter** the kingdom of heaven."

### Jesus' Relationship To Moses' Law:

- 1. v. 17** He did NOT “destroy” (“loosen, violate, dissolve”) **2 Corinthians 5:1;**
- 2. v. 17-18** He would “fulfill” (“fill full”) **Luke 24:44-45**  
“the Word of God” -- **Colossians 1:24-26**  
“Isaiah the prophet” – **Matthew 1:22-23;**  
**2:15; 4:14-17; 8:17; 12:17-21; 21:4**  
**John 12:38; 13:18; 19:24**
- 3. v. 19** He would teach Moses' commandments until His kingdom came **Acts 1:1; Matthew 23:3**
- 4. v.20** His kingdom was after the Scribes and Pharisees. **1 Kings 10:7; Matthew 23:1-5;**  
**1 John 2:29**

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### Anger Management - Matthew 5:21-26:

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' **22** But I say to you that whoever is **angry** with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the **judgment**. And whoever says to his brother, '**Raca!**' shall be in danger of **the council**. But whoever says, '**You fool!**' shall be in danger of **hell fire**. **23** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that **your brother has something against you**, **24** leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.** **25** **Agree with your adversary quickly**, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. **26** Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny."

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#### **Action:**

**21**"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder [**Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17**], and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'" [**Deuteronomy 1:15-17; 16:19; Exodus 18:22-26**]

#### **Thought:**

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**Anger without cause = a desire for injury**

**Raca = Empty, no brains, contempt for thoughts**

**Fool = Dull, Stupid, hatred for heart or person**

**Any of these three expressions = MURDER! Mark 7:21; 1 John 3:15**



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### *Initiative:*

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**Brotherly love comes first 1 John 4:17-21; Matthew 22:37, 39**

**Be reconciled Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20;**

**Luke 17:3; Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1**