

## Consecration 2014

WEEK 3

### Salt Facts

- ✦ Salt has long held an important place in religion and culture.
- ✦ Greek worshippers consecrated salt in their rituals.
- ✦ Jewish temple offerings included salt.
- ✦ To this day, people will still dip their bread in salt as a remembrance of those sacrifices.



# A PILLAR OF SALT

On Friday night, we mentioned the fact that Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt. Covenants in both the Old and New testament were often sealed with salt.

The origin of the word Salvation comes from salt. Salt has been a very valuable commodity and has been part of many traditions over time. In a Leonardo da Vinci's painting, Judas is believed to be shown spilling a bowl of salt. In their day, this meant that evil and bad luck would follow him. In today's world, there is also a tradition of throwing salt over one's left shoulder, after you have spilled salt, to cut off the evil that will supposedly follow you because you spilled the salt. This is carrying over from the belief that evil is sure to come as it was behind the spilling of bowl of salt before Judas walked out from the Last Supper.



Remember Lot's Wife

I know that in our culture, there are people who believe that by putting salt at the entrance of their home they will keep away evil spirits. In our nation, years ago, and even now, there are people who are putting salt at their doorstep to try to keep evil spirits out of their home.

**An Ancient Military practice of plowing fields with salt was so that no crops could grow.**



## Good vs. Evil

In the New Testament, salt found its place in metaphors and parables as well symbolizing wisdom, incorruptibility, eternity, and alliance between God and man. In Rome, on the eighth day following a baby's birth, a piece of salt was rubbed on the baby to keep away the demons and the spirits. In the Gospel, Jesus recommends that we be the Salt of the Earth. That means that we are to be a force capable of keeping men from the corruption of sin.

Jesus said, in Matthew 5:13, "if the Salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." The defect and failure has to do with the loss of the salt's savor. The salt is no longer salty. Its valuable properties no longer exist. It may still be white in color, but it has no power. It is flat. The vitality of the salt is gone. The defilement of salt is found in the words "lost his savour", which are translated from one Greek word, "*moras*", from which we get the English word *moron*.

**CHRISTIANS CAN LOSE THEIR MORAL AND SPIRITUAL SAVOR, BY PLAYING THE FOOL AND DISOBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND LEAVING GOD OUT OF THEIR LIFE.**

In this season of fasting, we are not missing meals so that we can lose weight, look better, or be able to fit into clothes that we have not been able to fit into in a year, but we really need to strengthen our sensitivity to God. So, in addition to the other things that we have already consecrated, this week is a major sacrifice for some because we are asking you to take out of your diet red meat which includes beef and remove pork as well.

**Please join us on Friday at 7:30PM & Monday at 7:00 PM.  
Prayer is essential to maintaining your savor.**

## Prayer Objectives

The Salvation of Souls

The Growth of The Church

The Decluttering of Our Lives

The Success of Our Retreats

The Opening of Doors of Employment for Those Who Need Jobs

