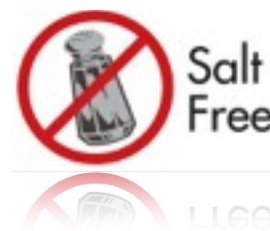


Consecration 2014

FINAL WEEK



JUST DO IT

We have come to the last sheet and the last week of our time of our Consecration. Our prayer objectives are the same. At our prayer time on Friday night, I spoke about what God said to the Jewish people who were returning from exile to rebuild the temple and re-establish the city of Jerusalem. The rebuilding of the temple was necessary and had to be done first because worship had to be established. That could not happen without the temple.

In Old Testament worship, the temple had to have lots and lots of salt because every sacrifice had to be seasoned with salt. It was God's requirement. Their efforts, like ours, were met with opposition and your efforts will be met with opposition. The opposition was successful in stopping the work for months.

Through the prophetic word of Haggai, the work began again. The temple was completed. Upon its completion, some of the older men who could remember the splendor of the previous temple were saddened by the way that this new one looked. The nation, the city, and the people were poor so they did not have the finances to give to the building process. People compared the old temple to the new one and there was no comparison. God then reminded them that the thing that made the old temple glorious was His presence and not the gold, silver, metal or jewels. It was the presence of God that mattered. He declared to them through the prophet Haggai (in Haggai 2:9) that the glory, which is the presence of God, represents not just the temple that they were building but what was to come. The latter temple would be greater than the former.



The Power of Influence

Salt, like leaven, has great influence. Leaven affects flour. If you cook with plain flour, and do not use any yeast, bread does not rise. The outcome would be flat. There were times when the Israelites



were commanded to eat unleavened bread. There was nothing tasteful about it, but it was to remind them of their hard labor when they were in Egypt. So, the eating of unleavened bread was to remind the Israelites that they were to be humble before God and not puffed up.

In the New Testament, Jesus told us that **we are the salt of the earth**. For many of us, we don't know what that means because we have always had salt in our diet. I believe that the Lord has instructed me to take all salt away for five days so that all of us can understand the influence and importance that salt has in our own personal lives. Our personal life is supposed to influence our cities,

communities, families, jobs, and wherever we are even more than salt makes everything taste better. You are going to find that the influence of salt is everywhere and you are going to be hard pressed not to have any intake of it. Something small like this, like continuing to eat meat, but to eat it without salt shows the importance of salt.

God is raising up a glorious church, as the apostle Paul said, without spot or wrinkle. There is a lot that has to happen. There are some people that think that Jesus could come any day, but I am of the persuasion that there is a lot that has to happen in the Body of Christ before He comes. There are still a lot of internal issues that the Body of Christ has to deal with first. These issues have to be dealt with both individually and collectively. We have to rid ourselves of anger, unforgiveness, evil speaking and such if we are going to become a glorious church.

Salt is in everything. Jesus said that the earth needed to be salted. We are the only hope for our culture, cities, and society. We are the only source of savor. That means that we are the only hope.

Every person is responsible for themselves. In actuality you cannot change me and I cannot change you. I am the only person that I can change. The responsibility of change is on you and that change will only come if we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. I believe that God wants to give us increase both corporately and individually, but that increase will not come unless we take the advice that Mary gave the servants at the marriage in Canaan: *"Whatever He tells you to do, do it."*

PRAYER OBJECTIVES

- The Salvation of Souls
- The Growing Impact of our Church on The Community and World At-Large
- The Increase of Jobs and Doors for Employment
- The Success of Our Retreats & their Impact on the Lives of Those Who Will Come & Their Families
- The Lasting Effect of this Consecration on Our Lives as We Become & Remain The Salt of The Earth
- The Moving Away of Clutter From Our Lives and Increase in Our Sensitivity to Holy Spirit.