

Message



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Choices Matter

- **We all make choices in our lives every day, both knowingly and unknowingly.**
 - **Everyone has the power of choice**
 - **The Power of Choice is a critical part of our self-development, and each and every one of the choices that you make shapes your experiences and brings you to where you are in your life.**
 - **One of the great things about having the power to choose is that if you don't like the place you are in your life right now, you can change it!**

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Mark 9:49-50

For everyone will be salted with fire.[a] 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Footnote

[a] Mark 9:49 Some manuscripts add and every sacrifice will be salted with salt



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It Applies to Everyone

- For everyone will be salted with fire.
- This passage is found only in the gospel of Mark.
- Jesus is talking about 'something' that has to do with fire and salt is going to affect every human being.
- Fire and salt come together on the altar of sacrifice.



Offerings to the Lord

■ Leviticus 1 – 6

- We are most familiar with the Burnt, Meal, Peace, Sin and Trespass / Guilt Offerings
- However, other offerings, required to be given on special occasions, played significant roles in broadening our understanding of God and specific parts of God's Plan.



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Leviticus 2:13

You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.



English Standard Version

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Mark 9:30-48

- Remember the context.
- Mark 9:33 gives us the context. And they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest.
- Verse 35: "And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, 'If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.'
- Jesus was teaching them a lesson about true greatness. And when He said in verse 49, "For everyone will be salted with fire", He was speaking exclusively to the Twelve.

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Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that[b] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

A Choice To Make

- **Purpose of God for mankind**
 - **Why are we here in the world today?**
 - **Where are we going?**
 - **What is the direction of our lives?**

John 14:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Romans 8:18-29

Matthew 7:13-14



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■ Unquenchable Fire

Matthew 3:1-12

“For everyone will be salted with fire.” – Mark 9:49

Every person is either going to be salted by the fire of God’s Spirit, or by the fire of God’s judgment.

(Matthew 25:46, Revelation 21:8, Malachi 4:1-3)

Either way, God is glorified. God is glorified in his love for man or in His judgment against evil.



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- **In Examining Ourselves; Consider Examining Your Choice of Sacrifice**

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 10:16-33

Matthew 11:25-30

