### GOOD MORNING

### The Sermon on the Mount

They are not blessed because they exhibit these characteristics listed in the Beatitudes. They are blessed because their generation was going to receive what all other generations of Israelites only longed for. (Mat. 5:3-11; 1 Pet. 1:10-12).

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent *down* from heaven; which *things the* angels desire to look into.

#### 1 Peter 1:10-12

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The Beatitudes center on the unconditional eternal covenants God gave to Israel: Abraham and the Abrahamic Covenant, the Davidic Covenant (the Mercies of David) and the New Covenant (5:6-8).

### The unconditional eternal covenants of Israel are Covenants of Salt.

# All of Israel's offerings were commanded to include salt in remembrance of God's eternal covenants with them.

And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. Leviticus 2:13 AV 1873

All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the Lord unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

#### Numbers 18:19

Salt signified the everlasting friendship Israel was supposed to have with God. But Israel broke the Law, received its curses and fell into ruin. God provides restoration to this friendship status through the 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant, bringing Israel into the New Covenant.

And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ought you not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

#### 2 Chronicles 13:4-5

and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

#### Jeremiah 32:38-40

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Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

#### Matthew 5:13

With the arrival of Jesus, the true Davidic King and Messiah, had arrived and the Kingdom was at hand, and He is now calling out the Children of Salt through the Davidic Covenant. Those who claimed to be the salt at that time, Israel's apostate leaders, had become worthless toward the purpose of God and were cast away.

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, And will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, And give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

#### lsaiah 42:6

## Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.





Jesus fulfills the Law, calls for the righteousness of the Law, and then purifies the Law so that it can be implanted into their hearts according to the New Covenant.