



3 Nephi 12–16

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How can I be the salt of the earth?

Under the law of Moses, meat needed to be salted before it was used as an offering (see Leviticus 2:13). Just as salt prepared meat for an offering, we can help prepare the world for the Lord by becoming “the salt of the earth” (3 Nephi 12:13).

“As the ‘salt of the earth,’ we are also the ‘light of the world,’ and our light must not be hidden (see Matthew 5:13–16).”

President Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor in the First Presidency, “Repentance and Change,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2003, 40.

Lose its savor:

We are to be a “light unto the world” and help others come to Christ. If we neglect to do so, we may become “as salt that has lost its savor” (Doctrine and Covenants 103:9–10).

DISCUSSION

How can I better honor my covenants with God? How can I be “the salt of the earth” and bless those around me?

Salt of the earth:

When we make covenants with Jesus Christ, we promise to prepare the world for His Second Coming (see Doctrine and Covenants 34:5–7).



“I give unto you to be the **salt of the earth**; but if the salt shall **lose its savor** wherewith shall the earth be salted? The salt shall be thenceforth **good for nothing**, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men” (3 Nephi 12:13; emphasis added).

Good for nothing:

Salt that loses its savor becomes good for nothing. We are the salt of the earth when we “stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that [we] may be in” (Mosiah 18:9).