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INTRODUCTION

1 Samuel 16:7

*For the LORD does not see as man sees;
for man looks at the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at the heart.”*

Vv 10-12
The Persecuted

Vv 10–12: The Persecuted

1 Peter 4:15

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if [anyone suffers] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Vv 10–12: The Persecuted

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

V 13

Salt

V 13: Salt

Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom toward those [who are] outside, redeeming the time. [Let] your speech always [be] with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Vv 14-16
Light

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A key thought in both the pictures of salt and light is distinction. Salt is needed because the world is rotting and decaying, and if our Christianity is also rotting and decaying, it won't be any good. Light is needed because the world is in darkness, and if our Christianity imitates the darkness, we have nothing to show the world. To be effective we must seek and display the Christian distinctive. We can never affect the world for Jesus by becoming like the world.

- David Guzik

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John 3:17-21

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John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

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Romans 8:31, 37-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [can be] against us? ... Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Jeremiah 12:5

*"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses?
And [if] in the land of peace, [In which] you trusted,
[they wearied you], Then how will you do in the
floodplain of the Jordan?"*

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Blessed [are] those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great [is] your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.