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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

A Salty Thanksgiving ~ November 26, 2013

Will your Thanksgiving table be blessed with some salty words?

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Looking for a deliciously different way to prepare your Thanksgiving turkey? A simple solution is to add salt. Yes, salt promises to make your bird “moist and delicious” by applying either a dry brine or wet brine.

While applying brine to your turkey may be an idea new to you, the utility uses of salt are as ancient as they are invaluable.

Did you know that salt can be a wonderful “medicine” for sufferers of asthma? In Poland, for example, is a modern-day medical facility that uses an elevator to lower asthmatics 440 feet below the ground. In an 800 year old salt mine, retrofitted to look and feel like a fashionable day spa, asthmatics are led in exercise routines that enable them to deeply breathe the air of the mine. Stories abound of people formerly crippled by their asthma who have been able to return to a normal lifestyle.

We know that the ancient world valued salt for its ability to *preserve* food, especially meat. But could Jesus have had salt’s asthmatic-healing properties in mind when he declared to his followers; “**You are the salt of the earth?**” (Matthew 5:13) After all, as the Almighty Creator compressed into the carpenter-turned-teacher, Jesus had a hand in formulating the chemical properties of NaCl.

Notice what Jesus did not say to believers. He did not say: you could be the salt of the earth, or that if you work it hard enough or long enough... you might be the salt of the earth. He made a declaration to all who have been granted a child-like faith in him as the Son of God come to be the Savior from sin. He declared a statement of fact: this is what a believer is! You **ARE** the salt of the earth. Your words, flavored by your faith, are “salty” words—words conveying heaven’s healing properties.

An estimated 300 million people worldwide suffer from asthma, with 250,000 annual deaths attributed to the disease. While those numbers seem overwhelming, contemplate how many more might be spiritually suffocating. Perhaps someone at your Thanksgiving table is slowly suffocating from the religious fog of spiritual opinions, thickened with the dust, allergens and pollution of man’s ideas conjured up in human hearts.

And for such a sufferer, there is this time-tested remedy! Whenever a Christian simply talks about this special person who earned the name Jesus Christ, the air clears. And something much more healing happens than when one takes a trip deep into the bowels of an 800 year old salt mine.

Forget those who occupy the important seats in Washington. You, my brothers and sisters in Christ, are more valuable to this world than all of the world's politicians clumped together. Because of whom God made you to be, you help people breathe easy about today, tomorrow and forever.

Even if salty brine was not used to prepare your Thanksgiving turkey, there's still going to be invaluable salt at the festive table. You are the salt of the earth, Dear Christian, and a source of heavenly healing for the spiritually asthmatic.

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

