



“SALT OF THE EARTH: THE PRESERVING SEASONING OF HEAVEN”

MATTHEW 5:13 BIBLE STUDY

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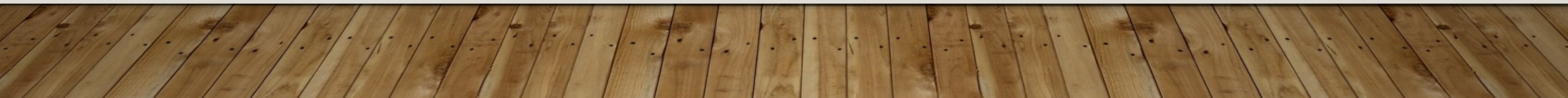
CONTEXT:
THE BEATITUDES

1 Then, having seen the crowds, He went up to the mountain. And when He sat down, His **disciples** came to Him. 2 And, He opened His mouth and began to teach **them**, saying:

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit

because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

(Mt 5:1-3, AT)





CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who mourn
because they will be comforted [by God]

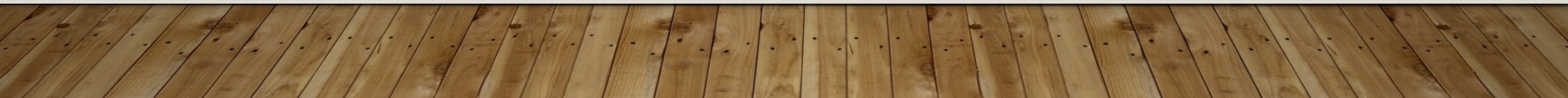
(Mt 5:4, AT)

Blessed are the meek
because they will inherit the earth.

(Mt 5:5, AT)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
because they will be filled [by God].

(Mt 5:6, AT)





CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the merciful

because they will be shown mercy [by God].

(Mt 5:7, AT)

Blessed are the pure in heart

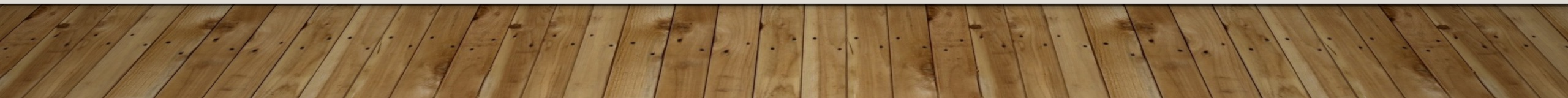
because they will see God.

(Mt 5:8, AT)

Blessed are the peacemakers

because they will be called sons (children) of God [by God].

(Mt 5:9, AT)





CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES



Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness
because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. (Mt 5:10, AT)

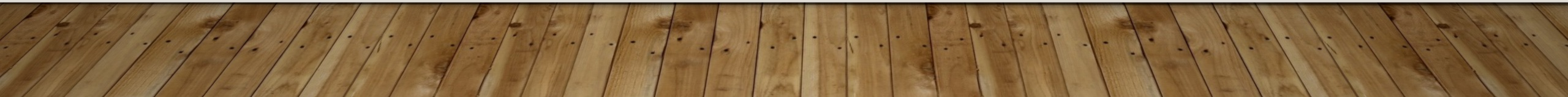




CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES



11 Blessed are you whenever they insult you and persecute [you], and falsely speak all kinds of evil things against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because your reward is great in Heaven! For in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you. (Mt 5:11-12, AT)





MATTHEW 5:13
SALT OF THE EARTH



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt is made tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is no longer useful for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under peoples' feet. (Mt 5:13, AT)





MATTHEW 5:13
SALT: A PURIFYING PRESERVATIVE

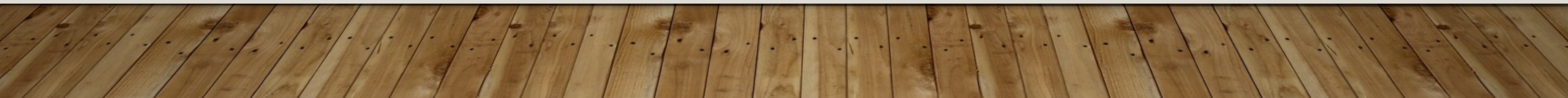


19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, “Even though our lord can see that the city’s location is good, the **water is bad** and the land unfruitful.”

20 He replied, “Bring me a new bowl and **put salt in it.**”

After they had brought him one, 21 Elisha went out to the spring of water, **threw salt in it**, and said, “This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘**I have healed this water.** No longer will death or unfruitfulness result from it.’ ”

22 Therefore, the water remains healthy to this very day according to the word that Elisha spoke. (2 Ki 2:19-22, NIV)

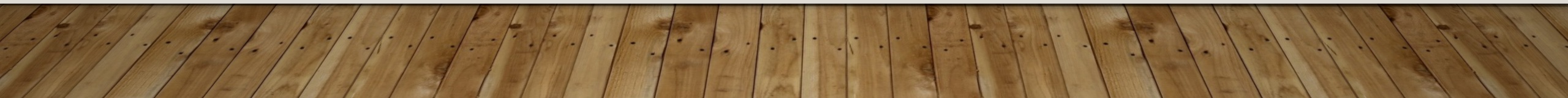




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34 The LORD [YHWH] said to Moses: Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense (an equal part of each), 35 and make an **incense** blended as by the perfumer, **seasoned with salt, pure and holy**; 36 and you shall beat some of it into powder, and put part of it **before the covenant in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you**; it shall be for you **most holy**. (Ex 30:34-36, NRSV)





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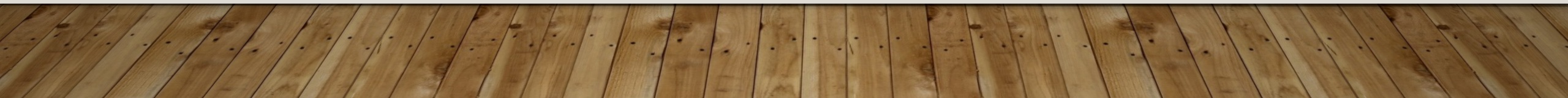
The LORD [YHWH] said to Aaron, “**You will have no inheritance in their land**, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites. (Num 18:20, NIV)



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21 “I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the tent of meeting. 22 From now on the Israelites must not go near the tent of meeting, or they will bear the consequences of their sin and will die. (Num 18:21-22, NIV)

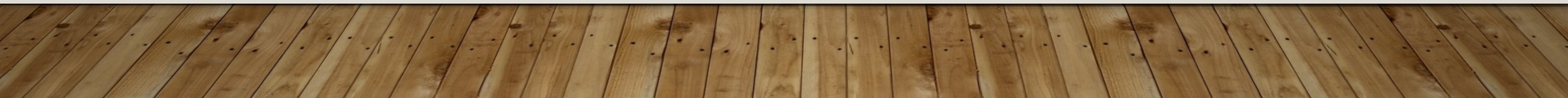




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23 It is the **Levites who are to do the work at the tent of meeting** and bear the responsibility for any offenses they commit against it. This is a **lasting ordinance** for the generations to come. They will receive no inheritance among the Israelites. 24 Instead, I **give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes** that the Israelites present as an offering to the LORD [YHWH]. That is why I said concerning them: ‘They will have no inheritance among the Israelites.’ ” (Num 18:23-24, NIV)

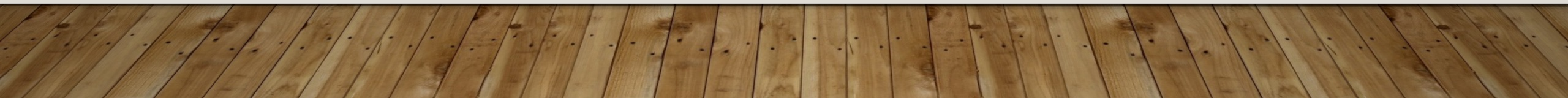




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17 “But you must not redeem the firstborn of a cow, a sheep or a goat; they are holy. **Splash their blood against the altar and burn their fat** as a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD [YHWH]. 18 **Their meat is to be yours**, just as the breast of the wave offering and the right thigh are yours. 19 Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the LORD [YHWH] **I give to you** and your sons and daughters **as your perpetual share**. It is an **everlasting covenant of salt** before the LORD [YHWH] for both you and your offspring.” (Num 18:17-19, NIV)

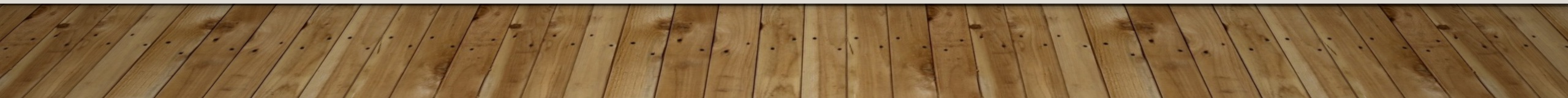




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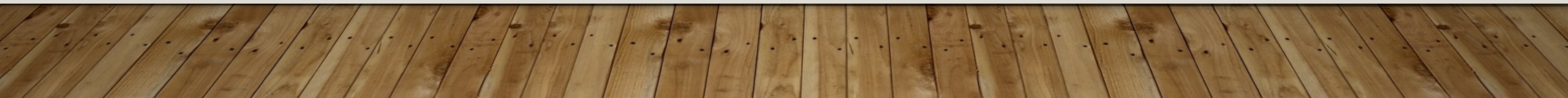
5 Don't you know that the LORD [YHWH], the God of Israel, has given the kingship of Israel to David and his descendants forever by a **covenant of salt**? 6 Yet Jeroboam son of Nebat, an official of Solomon son of David, rebelled against his master. (2 Ch 13:5-6, NIV)





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Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings. (Lev 2:13, NIV)

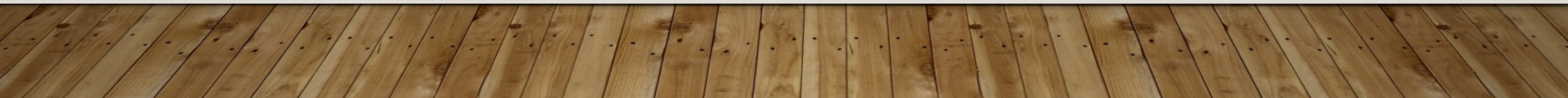




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Now because we **eat the salt of the palace** and it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor, therefore we send and inform the king, (Ezra 4:14, ESV)

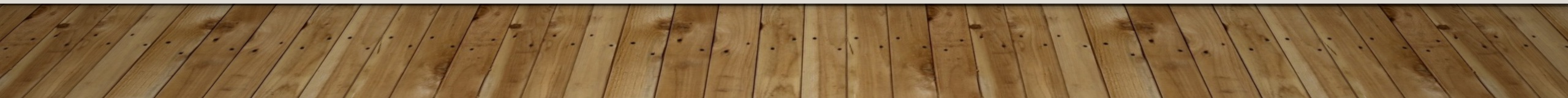




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Since we have **taken an oath of loyalty to the king**, and it is not right for us to witness his dishonor, we have sent to inform the king (Ezra 4:14, HCSB)
“Now because we are in the **service of the palace**, and it is not fitting for us to see the king’s dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king,
(Ezra 4:14, NASB)

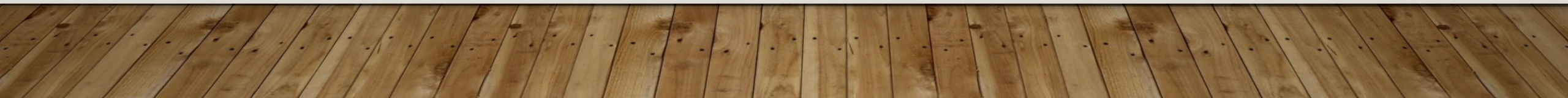
Now since we are **under obligation to the palace** and it is not proper for us to see the king dishonored, we are sending this message to inform the king,
(Ezra 4:14, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:13
SALT: PEACE?

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? **Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.**” (Mk 9:50, NIV)



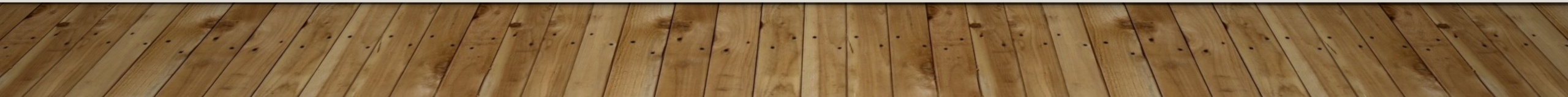


MATTHEW 5:13
SALT:WISDOM?



Let your conversation be always full of
grace, **seasoned with salt**, so that you
may know how to answer everyone.

(Col 4:6, NIV)





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UNSALTY SALT: USELESS



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