



Are You Worth
Your SALT?



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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Giving Praise

Thank You, Lord

African American Spiritual

Verse 1:

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Verse 2:

Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank You, Lord.

This Is the Day

Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

365 ^{VT}

Verse:

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

Refrain:

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

* Call to Worship

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One: But if salt isn't salty?

People: **It isn't what it's meant to be.**

One: And if a light doesn't shine?

People: **It isn't what it's meant to be.**

One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

People: **We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

* Morning Prayer

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a sometimes tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

* Song

Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory

69 ^{VT}

Part 1:

Hallelujah, salvation and glory,
honor and power unto the Lord our God.
For the Lord our God is mighty;
yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent.
The Lord our God, he is wonderful.

Part 2:

All praises be to the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
He is wonderful!
All praises be to the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
He is wonderful!

Part 3:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, he is wonderful!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, he is wonderful!

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

Song *I Will Call Upon the Lord* # 19 Sing the Journey

Verse:

I will call upon the Lord, (I will call upon the Lord.)
who is worthy to be praised. (who is worthy to be praised.)
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (So shall I be saved from my enemies.)

Chorus:

*The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.*

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music *How I Got Over* Clara Ward

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving Proverbs 3:9 NRSV

Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of
all your produce.

Time of Giving *Happy in Jesus*

* **Song of Giving** *Praise God (Doxology)* # 7 | B ^{VT}

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* **Prayer for the Gifts**

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16 NRSVUE

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Song

You Are Exalted

#86 ^{VT}

You are exalted, forever exalted on high. I will praise you.
You are exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise your name!

You are my God— forever your truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in your holy name.
You are exalted, forever exalted on high!

Sermon

“Are You Worth Your Salt?”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Song

O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art

#436 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

Verse 2:

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

Verse 3:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

Verse 4:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

* **Benediction**

* **Sending** *This Little Light of Mine*

#762 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 2:

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 3:

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Verse 4:

Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

** Please stand as able and led*



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