



Sermon
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“Ua Cov Ntsev Hab Lub Teeb Ci Rua Nplajteb”

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Thov txuj koobmoov txujkev hlab hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Mathais 5:13-14, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world..... – *Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb...Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkev...*” (Cross-reference – Yauj 6:6, Malakaus 9:50, Lukas 14:34, Henplais 10:29, Paajlug 4:18, Yauhaas 8:12; 9:5; 12:36, Filipis 2:15, Tshwmshim 1:20; 2:5)

Illustration “influence” (Show good or bad influence)



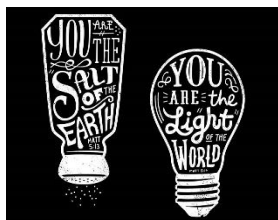
Cov kwvtij hlab hab movshua, mej puas tau nov lulug has le nuav, “You stay away from him or her. He/she is a bad influence to others – *Koj ca le tsiv kuas dleb ntawm nwg! Nwg yog ib tug tuabneeg kws tsi zoo rua lwm tug.*” Cov ntxhais/tub, mej nam mej txiv puas tau has le nuav rua mej? Mej cov kws yog leej namtxiv mej puas tau has le nuav rua mej? Kuv ntseeg tau hastas feem coob ntawm peb txhua tug yeej nov cov lug le nuav lug lawm. Kuv paub ib cov tub kawm ntawv thaum peb tseem kawm High School uake, paub tsis noog lug paub moog ua tubsab, siv yeeb siv tshuaj tsis raug cai, paub raug

nteg kaw ua lub neej nyob rua tom tsev lojcuj vim paub tsis xyum nrug cov tuabneeg zoo uake, paub moog nrug cov tuabneeg nyam ua phem, thaus kawg paub txhaj le tau qhov phem kws yog raug kaw rua lub txim ntawm txujkev txhum. Peb Moob muaj ib lulug hastas “**Yog koj nrug tug tub haus yeeb ces koj yuav haus yeeb, yog koj nrug tug tubsaab ces koj yuav ua tubsaab, yog koj nrug tug kws ua phem ces koj yuav ua phem ib yaam nkaus.**” Vim le nuav koj yuav xaav ua tug tuabneeg phem losyog tug tuabneeg zoo? (Show Influence)



Peb yeej paub cov tuabneeg kws koj cwjpwv zoo, sab dlawb, sab ncaaj, cov nuav kuj paab ua rua lwmtug lug ua tuabneeg zoo. Peb cov ua nam ua txiv xaav kuas peb tug ntxhais tug tub thaam hluas nkauj los hluas nraug los yuavtsum nrug cov hluas kws txawj koj zoo, txawj naav rig tsho, ntsi plaubhau kuas zoo, tsi txhob ua laib, hab xaav kuas tug hluas nuav yog ibtug ntseeg Vaajtswv. Peb cov nam cov txiv koj peb tej mivnyuas moog church vim paub hastas cov tuabneeg tuaj hawm Vaajtswv yog cov kws yuav muaj “good influence – *coj tug qauv zoo*” rua paub cov mivnyuas. Vim pawgntseeg yuav qha txug kev txawj ua neej, kev sib hlab, kev zaamtxim, paab lwm tug, kev ncaaj nceeg, hab txug tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus.

I. Txujmoozoo nub nua yog Tswv Yexus qha kuas peb yuav ua ib tug qauv zoo rua lwmtug. Nwg muab peb cov kws ntseeg nwg pivtxwv txug cov ntsev hab lub teeb. (Show salt and light)



Yexus txhaj le hastas, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... – *Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb... Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkev...*” (Mathais 5:13-14). Yexus qha hastas peb zoo le cov ntsev kws muab cov nqaj laag kuas tsi txhob lwj “preserve – *laag*” hab ua lub teeb ci rua nplajteb txujkev txhum kuas tuabneeg paub tig rov lug leeg hab tso paub tej kev txhum tseg lug rua ntawm Vaajtswv



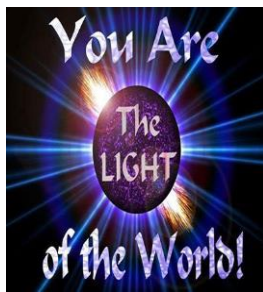
txujkev cawmdlim ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. (Show seal vacuum meat package)
 Mej puas ncu hastas thaum mej moog yuav khoom tom tej khw mej pum tej naab nqaj nyuj losyog tej nyuv kws puab muab qhwv zoo cas rua tom rooj tabsi tsi muab cas lub tub “refrigerator – *tub txag*” kuas tsi txhob lwj. Thaum kuv pum le nuav thawj zag kuv xaav tas nwg yuav tsi zoo noj le lawm vim tsi muab cas “refrigerator – *tub txag*.” Kuv maam ua tuab zoo saib tej naab kws ntim ntawd muaj “seal vacuum pack – *qhwv nqug zawj ca*” hab nwg muaj cov ntsev kws muab “preserve – *laag*” kuas tsi txhob lwj.
 (Show salting the meat)



Cov ntsev ua kuas cov nqaj tsi txhob “rotten – *tsw lwj*” cov ntsev ua kuas tsi txhob “decay - *lwj*” losyog cas kuas qhuav. Mej sim xaav saib tej “beef jerky – *nqaj nyuj qhaa*” kws qaab tshaaj plawg yog siv ntsev lug laag lawm txhaj le zoo noj. (Show salt)



Tswv Yexus hastas “You are the salt of the earth... – *Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb*.” Nwg kuas peb yuavtsum paab saib lub nplajteb nuav hab tsi txhob pub kuas txawj laug, txawj yaaj, hab kuas txawj lwj moog. Peb yuavtsum ua lub neej zoo le cov ntsev kws lug laag tej kev txhum, tej kev phem kev qas, hab kev tsi zoo ib ncig ntawm peb txhua leej txhua tug. Peb yuavtsum laag lub nplajteb nuav yog ua tug qauv zoo rua lwmtug xyum lug ntawm peb teg dlejnum hab lug ntawm peb txujkev hlub lwmtug.
 (Show you are the light)



Tswv Yexus hastas “You are the light of the world... *Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkev...*” Lub teeb nuav zoo le cov ntsev hab. Yog koj xaav tus ib lub chaw koj yuavtsum taws lub teeb kuas pum kev. Yog koj tsi taws teeb koj yeej tsi pum tej moov aav thaum kws koj tus hab cheb tsev vim tseem muaj qhov tsaus. Zoo ib yaam le nuav, peb yog cov kws ntseeg Vaajtswv peb yuavtsum ua lub teeb ci qha txug tej kev txhum rua tug ua txhum. Ua lub teeb ci rua tug txomnyem kws yog paab nwg rua tej zaubmov, rigtsho, nrug rua lwmyawm. Ua lub teeb ci rua tug kws ntsib kev nyuajsab ntshuvplawv thaum nwg nyob rua txujkev tsauntuj nti kuas nwg rov pum txujkev kaajnrig. Nuav yog ua lub teeb ci rua lub nplateb pumkev.

- II. Peb puas nyob rua lub nplajteb kws muaj kev txhum ntau kawg le? Peb nyob rua lub nplajteb kws muaj kev lwj ntsuav hab kev phem xwb puas yog? Peb nyob rua lub nplajteb kws muaj dlaagntxag, kev tsis ncaajnceeg, kev tsis sib hum, kev sis foob ua plaub ua ntug, kev sib txeeb mivnyuas, quaspuj tub se nrug rua vaajtsev hab lwmyam. Yuav has ntseg has tsi taag le. Yog le ntawd yuavtsum muaj cov lug laag hab ua lub teebci rua lwmtug kuas lwmtug txhaj le rov paub txug txujkev zoo. (Show clipart Amish farmer)

Muaj ib tug Amish farmer in Pennsylvania.

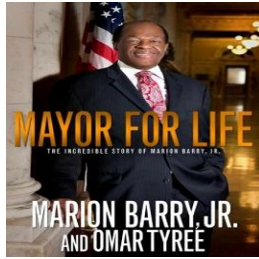


Nwg pib built nwg lub tsev tshab, tabsis nwg lub tsev tsi muaj raws le puab xeev tej kevcai vim tas nwg lub tsev tsi muaj lub “septic tank – *Taub teev hab tso tawm tej kuas quav hab zig*.” Tug Amish nuav tuajxub hastas nwg tsi taag yuavtsum muaj septic tank nuav vim nwg twb tsi muaj “running water – *dlej ndlwg lug rua huv nwg lub tsev*.” Tabsis state of Pennsylvania hastas, “Koj yuavtsum tau muaj lub septic tank.” Tug Amish farmer nuav tsi kheev ua le puab has. The State of Pennsylvania muab nwg nteg hab muab nwg kaws le 15 nub.

Cov “Newspaper – *Sau Ntawv Xovxwm*” noog ib tug engineer tas tug farmer nuav puas yuavtsum tau muaj lub septic tank nuav xwb lov losyog tsi muaj los tsis muaj yeej tsi ua le caag? Tug engineer nuav teb hastas, No! nwg tsi muaj los tsi ua le caag vim nwg tub tsi muaj dlej lug rua huv nwg lub tsev. Vim puab cov tuabneeg yeej siv tsev dlej sab nraus vim puab yeej ua puab ib lub tsev siv tso qhuav tso zig cas lawm. Puab npaaj puab tej dlej lug

rua tej lub thoob hab yog thaum twg puab yuav siv ua noj haus, yuav ntxuav hab yuav dlaas dlej ces puab maam le siv xwb. Txawm zoo le nuav los nwg tseem raug kaws le 15-nub hab. <http://nypost.com/2014/06/14/marion-barry-the-original-rob-ford/> (Show Mayor charge with drug use)

Muaj ib tug “Mayor – *Tswvzog*” nyob rua Washington D.C.



Puab sojntsuam tau hastas nwg yog tug tuabneeg siv yeeb tshuaj tsi raug cai. Thaus kws puab nteg tau nwg, nwg quaj qhawv hab leeg nwg tej kev siv yeeb siv tshuaj tsis raug cai ntawd. Tuabneeg suavdlawg qhua nwg hab muab nwg saib zoo le ib tug “hero – *phaibej*.” Puab qhua nwg hastas vim nwg leeg nwg tej kev txhum lawm. Mej sim saib tug nuav zais hab tsiv nkaum ntawm nomtswv tej kevcai tau ntau lub xyoo hab yeej paub hastas txhum txujkev cai rua tej yeeb tej tshuaj ntawd. Tug tuabneeg kws ua txhum ho raug luas qhuas ho tug kws ua ncaajnceeg ho raug muab kaw. Lub nplajteb nuav zoo le caag lawm?

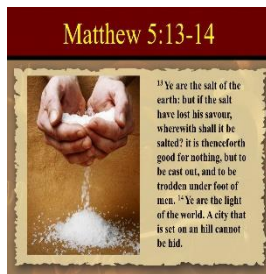
Vim zoo le tej yaam kws peb nov lug nuav yog ua rua lub nplajteb nuav tsi totaub lawm. Ua rua lub nplajteb nuav tsi paub qhov yog hab qhov tsi yog lawm. Muaj ib tug Congressman in Washington raug lam tas nwg cas ib tug “male prostitute – *txiv ndlav*” ua dlejnum ntawm nwg lub chaw ua haujlwm. Mej sim saib cov tuabneeg kws muaj nyaj tshaaj yog cov kws sau tej xovxwm txug cuas lab qaab. Tsi muaj ib nub twg kws yuav dlhau moog es tsi muaj losyog tsi nov txug kev dlaag losyog kev txhum huv lub nplajteb nuav le. Peb yeej naj nub pum tej kev txhum, tej kev qas ib ncig ntawm peb txhua nub txhua mo. (Show ostrich head stuck in sand)



Peb cov ntseeg Vaajtswv peb yuav ua le caag? Ib txha ces yuav siv le tug “Ostrich approach – *Qab Ntxhw txujkev*.” Muab koj lub taub haus ntsaws rua huv xuab zeb. Tsi xaav leeg paub txug tej teebmeem. Cov ntseeg tsi txhob moog cuam tshuam lwmtug. Kaw yug lub qhov rooj hab nyob tuab ywv xwb. Ib txha hastas cas peb tsiv ntawm lub nplajteb nuav moog nyob rua tej lub roob lub haav zoov nyob ntsag twb tu. Ib cov tuabneeg ho

hastas cas peb xyum ua phem le lub nplajteb nuav ua. Luas ua le caag ces ca peb ua le ntawv. An old saying “If you can’t beat them, Join them. Go with the Flow – *Yog koj kov tsi yeej puab, ces moog koom puab. Ua lawv le feem ntau ua.*”

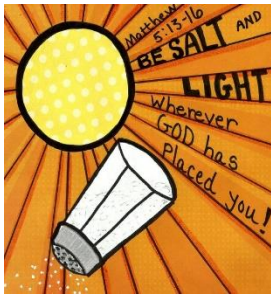
III. Txawm yuav ua le tej lug has nuav los tsi zoo le Vaajswv lub homphaj. (Show Matthev 5:13-14)



Yexus txhaj le hastas “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet – *Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb, Yog cov ntsev tsuag lawm, yuav ua le caag ua kuas rov qaab ntsev tau? Nuav yuav tsi zoo rua ib yaam le lawm, tsua yog muab pov tseg kuas tuabneeg muab tsuj kuas puamtsuaj xwb.*” (Mathais 5:13). Yexus has ntxiv hastas “You are the light of the world, A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others,

so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven – *Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkem. Lub nroog kws nyob sau roob, yeej tsi muaj ib yaam dlaabtsi yuav thaiv tau lub nroog ntawd. Tsi muaj leejtwg taws teeb hab muab phaaj khwb rua; tsua muaj yuav muab txawb rua qhov chaw sab, kuas txhua tug kws nyob huv lub tsev pum kev. Ib yaam le ntawd, mej yuavtsum ci rua suavdlawg pum tej num zoo kws mej ua, puab txhaj yuav qhuas mej Leejtxiv tug kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej.*” (Mathais 5:14-16).

(Show Matthew 5:15-16)



Vim le nuav tsi txhob moog tsiv nkaum. Tsi txhob tsiv moog dleb thaus teebmeem tshwm tuaj. Tsi txhob ua tug laag ntseg rua tej teebmeem. Tsi txhob ua phem losyog txais yuav tej kev phem ntawd. Peb cov ntseeg yog raug hu lug paab rua lub nplajteb nuav kws yog lug ua cov ntsev laag hab lub teeb ci. Peb yog raug hu lug qha qhov tseeb hab qhov ncaaj, yog tej yaam kws tsi ncaaj lawm peb yuavtsum tau has tawm. Peb yog cov ntsev hab lub teeb kws ci rua peb tej zej zog, tej nomtswv, cov coj noj coj ua, hab moog thoob txhua lub tebchaws. Tej thaum peb yuavtsum tau has kuas nrov nrov tom tej zej zog kuas suavdlawg nov. Nuav yog txhais tau hastas peb yuavtsum tau sau ntawv rua peb tug congressmen, senator, moog vote, peb txhaj muaj suab rua nomtswv rua tej kev xaivtsaa kws tswj lub tebchaws nuav. Txhuayaam kws peb ua nuav yog ua cov ntsev hab lub teeb ci rua nplajteb.

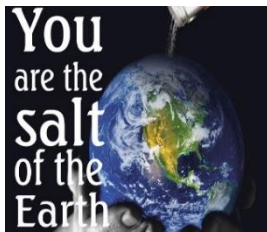
(Show man shoveling snow and family going to church)



Muaj ib tug txivtsev coj nwg tsev tuabneeg thawj zag tuaj moog hawm Vaajtswv ntawm lub tuamtsev. Thaum kev hawm Vaajtswv taag lawm, tug txiv tsev lug has rua tug xwbfbw tas nwg xaav coj nwg tsev tuabneeg lug koom ua tswvcuab. Tug xwbfbw zoo sab hab npaj txais tog puab suavdlawg tabsis xwb noog hastas, “Ua le caag mej txhaj le txavtxim sab yuav lug nrug peb koom ua tswvcuab uake?” Tug txivneej nuav teb tug xwbfbw tawd tas, “Kuv tsev tuabneeg yeej tsi tau moog hawm Vaajtswv le. Tabsis tau ntaus xyoo lug nuav kuv pheej pum kuv tug neighbor txhua “Sunday – Nubsu” tuaj moog thob snow ntawm nwg qhov driveway. Thaum nwg thob taag lawm nwg coj nwg lub tsev tuabneeg suavdlawg tuaj moog hawm Vaajtswv.

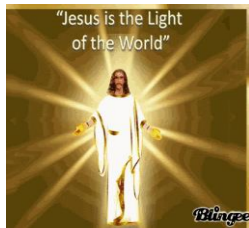


(Show you are the salt of the earth)



Thaum kuv pum nwg ua le nuav ib xyoo dlhau ib xyoo, kuv xaav rua kuv tug kheej hastas kuv yuavtsum tau ua le nwg ua. Coj kuv kuv tsev tuabneeg tuaj moog hawm Vaajtswv hab vim kuv tug neighbor muaj txujkev zoo kws nwg moog muaj kev kaajsab lug rua txuj kev ntseeg Vaajtswv es kuv txhaj yuavtsum tau xyum ua le nwg ua.” Tug txivneej nuav tub ua tau tug qauv zoo rua lwmtug xyum lawm vim nwg ua lawv le Yexus txujlug qha hastas, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... – Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb...Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkev...”

Qhov nuav yog lub homphaj kws Vaajtswv muab pub rua peb cov kws ntseeg nwg hab kuas lwmtug lug tau txujkev cawmdlim ntawm Vaajtswv. (Show salt and light)



Koj puas yuav ua cov ntsev hab lub teeb ci rua nplajteb? Koj yuav ua le lub nplajteb losyog yuav ua le Vaajtswv txujkev cawmdlim. Yexus txhaj le hastas, “...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life – ...Kuv yog qhov kaaj rua tuabneeg nplajteb. Tug kws lawv kuv qaab yuav tsi taug txujkev kws tsaus ntuj nti, tabsis nwg yuav tau lub neej tshaav ntuj nrig.” (Yauhaas 8:12). Yexus lug ua lub teeb ci rua koj kuas koj ho moog ua lub teebci rua lwmtug. Vim lub nplajteb nuav tseem muaj kev txhum kev dlaagntxag. Rua qhov koj yog tug ntseeg

Vaajtswv txhaj le saamfwm kuas koj yuavtsum ua cov ntseeg lag lub nplajteb tej kev phem kev tsi zoo hab ua lub teeb ci rua ntawm qhov tsau kuas rov muaj dlua qhov kaaj rua ntawm txujkev ncaajnceeg hab dlawbhuv. (Show salt and light)



Lub nplajteb nuav yuav muaj kev tsi sib humxeeb, kev phem, kev dlaag ntxag kuas peb yuav tsum tsiv dleb, tsi txhob txhawj, tsi txhob ua rua qhov zoo. Tabsis Tswv Yexus txhawb koj hab kuv moog ua cov ntsev hab lub teeb ci rua tuabneeg nplajteb kuas tsi txhob muaj tej xwmtxheej le zoo nuav lawm. Vim Yexus yuav nrugnraim koj moog txug lub nplajteb kawg. Yexus txhaj le has rua koj hastas, “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... – Koj yog cov ntsev laag lub nplajteb.... Koj yog lub teeb ci rua nplajteb pumkev... Asmees. Thov kuas Vaajtswv Txujlug pub rua peb...Asmees.