

BURNED BRANCHES, TASTELESS SALT, AND COVERED LIGHT

Genesis 1:2 (HCSB)

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Isaiah 59:9-10 (HCSB)

9 Therefore justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not reach us.
We hope for light, but there is darkness;
for brightness, but we live in the night.
10 We grope along a wall like the blind;
we grope like those without eyes.
We stumble at noon as though it were twilight;
we are like the dead among those who are healthy.

Romans 8:19 (HCSB)

19 For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.

John 15:4-6 (HCSB)

4 Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. **6** If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Matthew 5:13-16 (HCSB)

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (HCSB)

14 If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned up, it will be lost, but he will be saved; yet it will be like an escape through fire.