

## SALT & LIGHT and the WISE & FOOLISH BUILDERS

Jesus had gone up a mountain to teach His disciples.

You are the salt of the earth,' Jesus said. 'But if salt loses its flavour, how can it be made salty again?

'It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people.

'You are the light of the world.

'A city located on a hill cannot be hidden.

'People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

'In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honour to your Father in heaven.'

Then he told another parable.

'Everyone who hears these words of mine,' said Jesus, 'and does them, is like a wise man...

'... who built his house on rock.

'The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock.

'Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

'The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, and it collapsed; it was utterly destroyed!'

When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed by His teaching, because He taught them like one who had authority, not like their experts in the law.