Maranatha Baptist Church
Sermon Outline
9 August 2026

GO BEYOND: SALT AND LIGHT FOR THE MOST HIGH

DANIEL 4; MATTHEW 5:13-16

I. INTRODUCTION: A SMALL DOT ON A BIG MAP

A. GOING BEYOND — TOWARD WHAT, AND UNDER WHOM?

II. THE MOST HIGH REIGNS OVER THE NATIONS [DAN 4:1, 17, 25]

A. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S OWN TESTIMONY TO ALL PEOPLES [DAN 4:1]

B. THE MOST HIGH RULES THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND GIVES IT TO WHOM HE WILL [DAN 4:17, 25; PROV 21:1; PS 22:28; ACTS 17:26; JOB 12:23; ISA 40:15, 17]

III. THE WARNING: A DREAM, A PROPHET, A YEAR OF GRACE [DAN 4:4-27, 29]

A. THE DREAM AND DANIEL'S INTERPRETATION [DAN 4:4-18, 19-26]

B. DANIEL'S PLEA AND THE YEAR OF GRACE [DAN 4:27, 29]

IV. THE MIRROR: THREE TESTS [DAN 4:29-30]

A. "IS NOT THIS GREAT BABYLON, THAT I HAVE BUILT... BY THE MIGHT OF MY POWER" [DAN 4:30; ISA 10:13, 15; EZEK 28:2, 5]

B. THE TEST APPLIED — NATION, CHURCH, AND PERSONAL LIFE [1 COR 4:7; DEUT 8:17-18]

V. THE FALL: WHAT PRIDE ACTUALLY COSTS [DAN 4:28-33]

A. JUDGMENT FALLS WHILE THE WORD IS STILL IN HIS MOUTH [DAN 4:31; PROV 16:18; JAS 4:6; 1 PET 5:5]

B. PRIDE BLINDS — DRIVEN FROM MEN, REASON LOST, DIGNITY GONE [DAN 4:33; OBAD 1:3-4]

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VI. THE REPENTANCE: FROM "I BUILT" TO "HE REIGNS" [DAN 4:34-37]

A. "I LIFTED UP MINE EYES UNTO HEAVEN, AND MINE UNDERSTANDING RETURNED" [DAN 4:34; PS 113:6-7; LUKE 1:52; JAS 4:10; PS 34:18]

B. "ALL HIS WORKS ARE TRUTH... THOSE THAT WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO ABASE" [DAN 4:37]

VII. SALT: PRESERVING WHAT IS RIGHT [MATT 5:13]

A. SALT PREVENTS DECAY — QUIET, LIFELONG CONSISTENCY
[LEV 2:13; DAN 6:4; TITUS 2:7-8; DAN 1:8; DAN 3:17-18; EPH 5:11; 1 TIM 3:7]

B. SALT ENHANCES — GRACIOUS SPEECH, SEASONED WELL
[COL 4:6; PROV 15:1; EPH 4:29; PHIL 4:5]

VIII. LIGHT: REVEALING THE FATHER'S GLORY [MATT 5:14-16]

A. IDENTITY, NOT ACHIEVEMENT — "YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
[MATT 5:14-15; EPH 5:8; JOHN 8:12]

B. VISIBLE FOR THE FATHER'S GLORY, NOT OUR OWN
[MATT 5:16; 1 PET 2:12; 1 COR 10:31; GEN 39:2-3, 23]

C. LIGHT STEPPING INTO CRISIS — "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"
[ESTH 4:14; PROV 31:8-9; RUTH 1:16]

D. LIGHT'S LIMIT — IT REVEALS THE WAY BUT CANNOT MAKE A HEART WALK IT
[2 COR 4:6; JOHN 1:9]