8—15. ST. MATTHEW. 27   
   
 are the salt of the earth: but tif the salt have lost his sa- ‘Sk,   
 vour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good ™   
 for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under   
   
 foot of men. M49 Ye are the light of the world. A city »phn.t.1s,   
 that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 v Neither do men "pig vat   
   
 water by means of salt (2 Kings ii. 20), be teachers and guides to others’ But   
 and the ordinary use of salt for culinary we must not from this suppose that our   
 purposes is to putrefaction: 80 Lord denies all tance to those who   
 (see Gen. xviii. are the righteous, have thus fallen: scope of His saying   
 the of God, in this corrupt must be taken into account, which is not   
 It hardly seems necessary to find to crush the fallen, but to quicken the   
 instances of the actual occurrence salt sense of duty, and cause His disciples   
 losing its savour, this is merely hypo- walk worthily of their (See Heb.   
 thetical. Yet it is worth noticin, vi. 4—6, and note on Mark ix. 49, 50.)   
 that Maundrell, in travels, salt The salt tn the saorifice is the   
 the Valley of aes near Gehul, which had type of God’s covenant of sancti) i   
 the appearance, bot not the taste, whereby this earth be again hallowed   
 lost it by exposure to the elements (see for Him: His le are the instruments,   
 the citation below) ;—and that Schdttgen in His hand, of wholesome salting:   
 maintains that a kind of from the His servante in general, the teachers   
 Dead Sea was called ‘salt Sodom,’ and and ministers His covenant in   
 was used to spri the sacrifices the There docs not appear to be any allusion   
 temple; which salt was used, when Ee to ecclesiastical   
 savour was to strew the temple 14, the light of world] And yet only   
 ment, that the might not allp. in a lower and derivative sense; Christ   
 however, is but poorly made out te Himeelf being “the true light light--   
 Dr. Thomson, ‘The Land was -spoiled, oth man,” John i. 9; “the light of   
 . $81, “large case which came under the world,” viii. 12. His ministers are   
 thrown observation: where a merchant of “candles,” John v. 86, “lights,” Phil.   
 Sidon of men beasts.” He adds, salt is ii. receiving light, only burn-   
 cottages with fect that floors, in conse- ing, a time : lights ighted, He   
 country, when in contact: the ground, Light lighting, Augustine. And   
 or ex! to rain and sun, does 6 here too, light in verse = candle in   
 and useless. From the manuer in ver. 15, the comparison is resumed.   
 which it is gathered, much earth and 8o also Eph. v. :—light, as partaking of   
 other impurities are necessarily collected His Light: for every thing lighted   
 with it. Not a little it is so impure note, ib. ver. 18) is light. cannot   
 that it cannot be used at all: and such be hid] Of course it is possible that   
 salt soon effloresces turns to dust— oar Lord may have had some town before   
 not to fruitful however. It isnot Him thus situated, but sot Bethulia,   
 good for nothing iteelf, it actually de- whose very existence is probably fabu-   
 stroys all fertility it is thrown: lous, being only in the apocry-   
 and this is reason why it is into . phal book of Judith. Recent travellers,   
 the street.” the earth means man- as Dr. Stanley and Thomesor (Sinai and   
 kind, and all creation: but with a more Palestine, p. The Land and the Book,   
 inward reference, to the working of the p 278), have thought that, notwithstand-   
 salt, than in “the world,” ver. 14, ing the fact shewn by Robinson, that the   
 the light is something ontwardly shewn. actual city of Safed was not in existence   
 shall it be salted] it, ie. at this time, some ancient portion of it,   
 the salt. The sense is: ‘If you become at all events fortress, is ‘as aged   
 untrue to your high calling, spiritually rance as the celebrated rains   
 effete and corrupted, are no ordina’ in the ’ (Thomson), may have been   
 means by which you can be re-converted before the eye our Lord as He   
 and brought back to your former state, peers ‘pl high on a bold spur of the   
 inasmuch as you have no teachers and Galilean Anti-Lebanon,’ and pie well   
 guides over you, but ought yourselves to to the description of city 1; on the   
 mountain top.’ ‘The only other in view   
 would be the village fortress of   
 distinctly from the mount of Beati-