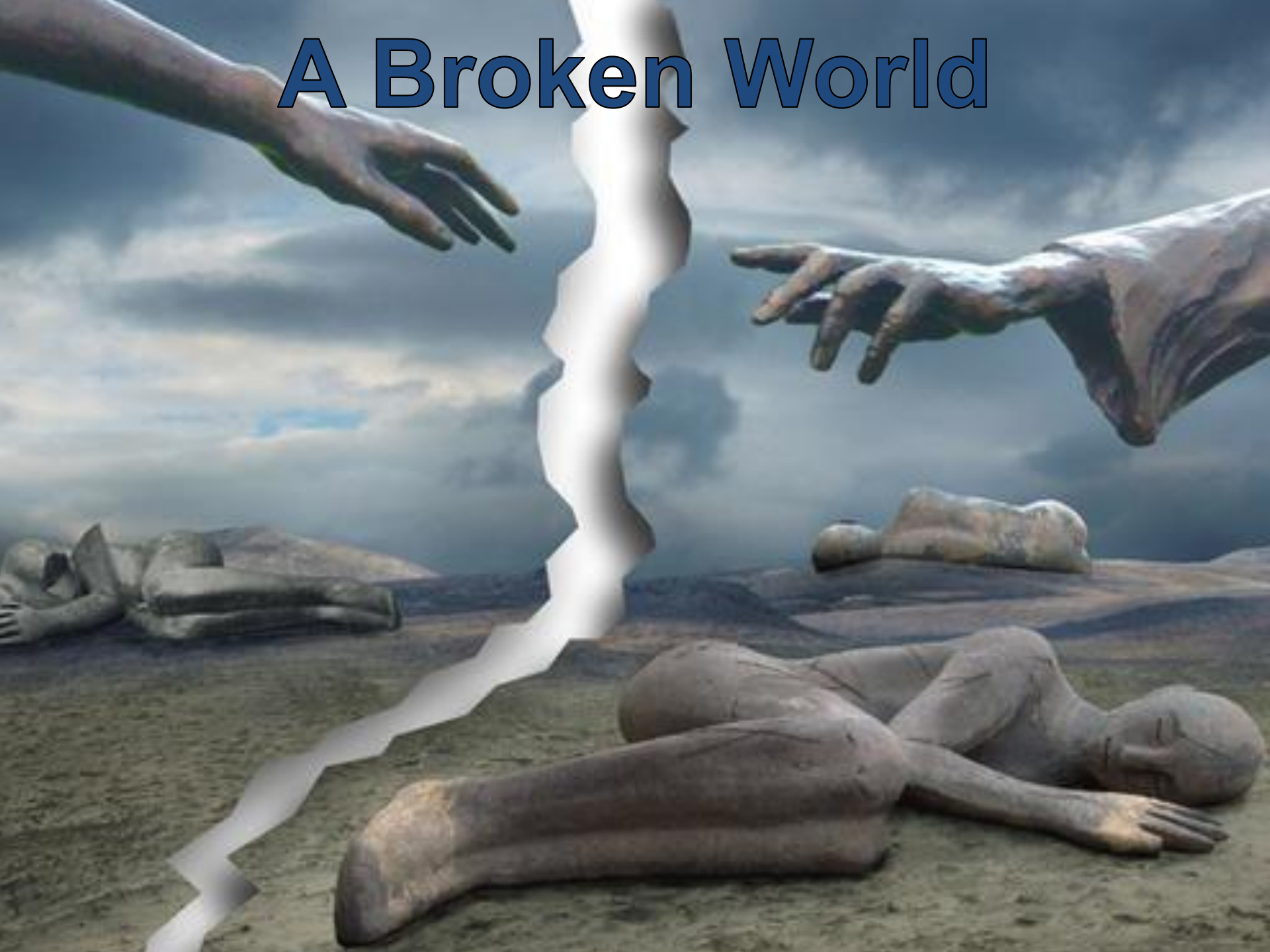


# A Broken World



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Loss of Boundaries

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## **Decay** (Romans 1)

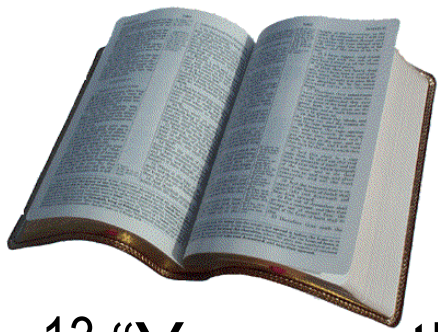
- Corrupted God (v23)
- Handed over (vv24,26,28)
- Sinful passions (v29)
- Hearty approval (v32)

# A Broken World



## Darkness

- Walk in darkness  
(Matt 4:16, John 12:35)
- Men love darkness  
(John 3:19)
- Don't understand light  
(John 1:5)
- Incompatible with light  
(2 Cor 6:14)



## Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**You are the ...**

**SALT**

**... of the earth.**

# You are the **SALT** of the earth

(Matthew 5:13)



## **Purpose of Salt**

- Flavour enhancer?
- Enemy land?
- Worship?

## **Preservative**

- Stop the rot
- Antiseptic effect
- Hinder decay

# You are the **SALT** of the earth

(Matthew 5:13)



## **Loss of flavour**

- Not table salt!
- Dilution effect
- Tasteless = dull
- Thrown on paths

## **How are we dulled?**

- Worldliness
- Churchiness



# You are the **SALT** of the earth

(Matthew 5:13)



## How salt works:

- Intimate contact
- Soaks up moisture
- Neutralises bacteria

**You are the ...**

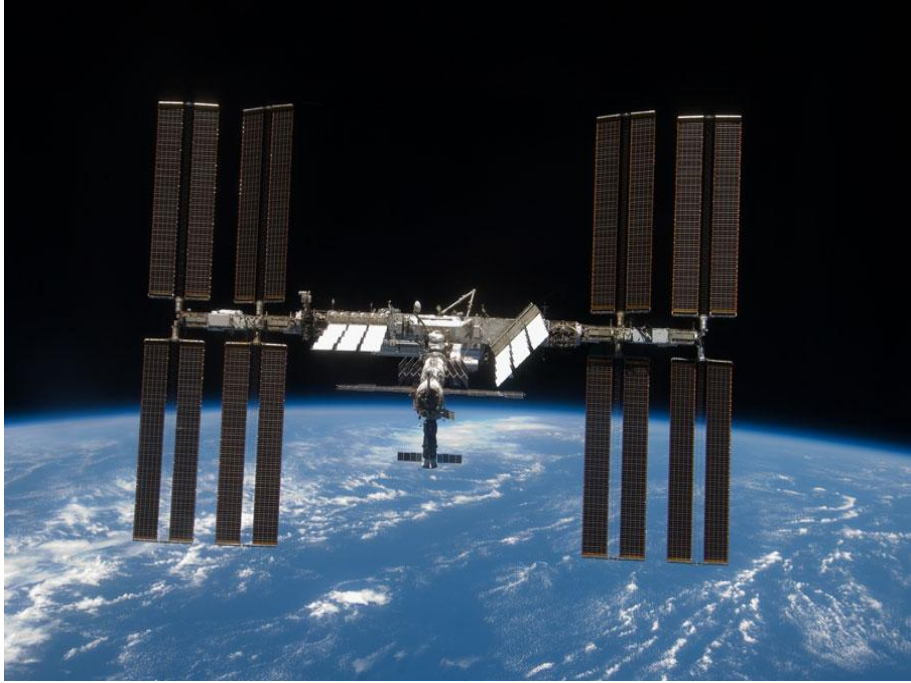


**light**

**... of the world.**

# You are the **LIGHT** of the world

(Matthew 5:14)



- Astonishing human achievements
- Rate of development is accelerating
- People still live in gross darkness

# You are the **LIGHT** of the world

(Matthew 5:14)



- Reflected light  
(Eph 5:8)
- Opens eyes  
(Acts 26:18)
- Distinctiveness  
(2 Cor 6:14)

# You are the **LIGHT** of the world

(Matthew 5:14)



## **Purpose of Light**

- Light shines!
- On everyone
- No other purpose

## **How do we hide?**

- Worldliness
- Churchiness

To preserve  
against decay

SALT & LIGHT

To present  
a difference



**YOU are YOU only YOU**

**are**



**salt of the earth**



**light of the world**



**poor in  
spirit**

(Matt. 5:3)



**who  
mourn**

(Matt. 5:4)



**the  
meek**

(Matt. 5:5)



**hunger  
& thirst**

(Matt. 5:6)



**show  
mercy**

(Matt. 5:7)



**pure in  
heart**

(Matt. 5:8)



**peace-  
makers**

(Matt. 5:9)



**persecuted**

(Matt. 5:10)



# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



- good works seen
- glory given to God

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)

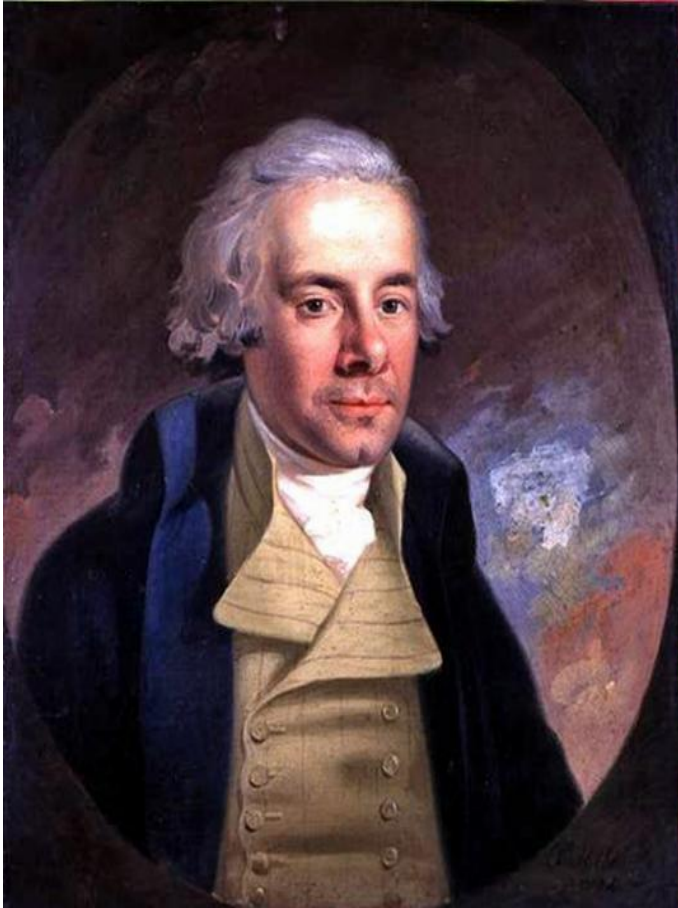


**Lord Shaftesbury**

**Protection of Children**

# Let your light shine before men

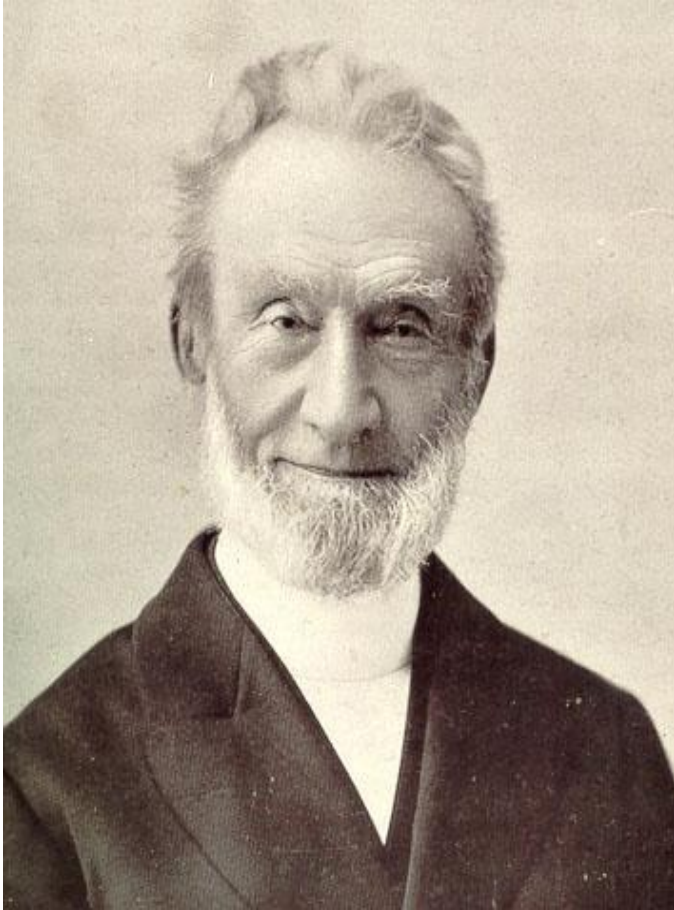
(Matt 5:16)



**William Wilberforce**  
**Abolition of Slavery**

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**George Mueller**  
Orphanages

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**John Howard**  
Prison Reform

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Douglas Macmillan**  
Cancer Prevention and  
Relief

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Paul Brand**

**Leprosy Mission**

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**John Kirkby**

Debt and Poverty Relief



# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Andy Hawthorne**  
Young People

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**David Potter MBE**  
**Learning Disabilities**

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Josephine Butler**

**Concern for Prostitutes**

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Mary Lyon**

Women's Education

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



**Jackie Pullinger MBE**  
Gang Members

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)

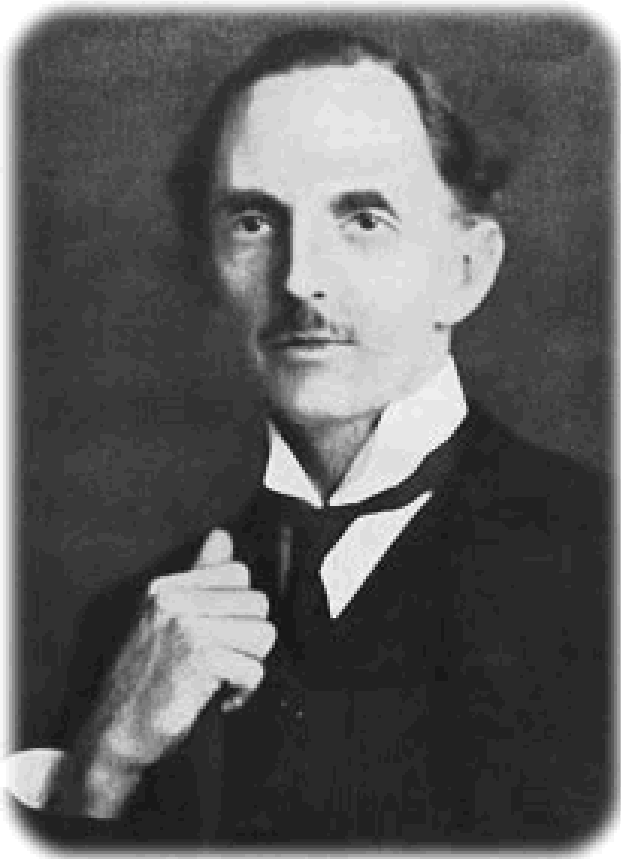


**Caroline Cox**

Oppressed/Persecuted

# Let your light shine before men

(Matt 5:16)



Some want to live  
within the sound  
of church or chapel bell;  
I want to run a rescue shop  
within a yard of hell.

C T Studd (1860-1931)

**Where is “hell” round here?**