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WATCHING ONE'S WORDS

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone (Colossians 4: 6).

Salty language is generally understood to mean the kind of talk that borders on indelicacy and is suggestive, crude or risqué. The expression originated several centuries ago and appears to allude to the colourful language of mariners, absent from polite society for long periods of time. Though referred to as 'old salts' from the 19th century, this may have more reference to the saltiness of the sea than to the supposed strong language of sailors.

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MEMORIAL OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 2010

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11: 26).

The date for this event this year is **Sunday, March 28, after 6:00 p.m.** (1800). For the complete article in *pdf* go [here](#) (allow a minute or so for the file to appear on the screen).

*Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou are near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.*

From 'Angel Voices Ever Singing', by Francis Pott (1832-1909), English composer

In the Rear-View Mirror

'The *peace footing* of the standing armies of Europe, is as follows: Russia 715,000, France 498,483, Germany 427,274, Austria-Hungary 252,535, Italy 202,271. Those of the lesser powers, Turkey, Spain, Norway, etc., etc., aggregate 643,000 and Great Britain has an army of about 250,000 men. Thus it will be seen that Europe has a standing army of about 3,000,000 men, besides a navy which numbers 250 iron-clad and several hundred wooden vessels.

'In addition to these *regular armies* there are *reserve forces* of drilled men, ready for immediate call in case of war, as follows: In Russia 2,252,126, Germany 1,500,000, France 1,230,000, Austria-Hungary (army and navy) 1,220,000, Italy 664,105. Great Britain and smaller powers about 2,500,000. This gives the enormous army of over 12,000,000 men ready for immediate action, composed only of trained soldiers in the prime of life. Truly it has been said "Europe is a huge standing

camp.” “All Europe stands ready for war.”

‘How dreadful, how heart sickening the sight; 12,000,000 men trained in the use of the most devilish instruments of death, stand prepared to slaughter one another at the beck and nod of Emperors, Czars and Kings. . . .’

Extracted from *European Armies* (June 1882; Zion’s Watch Tower, Pittsburgh, USA), 5.

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