



Parable Of The Yeast

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Throughout most of the Gospels Jesus is telling parables to his followers. Each of these parables has an important lesson for those that follow God. Jesus tells us the Parable of the Yeast.

In Matthew 13:33 the Parable of the Yeast told by Jesus goes like this: "Jesus also used this illustration: 'The Kingdom is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour it permeated every part of the dough.'" This Parable is also sometimes referred to as the Parable of the Leaven.

Of course to understand this parable we must first know what yeast, or leaven does. Yeast is a fermented dough and a small amount is added to more dough when baking. A little bit of yeast alone will cause the dough to rise, which is how bread is made into large loaves.

The parable of the Yeast is a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven. The yeast represents the Kingdom of Heaven and the dough is the world. The yeast slowly grows into something much larger like the Kingdom of Heaven. The example of yeast as the Kingdom is Heaven is very similar to the Parable of the Mustard Seed where the Kingdom of Heaven is also represented by something small that grows into something large.

In the Parable of the Yeast it is also important to note that yeast, or leaven, is unnoticeable when added to the dough. The Kingdom of Heaven is likewise a growth that you can't see happening but it is happening. If it seems at times like God isn't present in the world around you then don't get discouraged because the Kingdom of Heaven is always growing.

Another difference in the Parable of the Yeast and the Parable of the Mustard Seed is that in the Parable of the Mustard seed Jesus just says that the Kingdom of Heaven will grow to a large size. In the Parable of the Yeast Jesus says that the yeast will permeate every part of the dough. If the yeast represents the Kingdom of Heaven and the dough represents the world then Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of Heaven will grow until everyone is touched.

In order for the Kingdom of Heaven to grow we can all do our own part. We should be like both the yeast and the dough. On the one hand we should all be the dough with the yeast, the Kingdom of Heaven, permeating within us. On the other hand we should also be the yeast in the dough that is the world and help the Kingdom of Heaven permeate throughout the world.