



PARABLES

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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

✝ He spoke another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was all leavened.”

Matthew 13:33 NASB

This parable seems simple enough that the Word of Christ being His Gospel Truth will seemingly start small even with one person but then GOD’S Truth will continue to spread until all who are willing to hear Him within each measure within each locality will indeed receive GOD’S Word.

However there is more here than meets the mind upon closer inspection of Jesus’s meaning.

As is often the case with those “red” words spoken directly by Christ within your New Testament. Those Red Words often have multiple layers of meaning depending upon the subject matter and the persons involved. Be they subjective, historical, prophetic, theological, or even representative.

Ok first a “seah.” A seah was a large Hebrew family sized portion of flour roughly 16 lbs.

So triple times that was just under 50 lbs. or enough to make enough bread for about 100 people.

As in a lot!

Technically this 50 lbs. Hebrew measure was known as a “sata” or 3x a family sized “seah” portion.

Also note Jesus said a woman “hid” this leaven as in fermenting yeast within a large portion of flour.

As in she knew what she was doing (Witness of Christ) but everyone else was unaware. (Spiritually)

Christ is saying His Gospel or Word of Truth may start small but like our previous Parable the mustard seed by starting small & then growing large likewise a small amount of leaven Gospel Truth will inform thusly fermenting all- those who are willing to hear meaning to receive as in comprehend and believe.

Yes, yeast then causes the bread to rise and tis the catalyst for the wonderful aroma and splendid taste of freshly baked bread. Jesus is the yeast the cause of our miraculously transformed lives in His image.

But remember the yeast or Gospel good news of Jesus does spread even by one witness to leaven an entire batch of dough. A single life can transform into a community of believers I.e. Christ’s Church.

The yeast itself being mixed in our case is the Holy Spirit, then He after we are fermented kneads us Spiritually by literally working us over as in refining us in Jesus’s our good masters image.

This be until we rise meaning Saved resulting in our readiness for baking after learning and growing in the Lord being infused with the flavor of His Spiritual life. Knowledge and insights then come through the Spirit in His time & care by His gifts based upon our need our Faithfulness our study and with Prayer.

As in being edible. Then no longer are we in the early processes of wheat/flour/dough meaning we are now finally useful to the Lord by being helpful unto others for GOD’S Kingdom come.

We should also remember in Jesus Time this parable had a definite specific Jewish meaning.

During Pesach aka Passover it was a Lawful Mosaic requirement that all Jewish households totally eliminated all leaven/yeast prior to the Paschal lamb’s sacrifice. As in the elimination of all previous Sin.

So, for the Jewish mind at this time it was clear Jesus was stating that His yeast, His Word, was good with no need to ever be removed. No Sin in Him.

Jesus removes all of our Sin meaning we are then leavened in and through Him and not by the world.

As a result of this Parable; Jesus will continually warn of the yeast of the Pharisee’s forward from here.

Clearly implicating their guilt of Sin by comparing them to Him. Their word and teachings opposing His. Think about that- the implications and even the courage of Christ Jesus to publicly call the man made rules, laws, and regulations of the Scribes, Pharisees & Sadducees as Sinfully evil.