

ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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Matthew 13:33

Matthew 13:1-3a

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. :2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. :3a Then He spoke many things to them in **parables**

GOD'S TECHNICOLOR TRUTH IN ACTION

Matthew 13:33

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Echoed Again In Luke

Luke 13:20-21

And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

If you think about it – God has given the world two Bibles.

Let me explain. There is the obvious Word of God that He has given us, preserved and distributed throughout the world. The Bible was the first book in human history to roll off a printing press. The Bible was the first book in human history to go electronic. The

Bible was the first book in human history to repeatedly be the bestselling book in the world year after year. And it's been The Bible, - no other Book - that has been preached from Around the World more than any other Book on a Daily Basis. – The Bible.

But there is an additional witness that
speaks into our human hearts apart from the Bible (not to take the place of, but to be used for) and that is God's design, creation.

Jesus used the natural revelation of creation

to teach the truths of God. From creation we can see forethought. We see design. We see joy, we see meaning. We see humor, we also see pain. We see suffering. We see death. We can even see resurrection.

This Parable Reveals a Graphic Picture of the Subtleties of Aberrant Doctrine Seen as Leaven.

The Issue of Leaven

Exodus 12:15

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 34:25

You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven,

Jesus Himself Nailed It

Matthew 16:6,12

Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." ... **12** Then they understood that He did not tell *them* to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

GOD'S TECHNICOLOR TRUTH - LEAVEN

1.) Dangers over time

Matthew 13:33

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven..."

The concept of leaven

Tells us here that Jesus is speaking of something harder to identify than even unproductive hearers or false wheat or even a mustard seed tree.

Jesus Warns Against the Long Haul to Our Christian Lives.

Matthew 24:12-14

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **13** But he who endures to the end shall be saved. **14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached (technology & angelology) in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Sin, a Sinful Environment, Sinfulness all wear upon the true Christians.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days **perilous** (*to shave off strength or power*) times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

This Slow “Shaving Off” is Like Samson Getting a Hair Cut.

(its tolerance, acceptance, & compromise at the expense of Biblical living)

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? **7** Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. **8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

GOD'S TECHNICOLOR TRUTH – LEAVEN

2.) Dangers from within

Acts 20:29-31

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Leaven at Work

Galatians 5:7-9

You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? **8** This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

What are we to do & How are we to do it ?

Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

There Will Be Those Who Will Promote Sin by Ignoring Sin.
Because "The Leaven" spreads Throughout the Whole.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Test (*acid wash*) all things; hold fast (*seize on to*) what is good.
22 Abstain (*withhold from yourself*) from every form of evil.

Take Responsibility for Your Own Actions and Fight On.
What's holding you back from growing? – Like a dragon, slay it.

This Is My Goal for This Church

Revelation 3:7-12

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia (*asia minor*) write, “These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens” : **8** “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **9** Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. **10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Christian, Keep This in Mind;

As we continue to move down the hallway of time and as we get closer to the end time events, certain things will have to come to pass. One of those things is the “apparent apostasy of the church” and a very slim remnant of true believers...

Jesus / The Bible Challenges Us To Be Ready for That Time...

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

GOD'S TECHNICOLOR TRUTH - LEAVEN

3.) Dangers from without

Matthew 13:33b

"Which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

This "hiding" speaks of the leaven being brought in from the outside

"Jesus said we have a real enemy, the Devil, Satan and he hates us with a demonic hatred. From the beginning he has sought to corrupt mankind by using the most effective tools of all - - false teachings, false doctrines using false teachers, false prophets and false brethren."

How do we detect a false prophet/teacher?

Matthew 24:3-4

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep' s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 24:11

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive (pull people off course) many.

How do we detect a false doctrine?

(Corruption of Biblical doctrine / conduct / works)

2 Timothy 2:15-17

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. **17** And their message will spread like cancer.

They Will Unite in the Denying and Denouncing of The Deity of Jesus Christ.
Judaism, Islam, The Cults, Mormonism, J.W. The World Religions - -
All disagree on almost everything but one – Who Jesus Christ Cannot Be.

How do we detect false brethren?

They Cannot Endure Trials

2 Timothy 3:10-11

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, **11** persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

They Cannot Submit to Authority

Jude 8

Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

Characteristics of (or sons of) Korah:

They seek to overthrow a leader or leadership.^[SEP] • They detract from a leader's ability to lead.^[SEP] • They grumble against a leader or his methods of leading.^[SEP] • They cast dissension, division and/or an ill thought among the flock about others in leadership or what is taught.^[SEP] • They exhibit a spirit of defiance.^[SEP] • They privately approve sins they publically condemn. They lack spiritual blessings or influence that lasts. • They are Independent, Proud. They actively seek a place of authority or leadership.^[SEP] • They attack the character of a leader(s) arguing "unworthy to lead."^[SEP] • They entice others to follow them in their own

ideas.^[SEP]• They are unwilling to repent of their divisive acts. They seem to be at the core or near controversy. They cause confusion and disorientation in a congregation. They build upon cracked foundations of emotional division and church splits.

Jude 12-13

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; **13** raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **2** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **5** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

We Need The Work & Person of The Holy Spirit
If we are going to make it to the end.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. **3** Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. **6** “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish

said to the wise, "Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, "No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Let's Pray Tonight Regarding The Holy Spirit

I Want to Invite You to Come Forward Tonight

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

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