



A parable is a maxim or proverb using something common or ordinary to explain or express truth about something extraordinary. - Pastor Del

Parable of the *Leaven*

"The Hidden Seed"

Matthew 13:33 - Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened

(Overview)

This one-verse parable companions the previous parable of the Mustard Seed. Three critical observations connect to the parable theme of "Mikros Kingdom seed."

(Matthew 13:32) – The leaven is the first theme that connects the parables. Leaven naturally creates a chemical reaction when it is introduced to its host. The one verse parable says the Kingdom of Heaven is like "leaven," meaning that the kingdom seed is an active power source. When it is introduced, it will cause a reaction within its environment, transforming it in a profound way.

Leaven is hidden within its host and concealed to perform without being noticed. This is the second connection to the Mikros seed parable. God's kingdom work is not just hidden inside the heart; it is an active, interior work without immediate exterior evidence of its presence. The invisible work does not mean

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it is inactive; leaven is concealed but not dormant. It works slowly, but the result is thorough.

The final comparison is the effectiveness of the kingdom seed, like the Mikros seed, the leaven reaches full maturity and when it does it permeates all three measures of meal. The meal is three times the volume of the leaven, but the leaven is absorbed into every grain of the meal, leaving no part untouched. The leaven transforms its host into something more, causing the simple grain to expand and grow for greater use as dough for baking bread.

The kingdom of heaven can penetrate every grain of our lives, transform us, and allow us to expand into something greater in God's plan for our lives. God is working in the hidden areas. His power is actively generating life inside us. His nature is growing and shaping us in His image. The kingdom of heaven is at hand; we should repent and believe the gospel.