

Sermon on the Boat Matthew 13

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Kingdom Part 4 One Very Sneaky Woman

The Bible is **NOT** an open book to those enemies of Christ!

Jesus tells **7** parables in Matthew 13 to help us understand better how things work, spiritually!!!

Parable Earthly story with a spiritual meaning Reveal and Conceal

³³ Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven [yeast], which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal [flour] till it was all leavened."

Matthew 13:33

Another misunderstood parable and if we understand these wrongly it can cause us discouragement! But when we see them correctly we should be greatly encouraged cuz HE IS IN CONTROL!

One final thought Matthew is very **Jewish** in its presentation and that helps esp with this parable!

Three Things We Must Understand to Get this Parable Right

Bread that is Baked

Leaven that is Latent

Woman that is Wicked

1. Bread that is Baked *three measures of flour*

- >Genesis 18:6 Angels visit Abraham at Mamre
- >Judges 6:19 Angel of the Lord visits Gideon
- >Numbers 15:9 Levitical law Flour part of the Offerings to Lord
- >Leviticus 2:4-5 Unleavened cakes of fine flour for Sacrifices

Blessed Unleavened Bread represent **Communion and Fellowship** with God

From the Passover to Lords Supper, Bread represents Communion with God.

And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. I Corinthians 10:16-17

What is flour? Wheat [2nd Parable] that has been crushed and broken and has gone through fire

*And He took bread; and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is My body... Lk 22:19 and **WE** are the Body of Christ I Corinthians 12:27*

So Bread that is Baked is the Body of Christ, **the Church** in Fellowship and Communion with God!

2. Leaven that is Latent *.....is like leaven.... till it was all leavened.*

"latent" = dormant until it becomes active usually working slowly, stealthily

- Leaven is not a symbol of good but **evil and sin**
- Leaven causes fermentation, corruption, bloating.... works best in lukewarm [Laodicea]
- Leaven was avoided in the Old Testament sacrifices
- Passover Exodus 12:8 unleavened bread
- New Testament I Corinthians 5:6-8

*Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a **little yeast** that spreads through the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a **fresh batch of dough made without yeast**, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. ⁸ So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth.*

Jesus warned about three types of leaven

1. **Leaven of Pharisees** external not internal profess not possessions laws but no light
head full of scripture hearts full of sin Matthew 23:13 **LEGALISM**
2. **Leaven of Sadducees** open minded denied parts of the Bible Acts 23:8 high intellects
Matthew 22:23--Jesus defines them **LIBERALISM**
3. **Leaven of Herod** Mark 8:15 no restraint, pleasure, mad king self-pleasure
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Has not the devil inserted those three leavens into the loaf of bread- the church

Woman that is Wicked *a woman took and hid... till it was all leavened*

- **Deliberate act** *took*
- **Deceitful act** *hid it*
- **Devilish act** *till it was all leavened*

Who is this wicked woman?

Remember Satan is a copycat

Sower Satan catches away the seed
Mustard seed Satan corrupts perverts the seed

Wheat and the Weeds Satan imitates the seed
Here he infiltrates the church

You know the Bible is a wonderful book and **EVERYTHING** is tracking just as HE SAID!
This same God that taught this says there is a true church and we win!
The gates of hell will not prevail!

