



**KINGDOM
COME**

**He told them another parable.
“The Kingdom of Heaven is like
leaven that a woman took & hid in
three measures of flour, till it was
all leavened.”**

Matthew 13:33

And again He said, “To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took & hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

Luke 13:20–21

Leaven –

Generally Represents Sin & Corruption

- **Luke 12:1:** Jesus warns His disciples, *"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."*
- **Galatians 5:9:** Paul cautions against false teachings creeping into the church, *"A little leaven leavens the whole lump."*
- **1 Corinthians 5:6-8:** Paul warns the church, *"Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch..."*
- **Exodus 12:15:** During the Passover, God commanded the Israelites to remove leaven - *"For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses..."* (To start clean – new batch w/ new leaven)

Corruptive or Transformative?

- **Kingdom of God is “Inside the Believer” (In their heart)**
 - Luke 17:20-21 - *Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, He answered them, “The Kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”*
- **Kingdom of God Will be Physical**
 - Revelation 11:15 - *Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, & there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The Kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord & of His Christ, & He shall reign forever & ever.”*

One Ephah [Three Measures]

40-60 Pounds of Flour (100 loaves)

- 1 Samuel 1:24: Hannah dedicates her son Samuel - tabernacle in Shiloh, & offers "one ephah of flour"
- Judges 6:19: Gideon prepares a meal for the "angel of the Lord, with an ephah of flour"
- Genesis 18:6: Abraham tells Sarah to take "three measures of flour" to knead & bake bread for the three mysterious visitors (Lord and two angels) who visited them – After this the Lord promises Issaac.
 - Foreshadowing Jesus (Lamb of God & Son of God)

Leaven – Small But Changes EVERYTHING

- The Leaven has to Get Inside the Dough Before it can Change it.
 - Texture, Flavor, Appearance
- The Process Of Adding Leaven Cannot Be “Undone”
 - It changes simple ingredients into a new product!
- The Process Takes Time
 - At first it looks like you just mixed the ingredients together... put wait!
- Leaven Doesn't Leave Part of the Dough Untouched.

- **The Greatest Danger:**
 - Trying to live like a disciple without first surrendering to Jesus. Not called to adopt religious habits... We are called to be made new through the gospel.
- **The Kingdom Refuses To Remain Compartmentalized:**
 - Jesus intends to reign over our thoughts, speech, relationships, finances, priorities, & desires.
- **Leaven Works Slowly, But It Always Works:**
 - The Christian life often feels ordinary, yet God is faithfully shaping His people through Scripture, prayer, obedience, suffering, and the local church.
- **The Transformed Become Agents Of Transformation.**

- **Am I Trusting Christ or Simply Attending Church?**
- **What Area of My Life Have I Kept Untouched?**
- **Am I Remaining Faithful in the Ordinary?**
- **Does My Life Point People Toward Jesus?**

