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Pastor's Bible Study



The Parable of the Leaven (Yeast)

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
6:30 pm

I. MATTHEW 13:33 – 6 TRANSLATIONS/PARAPHRASES

The New International Version (1984)

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

The New King James Version

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.”

The Message

Another story. “God’s kingdom is like yeast that a woman works into the dough for dozens of loaves of barley bread—and waits while the dough rises

NIV 2010

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

NRSV

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

NLT

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

II. LUKE 13:20-21 – 6 TRANSLATIONS/PARAPHRASES

NIV84

Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

NKJV

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

The Message

He tried again. “How can I picture God’s kingdom? It’s like yeast that a woman works into enough dough for three loaves of bread—and waits while the dough rises.”

NIV 2010

Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

NRSV

And again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

NLT

He also asked, “What else is the Kingdom of God like? It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”



III. ANALYSIS OF THE TEXT

- A. Another “kingdom” parable
 - 1. Why do you think we are encountering so many “kingdom” parables?
- B. Use of leaven/yeast
 - 1. 22 times in the Old Testament
 - a. First use – Exodus 12:15
 - 2. 17 times in the New Testament
 - 3. Leaven/yeast almost always represents sin/evil. Why?
 - a. Leaven/yeast is basically old, fermented dough that is placed in new dough to make it rise.
 - b. Only need a little of it to make the dough rise.

“Don’t you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?” 1 Cor. 5:b
“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” Galatians 5:9.

- c. What does this say about the effect of sin on our lives?

IV. DECODING THE PARABLE

- A. Major question – What does the leaven/yeast mean?
 - 1. The negative perspective – evil doctrine that works its way into the kingdom.
 - 2. The positive perspective – the kingdom of God will rise or grow in the world and in a person’s life.

V. SPIRITUAL/LIFE APPLICATION

- A. We must recognize the explosive power of small things.
- B. Let’s talk about **INFLUENCE**. How much influence do you have? Do you even know?
- C. It will work if you work it.
- D. Are you willing to “**work your way through**” a situation?
- E. There is always a relationship between the old and the new. The challenge is to correctly define what that relationship is.

Join us on the St. Matthew Prayer Line tomorrow morning at 6:30 am
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Police Stops with Safety for All



The residents in our communities need to transverse throughout our neighborhoods without fear. Our local communities need police officers who serve and protect the rights of all residents. Police officers have chosen a very stressful career and should have the expectation to return home safely each day.

For too long there has been a perception that interactions between police officers and local residents can escalate into very dangerous and sometime deadly interactions. On June 18th at 6:30 the Oranges and Maplewood:NAACP will host a presentation (with questions and answers sessions) on how the community and the police might learn how to interact with each other in a proactive manner. Both parties need to know how to “analyze the unique situation (police stop) so that proactive community policing can occur. Although, no one strategy works for all situations, awareness of the needs and responsibilities of all present greatly enhances that all parties arrive home safely.

The workshop will be held at the Codey Arena (560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange) in the “Party Room 1”. The workshop will begin at 7:30 PM. And will be conducted Mr. Monty Littlejohn, a retired New York City police captain. Our organization is excited about the possibilities that this workshop will provided for all participants. We hope that your share our enthusiasm.