

The Leaven in the Bread
Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is Near
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- 1) Matthew 13:33 *Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like (based on the full context, this phrase is best understood the proclamation and offer of the kingdom of heaven is like, not the actual kingdom of heaven) leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*
 - a. What is the leaven in the bread?
 - b. How have we seen the leaven in the bread the past two messages? (Embracing the Justice of God as much as the Love of God and The Full Message of the Cross)
- 2) Matthew 4:17, *"From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*
 - a. What has the message come to mean?
 - b. How has the leaven corrupted this message?
 - c. How is this message connected with the previous two?
- 3) 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 ¹¹*For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood,*

hay, straw, ¹³each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- a. What is the foundation spoken of here?
- b. Who would build on top of the foundation?
- c. So who is the audience here based on context?
- d. What do we see taking place here?
- e. What will become evident?
- f. How will it be revealed?
- g. How would one receive a reward?
- h. How would one suffer loss?
- i. What happens to the one who suffers loss?
- j. When does this take place?
- k. So based on the timeline, what is near?
- l. How has the leaven corrupted this message?

4) Acts 16:29-32 *The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and*

asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

- a. Who was the jailer and why is this significant?
- b. What did he ask Paul and Silas?
- c. What is this salvation referring to?
- d. What was the response of Paul and Silas?
- e. Was the jailer able to believe and save his family?
- f. How has the leaven corrupted this message or brought doubt on this passage?
- g. Is repentance necessary for eternal salvation?

5) John 13:8-10 *Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."*

- a. What is Jesus referring to in the first statement? How is one washed?

- b. Why might Peter respond the way he did?
- c. What is the meaning of Jesus' second statement? How is one's feet cleaned?
- d. How does one's "feet" get dirty?
- e. How often does one get his "feet" dirty?
- f. What are the consequences of dirty "feet"?

6) 1 John 1:6-2:2 *If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

- a. Who is writing these verses?

- b. What are we to be practicing?
- c. Do we have a choice in where we walk?
- d. What are the benefits of walking in the light?
- e. What does it look like to walk in the darkness?
- f. What are we to do if we are in the darkness?
- g. Why is Jesus our advocate?
- h. How long will He be our advocate?

7) Conclusion

- a. What is the meaning of this statement, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near?”
- b. Do you ever feel ashamed to repent?
- c. How do you respond when you feel that way?
- d. Why would Satan want you to put off confessing it?
- e. What do you need to confess and repent from so that you will not be caught off guard?