



**Introduction:** Take a look at verse 33, *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."*

This parable has only \_\_\_\_\_ words in our English Bible.

How is this parable interpreted?

1. The First View –
2. The Second View –

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 13:33

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What is meant by the three \_\_\_\_\_ of meal? (see Leviticus 2).

Why was what this woman did in the parable so awful?

Still, others believe that the three measures of meal are a picture of our \_\_\_\_\_ and worship with God and that the woman adding leaven to the meal is distorting our fellowship and worship.

John 4:24 - *God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

There were two things God's people were not allowed to put into their bread cakes. They were not allowed to put \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ in the bread. Why?

Leviticus 2:11 – *“No grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, For you shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering to the Lord made by fire.”*

### The Law of First Mention

- Abraham – Genesis 18:6-7
- Gideon – Judges 6:19
- Hannah – 1 Samuel 1:24

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 13:33

Dr. J. Vernon McGee writes in his Thru the Bible Commentary on the Book of Matthew, “Leaven occurs some \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible, 75 of those times are in the Old Testament, and 23 times in the New Testament, and it is always used in a bad sense.”

The woman was \_\_\_\_\_ the offering. She was distorting the way one would fellowship, worship, and have communion with God.

Leaven (Yest) then is a picture of something \_\_\_\_\_.

### Five Statements about Leaven

1. The leaven of the \_\_\_\_\_ – [Matthew 16:6, 11](#); [Mark 8:15](#); [Luke 12:1](#)

2. The Leaven of the \_\_\_\_\_ – [Matthew 16:6-12](#)

3. The Leaven of the \_\_\_\_\_ – [Mark 8:15](#)

4. The Leaven of \_\_\_\_\_ (Sexual perversion) – [1 Corinthians 5:6-8](#)

5. The Leaven of \_\_\_\_\_ (false doctrine) – [Galatians 5:9](#)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 13:33

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Who is this \_\_\_\_\_ in this parable? I believe that it is important to state upfront that the woman in this parable is not the Church.

While studying this verse, I came across the following ideas about this woman:

1. She is a picture of the flourishing \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She is a picture of the apostate Church of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. She corrupts in chronological order with the fourth Church mentioned in [Revelation 2:18](#), the Church of \_\_\_\_\_.

I find it interesting that a woman is pictured as the one who \_\_\_ something evil in the meal.

Do you remember who it was that opened all of humanity to sin at the very beginning? It was \_\_\_\_\_ (the mother of us living). Go back into the Old Testament and read Genesis 3.

*1 Timothy 2:14 - And Adam was not deceived, but the woman. Being deceived, Fell into transgression.*

Revelation 2:20 - *Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

Matthew 13:34-35 - *34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."*

**Conclusion:** In the four parables that we have studied so far, our Lord has provided us a picture of the events that will transpire between His \_\_\_\_\_ Advent and His \_\_\_\_\_ Advent. These things will come to pass just the way the Lord has described it. (Take notes)

Now, what can we do (individually) to prevent \_\_\_\_\_ from destroying our fellowship and worship here at SLBC?

1. Deal with \_\_\_\_\_ in our personal lives daily. Keep a short account with God. Confess your sin and find forgiveness ([1 John 1:9](#)).
2. Seek to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life. Scripture calls God's people, saints. The word "saint" comes from the word, "Sanctify" which means, to set apart unto holiness.
3. Make \_\_\_\_\_ Pour your spiritual knowledge into the life of a younger believer. It's hard to ruin fellowship and worship when you are being obedient to the Great Commission ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)).
4. Know the \_\_\_\_\_ so well that you will be able to spot false doctrine. Listen, if the doctrine that is being taught is not found in this BOOK, it's not worth listening to. Turn away from it. Make it DEAD on arrival.