

The Kingdom of God

Luke 13:18-22

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Intro. **A.** Jesus did two things that caused the people to glorify God.

Vs. 12-13 **1.** He healed a woman who had been infirm for 18 years.

Vs. 17 **2.** He rebuked the ruler of the synagogue for being angry at Him for healing on the Sabbath.

B. Jesus then introduced the subject of the Kingdom of God.

Vs. 18 **1.** "Into what is the Kingdom of God like?"

2. "whereunto shall I resemble it?"

3. "ὁμοιω" = "to make like"

4. "What illustration can I use to make it plain to you"? - Phi

I. The Kingdom of God Illustrated, (Two facets).

A. It is like a grain of mustard seed.

Vs. 19 **1.** One small seed is thrown on the ground.

2. It grows into a tree, so large that birds roost in its branches.

3. This illustrates the Kingdom's growth.

4. It is not spread by violence and the sword but it is spread by word of mouth.

B. It is like leaven.

Vs. 21 **1.** A woman hid it in three measures of meal.

2. It leavened the entire lump.

Lev. 23:17 **3.** leavened bread was part of sheaf offering.

4. It is in all other instances as a symbol of evil. **5.** The bread for the Passover. Ex. 12:14-15

I Cor. 5:6-8 **6.** Paul, in N. T., Gal. 5:9

I¹ John 5:1. "Whosoever ^①believeth that Jesus is the ^②Christ is born of God:

① πιστεύω = "to be persuaded", "to rely upon", "to trust".

2. This trust must be in Jesus, nothing else.

3. We must trust Him as the "anointed" one.

4. Anointed for what? For a sacrifice.

5. I Peter 1:23 - "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever".

III. The work of The Kingdom.

A. It is to be done by a special people.

1. They must be born again.

2. They must be properly identified and personally committed to the work.

Matt. 28:18-20. They must be truly commissioned.

B. True worship must be maintained.

1. John 4:21-24

2. Spirit, but not spirit only.

3. Truth is necessary.

IV. The Enemies of The Kingdom.

A. Perverted Christianity.

1. Cheap imitations of the true church.

Matt. 13:36 2. The tares in the parable Jesus spoke.

II Cor. 11:13 4. Those whom Paul called false apostles

Jude 5. Those whom Jude condemned.

Matt. 7:15, 21-23. Those whom Jesus identified.

B. All false Religions.

1. Eph. 6:10-12

2. All Paganism, Islam, Hinduism, Shintoism