

Sermon ~ Sunday, December 5, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Matthew 13: 33 (Luke 19: 10)

Title: "Why JESUS?"

From the *Lukian* text (Luke 19: 10) I focus on verse 10, in light of another Advent Season, when The **CHRISTian** Church by way of calendar, *prepares* to Celebrate, **The Birth of JESUS CHRIST**... Also, making *preparation* for **The Second Coming of CHRIST**.

"Why JESUS?"

From Matthew chapter 13: 33, **JESUS** teaches another 'parable': *COM*parison to illustrate **The Truth**... about **The KINGdom of Heaven!**

Matthew 13: 33a, "Another parable spake **HE** unto them: "**The KINGdom of heaven is like...**"

It is important to note, that this is the '*fourth*' parable, the '*second*' of '*six*' parables with *similitudes*, that **JESUS** teaches.

First, Parable of The SOWER, The SEED, The Soils—Matthew 13: 3-9

Second, Parable of The Weed (Tares), The Wheat, The Wicked One—Matthew 13: 24-30

Third, Parable of The Mustard Seed: True Growth vs. False Growth

Fourth, Parable of Leaven: True Doctrine vs. False Doctrine

(**JESUS** teaches 8 parables in Matthew chapter 13) but only '*six*' are with *similitudes*.

Our text (Matthew 13: 33) is a *similitude*, of the '*fourth*' and '*third*' parables **JESUS** taught.

The *focus* here is on "*leaven*" ...

Matthew 13: 33a, "Another parable spake **HE** unto them: "**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven...**" [which we call "*yeast*" today... Mama, based on the *size* of the family or fellowship, she would put a *pinch* or *teaspoon*, in Bread dough, to *make it rise*, so that the Bread would be '*fluffy and soft*' and not '*hard and flat*, as if, stale.')

The *COM*parison or *similitude* of this parable is to the ('*third*' parable), "The Mustard Seed."

[A pinch or teaspoon of leaven/mustard seed, *small, smallest of all seeds* BUT *grows* into The Greatest Movement—**CHRISTianity**.]

"Why JESUS?"

Consider *with* **JESUS** and I,

1. The Circumstances (causes, climate, condition) **JESUS**, you and I are in.

This is the *last* parable **JESUS** gives in '*public*,' as Matthew account of **The Gospel records**.

Matthew 13: 36, "Then **JESUS** sent the multitudes away, and went into the house,

and **HIS** disciples came unto **HIM**..." Point: The rest of the 'parables' given, were given in

private, between **JESUS** and **HIS** disciples. (Remember, Matthew 13: 13, "**...I speak to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**"

[Because "*rebellion*" against **HIM** has reached its peak... The hearts of the people;

the ears in the people's hearts, and the eyes of the people, have become so *dull* and *hard* and *blind*."] **JESUS**, in times like these, only speak plain, clearly, "make you free TRUTH,"

to **HIS** disciples!!! What's your Circumstance? What climate, What condition, are you in?

Consider *with* **JESUS** and I,

2. The Contents of **JESUS** sharing with **HIS** Disciples.

Note, “The *Leaven*.”

Matthew 13: 33, “Another parable spake **HE** unto them: “**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven...**” Mind you, the *subtle, False Doctrine* of (*Iniquity* [immoral, wicked behavior] *View*), that **The SCRIPTURES** teaches that “leaven” is compared to “evil.” If “leaven,” is to be interpreted as “evil” then “**The KINGdom of heaven**, is an “*subtle evil influence*” in our world. Read Matthew 13: 33 again... “Another parable spake **HE** unto them: “**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven...**” Mind you, *True Doctrine* (**JESUS is The TRUTH**), is an *Influence View*, those who are ‘made free’ by **The TRUTH of JESUS**, this *Influence View* is consistent with **SCRIPTURES**, “**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven...**” [since **JESUS**, came into my heart, O what **JOY** floods my soul, like sea billows roll; Everyday with **JESUS** is sweeter than the Day before; This **JOY** I have, the world did not give to me, and the world can’t take it away!!!]

Consider, “The *Lady (Woman)*.”

Matthew 13: 33, “Another parable spake **HE** unto them: “**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took...**” [I can hear the *rumblings* in the kitchen; I can *smell* the armors of savory cooking; my *mind* and *mouth*, make out, as I think of Mama Bread]

The *Lady (Woman)* represents how **The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST** and **The KINGdom of Heaven** spreads *despite* obscurity! [Mama Bread, big, fluffy, mouthwatering, *all because* of a little ‘leaven.’ ‘*Leaven, effectively hidden!*’

*Most who set at the Table of enjoyment, is ignorant of the hidden ‘Leaven’ in the Bread...

- “Now the birth of **JESUS CHRIST** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of **The HOLY GHOST**.”

(Matthew 1: 18)

- “And she brought forth her first-born **SON**, and wrapped **HIM** in swaddling clothes, and laid **HIM** in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2: 7)

- “And when they had performed all things according to **The Law of The LORD**, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And **the child** grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and **The Grace of GOD** was upon **HIM**.” (Luke 2: 39, 40)

- “...a certain man said to **HIM, LORD**, I will follow **THEE** whithersoever **THOU** goest. And **JESUS** said unto him, **Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but The SON of man hath not where to lay HIS head.**” Luke (9: 57, 58)

- “The High priest *testified* to the religious leaders, ‘How can you be so stupid?’ Why should the whole nation be destroyed? Let this **one man** die for the people.” (John 11: 50)

-**HE** convicted, convinced and converted Temple guards; they came out of the closet...

“Then came the officers to the chief priest and Pharisees; and the said unto them, Why have yet not bought **HIM**? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. (John 7: 45, 46)

-On **Calvary’s Cross**, **JESUS died...** “**JESUS**, when **HE** had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twin from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after **HIS** resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching **JESUS**... they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was **The Son of GOD**.”

(Matthew 27: 50-54)

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Consider with JESUS and I, "The Loaves."

Matthew 13: 33, "Another parable spake **HE** unto them: "**The KINGdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**"

Point: Just as a normal amount of *leaven*, put into the dough, that makes a whole loaf of Bread... the *loaves* simply represent the world, in which **this Gospel** I (we) *preach, practice, pray, proclaim*, and brings **The KINGdom of Heaven**, here, in the hearts of ALL who will *believe and receive*. [This does not mean that the whole world will be saved. *But be sure, The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST*, though we make not see it... it is being *preached, believed, and received*.]

"And this gospel of **The KINGdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24: 14)

"Why JESUS?"

"For **The SON of man** is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19: 10)

"Why JESUS?"

According to **SCRIPTURE**, **GOD** always wanted to be *among HIS people...*

- "And they heard **The Voice of The LORD GOD** walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of **The LORD GOD** amongst the trees of the garden." (Genesis 3: 8)

- "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also **The LORD** sitting upon a Throne, high and lifted up, and **HIS** train filled **The Temple**. Above it stood the seraphim's: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is **The LORD of hosts**: the whole earth is full of **HIS glory**." (Isaiah 6: 1-3)

- "What! Know ye not that your body is **the temple** of **The HOLY GHOST** which is in you, which ye have of **GOD**, and ye are not your own?" (I Corinthians 6: 19)

- "In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of **GOD** through **The SPIRIT**. (Ephesians 2: 22)

- "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth **a son**, and they shall call **HIS Name Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **GOD** with us." (Matthew 1: 23)

For what? "**...to seek and to save that which was lost.**"

And, when it's all over,

"...a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. The Holy City, new Jerusalem, came down from **GOD** out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And... a great Voice out heaven said, Behold, the tabernacle of **GOD** is with men, and **HE** will dwell with them, and they shall be **HIS** people, and **GOD HIMSELF** shall be with them, and be their **GOD**."

(Revelation 21: 1-3)