

V31-32 IN THIS PARABLE JESUS COMPARES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO A MUSTARD SEED JESUS IS REFERRING TO THE MUSTARD SEED AS BEING SMALLER THAN ALL OTHER SEEDS

JESUS PURPOSE WAS PROVERBIAL BECAUSE OF ITS TINY SIZE THE MUSTARD SEED REPRESENTED SOMETHING EXTREMELY SMALL AND GROWS INTO A LARGE PLANT

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAD SMALL BEGINNINGS THE KING OF THE KINGDOM WAS BORN IN A MANGER HIS DISCIPLES WERE FEW IN NUMBER UNEDUCATED AND FEARFUL BUT IT WOULD GROW INTO A LARGE BODY OF BELIEVERS WHICH IS THE CENTRAL LESSON OF THIS PARABLE

IN THE END THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD WILL BECOME THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST AND HE WILL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER REV 11:15

ANOTHER BLESSING OF THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED IS THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WILL BE A BLESSING TO THE REST OF THE WORLD THE TREE THAT GROWS FROM THE SMALL MUSTARD SEED REPRESENTS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WHICH IN THE PRESENT AGE CORRESPONDS TO THE CHURCH

THE FIGURE OF THE BIRDS MAKING NEST CARRIES THE IDEA OF PROTECTION SAFETY REFUGE AND SANCTUARY WHICH THE MOTHER BIRD PROVIDES FOR HER YOUNG

YES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WILL GROW FROM TINY BEGINNINGS THAT WOULD PROVIDE SHELTER PROTECTION AND BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD

WHEN CHRISTIANS LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD THEY ARE A BLESSING TO THOSE AROUND THEM IT IS THROUGH THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE HAVING RECOGNIZED GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY WE HAVE SOUGHT TO BUILD OUR LIVES AND STANDARD OF LIVING ON HIS WORD TRUSTING IN HIS LOVE FOR US

JESUS POINT IS THAT IN SPITE OF GREAT OPPOSITION REPRESENTED BY THE BAD SOILS AND THE TARES HIS KINGDOM WILL START SMALL AND SPREAD IN POWER AND INFLUENCE TO BECOME VICTORIOUS

V33 NEXT JESUS COMPARES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO LEAVEN TO WHICH A WOMAN TOOK AND HID IN THREE PECKS OF FLOUR UNTIL IT WAS ALL LEAVEN SMALL THINGS CAN HAVE A GREAT INFLUENCE

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER AFFECTS THE ENTIRE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AROUND IT THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS AN INFLUENCE THOUGH IT IS NOT SEEN LIKE THE YEAST IN THE BREAD IT'S EFFECTS ARE EVIDENT JOHN 3:8

JUST LIKE WE SEE THE AFFECTS OF LEAVEN TO DOUGH WE SEE THE EFFECTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIVES OF BELIEVERS

1COR 5:17 THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATURE THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY BEHOLD NEW THINGS HAVE COME THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES YOUR LIFE

GOD HAS NOT LEFT US TO OURSELVES TO ACCOMPLISH IS WILL ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN HE HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT BY HIS POWER IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN US AND THROUGH US WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

JESUS TEACHING IN THESE TWO PARABLES WAS TO ASSURE THE APOSTLES THE EARLY CHURCH AND EVERY BELIEVER IN EVERY AGE THAT ULTIMATELY HIS KINGDOM WOULD PROSPER AND GROW CHRISTIANITY WILL WIN WE HAVE THE VICTORY IN CHRIST EVIL WILL BE DESTROYED AND JESUS WILL REIGN

MATT 16:18 CHRIST HIMSELF IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH AND THE VERY GATES OF HADES DEATH ITSELF WILL NOT OVERPOWER IT NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD ROM 8:31-39