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### **Text:**

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

### **Commentary:**

I. The kingdom of heaven is like a woman who took leaven and worked it into three measures of meal until all the bread was leavened.

A. Leaven in Scripture often represents evil and corruption. Here it represents the spread of the kingdom.

B. The woman may represent the church, the bride of Christ. The church is to take the gospel, the leaven, to the whole world.

C. The number “three” in reference to the measures of meal appears to be incidental. It was customary for women of that day to make three loaves of bread just as it is customary for us to buy a dozen eggs.

II. Representations:

A. The leaven represents the spreading influence of the kingdom of God to the entire world.

B. The woman is the church whose duty it is to take the gospel to the world.

III. The first four parables recorded in this chapter to this point were presented to the multitudes.

A. At this time Jesus went into a house where he explained to the disciples the meaning of the parable of the tares and other related parables.

B. Psalm 78:2, I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old –

IV. Jesus revealed to the sincere members of his audience all they could understand in view of their backgrounds and relationships to his ministry.

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### Questions

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is like a \_\_\_\_\_ who took \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it into \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ until all the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture often represents \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Here it represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The women may represent the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ is to take the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The number “three” may refer to the fact that women of that day were accustomed to baking \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ just as it is customary for us to buy a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It is the duty of the \_\_\_\_\_ to take the \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The first \_\_\_\_\_ parable presented in this chapter were spoken to \_\_\_\_\_, but this parable was spoken to the \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 78:2 foretold that Jesus would open his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Jesus revealed to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ all they could \_\_\_\_\_ in view of these \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his ministry.

10. What are you doing to take the gospel to all the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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