

2 Encounters For Jesus: A Gentile Woman and the Pharisees

Sin as Leaven

Mark 7:20, 8:11

Chapel Bible Study

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- I. Why does Jesus use the metaphor of sin as leaven? 5:30-11:10.
 - a. "Yeast" is added to bread and it digests the sugar to form alcohol and CO₂.
 - b. This is a very descriptive metaphor, similar to "white sepulcher".
 - c. Yeast works in a *hidden* way.
 - d. Yeast works *throughout* the bread.
 - e. Yeast sucks the sugar(*sweetness*) out.
 - f. Pharisees always concerned with externals.
 - g. Sin is primarily related to motives, thoughts, intentions.
 - h. Sin is like eating Lay's® potato chips, or nec fasiitis.
- II. What does this metaphor teach?
 - a. The essence of sin is pride and denial of grace. 1 Cor 5:6.
 - b. The Pharisees wanted a strong messiah, and not one who would die.
 - c. They and the like minded always will demand another sign, and have a certain restlessness.
- III. The SP woman got it right though in that she had faith in grace.
 - a. She knew that she was unworthy but that He was generous.
 - b. She demonstrated boldness with humility.
 - c. Luther's comment on this encounter: [we're}more wicked than we could ever believe, but more loved and more accepted than we could ever dare to hope.
 - d. The Bread of Heaven needed to be broken to provide the abundance for all.