

Sovereign Grace Church
“Two Parables and a Prophecy” outline
February 2, 2020

Matthew 13: 31-35

We continue our study of Jesus' parables concerning His Kingdom in Matthew 13. This morning we will consider another couple of parables concerning both the growth and the influence of Christ's Kingdom as it engages with the kingdoms of men and Satan. There is no earthly reason why this Kingdom should be successful as it employs none of those normal tools used to advance the kingdoms of the flesh and Satan. There is no manipulation or deceit or anger or aggression and yet it continues to advance and to permeate the institutions of men. It started very inconspicuously and yet its effectiveness is transformative.

- 1. Jesus' Use of Parables vv 34-35**
Mk 4: 22; Psm 78: 2; Deut. 4: 29; Matt. 7: 7-8

- 2. Mustard Seeds and Leaven vv 31-33**
 - Mustard Seeds & the Kingdom vv 31-32**

 - Leaven & the Kingdom v 33**

 - Lessons**
Rom. 12: 21

3. How Christ's Kingdom Grows
Gen. 2:15; 3: 19; Matt 4:17; Jn 17:3; Isa 55: 12-13

Questions for your Consideration

- 1. Why does Jesus tend to use parables in His teaching despite their confusing nature?**
- 2. How does the parable of the leaven relate to Christ's Kingdom? What effect should that truth have on your own work in Christ's Kingdom today?**
- 3. If you were set on defending your own kingdom of rebellion against God how would you fight against this Kingdom? How do we resist light? What are ways that Satan tries to use Christ's Kingdom against itself? Why is the only way to advance Christ's Kingdom to submit in trust to Him?**
- 4. How does the parable of the mustard seed relate to Christ's Kingdom? What effect should that truth have on your own work in Christ's Kingdom today?**