

Power and Influence of Christ's Kingdom, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 13.
- B. Jesus prophesied his future kingdom. (Zechariah 8)
- C. Jesus came to establish an internal kingdom. (John 18:33, Romans 14:17, Luke 17:20)
- D. Jesus gives parables to describe the nature of this coming kingdom.

II. The Parable of the Leaven.

- A. The leaven influences a massive amount of dough. It influences it positively.
- B. Key truths.
 - 1. The power of the kingdom is great. Leaven is an illustration of permeation not simply something evil. (1 Corinthians 5:6)
 - 2. The positive influence of the kingdom comes from within. (Matthew 24:14)

III. More identify with Christianity than anywhere in the world. Christ is building his kingdom. (1 Corinthians 7:14, Matthew 16:18)

Application Questions:

1. What does it mean that the kingdom is internal?

2. How can we see the power of Christ's kingdom promises today?

3. What kind of influence should Christians exercise in society? Explain.
