<u>THE GROWTH, THE PROTECTION,</u> <u>AND THE PERMEATION</u> <u>OF THE KINGDOM</u> *Matthew 13:31-33*

I. Parable Of The Mustard Seed

A) Small <u>Beginnings</u> – Mustard Seed

John 6:64-71

Acts 1:15

Acts 2:38-41

B) Great Ending – The Tree

Daniel 4:10-12

Ezekiel 31:5-6

2 Corinthians 7:13

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Galatians 6:1-2

Acts 20:28

II. The Parable Of The Leaven

A) A Small Amount Of Leaven Has Great Impact

Galatians 5:9

1 Corinthians 5:6

1) Bad Leaven Or Good Leaven, Both Permeate Greatly

Matthew 16:6, 12 1 Corinthians 5:6-7 Philippians 2:12-16 John 17:18 Revelation 7:9 Matthew 16:18

Closing Thought: Jesus has just taught that most soil will not produce good fruit, and that there are many tares amongst the wheat. However, He now encourages us with the reality of the power and the influence of His Church. The small seed that started with the twelve has grown into a huge entity, providing protection and comfort for God's people. The Church is permeating throughout the world, causing it to be a more holy place.