

The Surprising Power of the Word
Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 140
Matthew 13:31-35

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³¹ Another parable He put before them, saying, “The kingdom of the heavens is like a grain of mustard *seed*, which a man took and¹ sowed in his field,
³² “which, on the one hand, is smallest² of all the seeds, but, on the other, when it is grown, it is largest³ of the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and shelter⁴ in its branches.”

heavens is like leaven, which a woman took and⁵ hid in three seahs⁶ of wheat flour until the whole became leavened.”
³⁴ All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds, and without a parable He was speaking nothing to them,
³⁵ in order that what was said through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.”⁷

³³ Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of the

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Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

HEARING THE WORD

Introduction:

I. The Parables (vv. 31-33)

A. First: _____ (vv. 31-32)

1. Three points:

a. _____ of _____ sown

b. _____ing

c. Size of seed _____

2. Main impression: wondrous _____

B. Second: _____ (v. 33)

1. Three points:

a. The _____

b. The _____ing

c. The _____ing

¹ Literally *which, having taken, a man...*

² Literally *smaller*.

³ Literally *larger*.

⁴ Or *nest*.

⁵ Literally *which, having taken, a woman...*

⁶ Hebrew measurement of volume, about 13 liters.

⁷ Psalm 78:2.

2. Question: What is the meaning of the *leaven*?
 - a. It is removed for Passover (Exodus __:15)
 - b. It can be associated with _____ in Scripture...
 - c. ..._____ necessarily
 - d. The upshot:
3. Main impression: wondrous _____

II. The Prophecy (vv. 34-35)

A. As Given: Psalm ____

B. Matthew's Quotation

III. The Point of the Parables

A. About the _____

1. The seeds
2. The picture:

B. About the _____: _____!

1. ... _____ly
 - a. Why "_____”?
 - b. Why "_____”?
2. ... _____ly

DOING THE WORD