

Galatians 5:9~

A little leaven ferments the whole lump.

1· Paul knew, that it only takes a small amount of leaven to ferment a large lump of flour. Likewise, wrong teachings could corrupt the Christian congregation. See therefore, the reason why teachers will receive a heavier judgment.

[Question] What does it take just a little of, to ferment a large lump of flour?

[Question] What then, is this leaven to be compared to?

2· See how easy it is even for a faithful man to make a mistake, that influences the lives of millions, to wrong thinking. Thus through a simple mistake, was lawlessness introduced into Christian thinking in the **First Century C.E., and it has stayed to the present day, for no one dared to question it further.**

[Question] What becomes apparent through such a fine man as Paul who watched his teaching very carefully?

[Question] How then, was lawlessness introduced into the Christian congregation?

[Question] Why also has it stayed right up to today?

3· Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. (James 3:1**)**

[Question] Why should only a few become teachers?

4· The hand of the witnesses first of all should come upon him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people afterward, and you must clear out what is bad from your midst. (Deuteronomy 17:7**)**

[Question] What was to be done with apostates in Israel, and why?

5· Your cause for boasting is not fine. Do you not know, that a little **leaven ferments the whole lump? (**1 Corinthians 5:6**)**

[Question] Why were the Corinthians told, that they had no sound reason to boast?

[Question] What does a little leaven, or wrongdoing, do?

- 6· **Do not be misled! Bad associations spoil useful habits. (1 Corinthians 15:33)**

[Question] What should anointed Christians not be misled about, for what do bad associations lead to?

- 7· **And their word will spread like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of that number. (2 Timothy 2:17)**

[Question] What will the word of apostates spread like?

- 8· **Furthermore, many will follow their acts of loose conduct, and on account of these, the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively. (2 Peter 2:2)**

[Question] What will happen within the congregation, if loose conduct is permitted, resulting in what?

- 9· **No grain offering that you will present to Yehowah should be made a leavened thing, because you must make no sourdough and no honey at all smoke as an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (Leviticus 2:11)**

[Question] What was never allowed as part of sacrificial offerings made at the temple of Yehowah?

- 10· **Wisdom is better than implements for fighting, and merely one sinner can destroy much good. (Ecclesiastes 9:18)**

[Question] What is just one sinner able to destroy?

- 11· **Another illustration he spoke to them; The kingdom of the heavens is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three large measures of flour, until the whole mass was fermented. (Matthew 13:33)**

[Question] What did Jesus Christ state, that the Kingdom of the heavens was like?

- 12· **And he began to order them expressly and say; Keep your eyes open, look out for the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. (Mark 8:15)**

[Question] What did Jesus Christ tell his disciples to look out for, and what did he later show, that he meant by this statement?