

# A LESSON ON THE DANGERS OF LEAVEN



- God's commands to Israel regarding Leaven:
  - **Exodus 12:15-20; 13:3, 7; Leviticus 2:11; Deuteronomy 16:3-4**
- Jesus used the example of leaven as a warning about evil influences:
  - **Matthew 16:5-6, 11-12** – Pharisees and Sadducees
  - **Mark 8:15** – Pharisees and Herod
  - **Luke 12:1** – Pharisees and their hypocrisy

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- Definition of Leaven:

- 1. *“a substance, typically yeast, that is added to dough to make it ferment and rise”*
- 2. *“a pervasive influence that modifies something or transforms it”*

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- Application: The effects of the sin of Achan on others:
  - **Joshua 6:17-19; 7:1-15, 19-26; 22:20**
- Application: Allowing false teachers to remain in a congregation: **Galatians 1:6-7, 5:4-10**
- Application: Allowing sin to remain in a congregation: **I Cor. 5:1-13**