

BEHOLD THE KING

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leaven - a substance, typically yeast,
that is used in dough to make it rise

1. Jesus's **warning** (5-6)

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“Jesus said to them, ‘Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’”

Matthew 16:5-6

watch (horao) = to see, perceive

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beware (prosecho) = to pay attention,
to give heed

“...but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees” (16:12b)

1. Their teaching was leavened with **false assumptions.**

“And do not presume to say to yourselves,
‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell
you, God is able from these stones to raise
up children for Abraham.”

Matthew 3:9

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“unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:1

Three illustrations:

- on **giving**

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“When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets,

- on **giving**

“that they may be praised by others.”

Matthew 6:2a

- on **praying**

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“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites.

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“For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.” Matthew 6:5a

- on **fasting**

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“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites,

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“for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others.” Matthew 6:16a

3. Their teaching was leavened with
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“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

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“in vain do they worship me, teaching as
doctrines the commandments of men.”

Matthew 15:7-9

2. The disciples' **misunderstanding** (7)

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“And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, ‘We brought no bread.’”

3. Jesus's **clarification** (8-12)

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“But Jesus, aware of this, said, ‘O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact you have no bread?’

“Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

“Or the seven loaves for the four thousand,
and how many baskets you gathered?

“How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’

“Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of the bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:8-12

- His **rebuke** - “O you of little faith”

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown
into the oven, will he not much more clothe
you, O you of little faith?

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

“For the Gentiles seek after all these things,
and your heavenly Father knows you need
them all.”

Matthew 6:30-32

“And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

“And they went and woke him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’

“Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?’”

Matthew 8:23-27

“And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.’
He said, ‘Come.’

“So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’

“Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’

“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”

Matthew 14:28-33

- His **reminder** -

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“Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?”

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“Or the seven loaves for the four thousand,
and how many baskets you gathered?” (9-10)

“ . . .and how many baskets you gathered” (9b)

- His **restatement** -

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“Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” (12)

Application: How do we view these things?