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Leviticus 2: 11 “ ‘Every grain offering you bring to the Lord must be made without yeast, for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in an offering made to the Lord by fire.’ ”

Matthew 16: 11, 12 “ ‘How is it you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’ Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Don’t we love a fresh loaf of bread still warm from the oven. Don’t we marvel at the way the yeast causes the bread to rise. But the Bible equates yeast and its expansive nature to the growth of sin. Grain represents the goodness of a Godly life which should not be tainted by the secret growth of our straying from the true path.

Jesus took the analogy further with his warning to his disciples to beware false teaching from those within the temple hierarchy.

We can enjoy our bread and beer making but we should always be mindful of our ability to submit to pleasures and behaviour which take us away from God.