

COMPROMISE

"A settlement of differences by mutual concessions; an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing claims, principles, etc. by reciprocal modification of demands" (dictionary.com

"Compromise is the crack in the armor we are supposed to be wearing (Ephesians 6:10-18), and when our armor is compromised that is the very spot Satan will strike his death blow!"

PHARAOH...

- An example of how Satan works to compromise our faith and convictions.
- Pharaoh's stand? "I will not let Israel go!" (Exodus 5:2)
- Pharaoh's tool? Compromise in the face of overwhelming evidence Exodus 7:3
- Every denomination and every apostasy has been preceded by a compromise from God's plan for His church and His saints. Matthew 16:18
- Every compromise by the church begins in the hearts of man. 1 Kings 11:2, 9 Other priorities ...

1ST COMPROMISE –

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Moses, "It is not right to do so ..." Exodus 8:26 Two concerns:

- 1. Convenience is the father of much compromise
 - 3 day journey? 1 Kings 12:28-33; Acts 8:27; Daniel
 - Serving God is not always convenient

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Two concerns:

- 2. Separation
 - No need to separate yourselves to worship God.
 - Satan will allow us to serve if we do so on his terms. No separation.
 - Separation is necessary. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
 - Be examples 1 Timothy 4:12
 - Let your light shine Matthew 5:13-16

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- To continue in sin while we claim to serve God is compromising everything Jesus died for (Romans 6:1-4; 2 Peter 3:4).
- Some espouse that they can continue to walk (live) as they always have and worship God acceptably Ephesians 4:17-24
- We must leave them all behind completely. "Put them all aside" (Colossians 3:8).
- How long will we go trying to live with one foot in the world and one foot in the church (I Kings 18:21)?

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2ND COMPROMISE -

"GO...ONLY YOU SHALL NOT GO VERY FAR AWAY" - EXODUS 8:28

- Serve but don't go too far with your zeal and love.
- Don't get carried away with moral and doctrinal purity. Galatians 1:8-9; 2:5
- Do we keep our first love? Revelation 2:2-5
- Have we grown lukewarm (Revelation 3:15-16) or are our hearts still on fire (Luke 24:32)?
- Have we kept our appetite? Matthew 5:3
- Are we still "running in such a way that you may win" (1 Corinthians 9:24)

3RD COMPROMISE —
"GO...BUT DON'T' TAKE YOUR LITTLE ONES WITH YOU"
— EXODUS 10:8-11

- Satan would seek to compromise our families if we ourselves can't be affected.
- Serve but be too busy too read and teach God's word. Deuteronomy 6:7; Ephesians 6:1-4
- I'll fulfill my role in the family if ...

4TH COMPROMISE -

"GO... ONLY LET YOUR FLOCKS AND HERDS BE DETAINED" – EXODUS 10:24-26

- Satan will use our possessions as a lure back into the world. 1 John 2:15-17
- What impact will our "things" have on our relationship with God? Matthew 19:16-22
- Will they distract my focus from the things which are eternal? Luke 12:15-21
- Will they render us unfruitful and unusable to God? Mark 4:18-19
- It all seems so innocent ... Luke 14:16-24

DON'T COMPROMISE YOUR **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**

- Some compromise their hearing of the gospel ...
- Some compromise their belief ...
- Some compromise their confession ...
- Some compromise their repentance ...
- Some compromise their obedience to the command to be baptized ...
- There is no negotiating or bargaining in regards to our soul's salvation ... won't you submit your will to God today!

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