

EXODUS COMPROMISE

TEXT: *Exodus 8:28: And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.*

Compromise has been the devil's method from the beginning. He does not always reject God's plan, but for the most part, he tries to adulterate it.

He didn't suggest to Cain that he erect no altar or make no sacrifice to God, but rather to substitute the fruit of the ground for a lamb.



Read the history of churches and of individuals who — instead of simple repentance and faith to God and Christ — believed in elaborate ritual. Modernism eliminates the Blood of the Lamb which taketh away the sin of the world and substitutes compromise in the form of an elaborate system of ethics of Jesus.

Ethics can't save your soul or mine — only the Blood of Jesus can save us.

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They may be very gentlemanly, noble, and polite, but don't forget that everyone who is unwilling to be ruled by the Spirit of God and refuses to be governed by the Word of God is under the influence of the antichrist!

The temptation to put the Blood on the back door instead of the front door, and to use red paint instead of blood, would have been the greatest compromise arrangement satan could have used to destroy all Israel.

Pharaoh tried this half-way stuff of compromise on Moses. The Egyptian ruler, a type of satan, felt his hold was being broken, so he was going to ensnare them by guile. No man-made proposition will work. Pharaoh had four of them, which look pretty good to the natural eye, but a closer look will show they are the four compromises satan uses in his entire field of temptation.

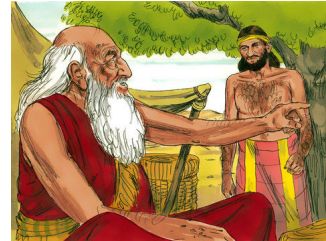
Exodus 8:25: And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land

“Go worship your God in the land,”. Profess your faith in Christ, join a church, but don't separate from the world. Mix the world with your religion. You can still partake of worldly pleasures, worldly adorning, worldly system and be a Christian. Act devout on Sunday and live in Egypt the other six days. How true this is today.

All Israel's ills in the Bible arose from their failure to obey God's command to separate themselves from the world.

2 Corinthians 6:17: *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

Genesis, the Book of beginnings, sets forth the doctrines of the New Testament in types, shadows, and symbols. The joyful errand of Abraham's servant to get a Bride for Isaac and bring her to Isaac introduces his question: "*What if she is unwilling to separate herself from her family and go with me?*"



The New Testament doctrine is shown in:

Matthew 25:6: *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.*

Separation is God's Call to all believers, for this is the very meaning of the word Church — the called-out ones.

Perhaps the saddest Scriptures in the Old Testament pertaining to Israel's deliverance from Egypt are:

Exodus 12:38: *And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.*

Numbers 11:4: *And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?*



Nehemiah 13:3: *Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.*

Jeremiah speaks of the mingled people and the judgment falling upon them, for all Israel was commanded from the very beginning to remain separated from all nations, unto the Lord.

Take a long look at Lot's wife and you will learn what the Holy Spirit is endeavoring to teach us about separation. Many feet marching toward worldly entertainment would not be disturbed by the warning from the angel of God. Lot, his wife and two daughters had to be pulled out of Sodom, and though they were

escaping for their lives, the heart of Mrs. Lot was still in courtship with Sodom. Her face was toward Zoar, but her heart was bound to influence her actions, and did. It cost her her life.

Genesis 19:24-26:

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of Heaven;

25 And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.



I believe when gambling and carnivals are used by the church to raise funds — which is an abomination of Egypt — it is a sure sign that we are on the verge of bankruptcy, spiritually.

Exodus 8:28: And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

Go. But don't go very far away. Make some changes in your life, but don't carry it too far. Be reasonable. Don't overdo it. Go to church on Sunday, but not Wednesday night. Give a little in the offering, but don't tithe. Go straight, but not too straight. Don't be a fanatic about religion.

A little girl fell out of bed one night. Her mother asked her how it happened. She replied, "I guess I went to sleep too near the place I got in at."



God commanded three days journey away into the wilderness. This refers to — and is a shadow and fore-type of — the death and resurrection of Christ. Many live around the tomb more than they live in the resurrection life of Christ.

Exodus 10:11: Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Pharaoh isn't through with ways to compromise. When we are firm on our consecration and obedience to the Word, satan tries other devices to catch us off guard.

The third is: "You men go and serve the Lord, but leave the women and children at

home, for fear some evil thing may happen to them.”

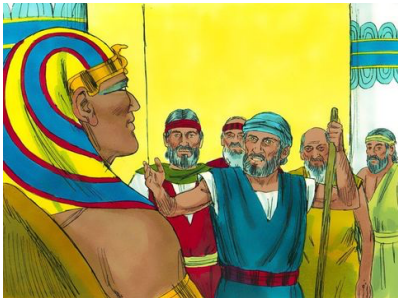
The devil is a sly old fox. Whenever he becomes interested in the welfare of God’s children’s children, he has a new trick up his sleeve. He is saying in so many words, *‘if you have to be religious and I can’t stop you, don’t force your religion on the whole family.’*

Satan knows that if there is any compromise in our spirit, and if we do not influence our whole family toward the Lord, it won’t be long before he has us parents back again. He hasn’t changed his tactics in over 5000 years. More men and women are drawn back into the world by their children more than anything else. Think of the questionable things admitted into your homes for the children’s sake! It is terrible when satan is permitted to use the children as a decoy for their parents.



Children don’t know the evils that lurk in worldliness. Parents do, and parents should be on guard for their offspring.

If there were a contagious disease sign posted on a house, would you allow your children in there? Certainly not! Shall we be less careful of that contagious *disease of sin* to the souls of our children?



Listen to Moses’ reply . . . God wants parents to lead their children out of Egypt. They must refuse to settle for less. Lowering the standards of God’s Word will lessen the children’s love for that which is Holy and righteous.

Exodus 10:24: And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

“Go, take the children and family, leave only the cattle behind.”

The devil is hard to beat. His temptations are sly and subtle. *‘Be religious’*, the enemy is saying, then *‘only let your business remain in Egypt’*. Have your body in church, but your purse at home. Many people are unaware of satan’s interest in their possessions. If he can get you to rob God of tithes and offerings, he has succeeded in the last point where he couldn’t in the other three. Have you consecrated your business and your possessions to the Lord?

Exodus 10:25-26:

25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt

offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

²⁶ Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Hear what Moses said: *“Our cattle shall go with us, there shall not be a hoof left behind!”* Devil, we defy you! This is a supreme need in the world today — a church that hurls her defiance in the face of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Every evil spirit’s attempt is to enslave, ensnare, and keep you from the promised land. Worldly habits go in here, too. The devil wants to get your affections left in Egypt in order to lure you back there.

Moses said: *Pharaoh, we never will come back to these worldly surroundings.*

We have started with Jesus, and we are going to press thru! A true Christian will turn his back on the world which is what it takes to be a real child of God. We are traveling together to Glory with our loved ones, far from the world, as strangers and pilgrims on earth, seeking a City to come. Anything less is failure and compromise, and a victory for satan.

There is a security that no devil can break — when you make a complete consecration to God, giving Him all.

“How terrible,” Wesley cried out, “when ambassadors of God turn out to be agents for the devil! When commissioned to teach men the way to heaven, they do, in



fact, teach the way to hell. If ever asked, “Why, who does this?” I answer, “Ten thousand wise and honorable men; even all those of whatever denomination, who encourage the proud, the trifler, the passionate, the lover of the world, the man of pleasure, the unjust or unkind, the easy, the careless, the harmful, useless creatures, the man who suffers no persecution for righteousness sake, to imagine he is on the way to Heaven! These are false prophets in the highest sense of the word. These are traitors to both God and man. These are no other than the firstborn of satan.

They are continually peopling the realms of night; and whenever they follow the poor souls they have destroyed, hell shall be removed from beneath to meet them at their coming.”

Saints, keep you eyes fixed on Jesus, and never, ever compromise.

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