

THE COMPROMISES OF PHARAOH

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible warns us repeatedly to beware of Satan and his devices:
 - a. *(1PE 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (KJV)*
 - b. *(LUK 22:31) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired {to have} you, that he may sift {you} as wheat: (32) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (KJV)*
2. God has done this through various means throughout His word:
 - a. Direct statements such as are above
 - b. Through showing us the results of people that followed Satan
 - 1) Adam and Eve (Gen 3)
 - 2) Achan (Joshua 7)
 - 3) Nation of Israel
 - c. Through type and anti-type
3. We are going to look to Pharaoh and in him we shall see a picture of Satan and how he tried to corrupt God's people and we can make application to our lives today.
 - a. *(ROM 15:4) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (KJV)*
 - b. *(1CO 10:11) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (KJV)*
4. Background of Egyptian captivity:
 - a. Slavery -- in due time all the family of Joseph came to be in Egypt.
 - b. *(EXO 1:8) Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. (KJV)*
 - c. God had promised a deliverer -- *(GEN 50:24-25) And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (25) And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. (KJV)*
 - d. Moses was the one God chose and now he is delivering God's people and Pharaoh is resisting.
 - e. To keep God's people under his control, Pharaoh tried to compromise with Moses. **SATAN IS STILL DOING THE SAME THING TODAY!!!**

I. LACK OF SEPARATION (8:25)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. (Exodus 8:1).....And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. (Exodus 8:25)

- A. Pharaoh said to worship -- but stay in the land!
 1. Moses had been instructed by the Lord to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go that they may go and serve God: *(EXO 8:20) And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. (KJV)*

2. 5647. 'abad {aw-bad}'; keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, do (use) service, (set a) work, worshiper,
 3. God had commanded that they go three days into the wilderness: ***(EXO 8:27) We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as he shall command us. (KJV)***
 4. The sacrifices that they would offer to God would have caused them to be stoned to death: ***(EXO 8:26) And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the Lord our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? (KJV)***
 - a. Where they were -- sacrifices would have been not accepted.
 - b. Pharaoh wanted them to go through a form of worship although he knew it would not be accepted and would have caused them death.
- B. Today Satan is making the same argument to the world and to the church.
1. He argues that man can worship in any religious body that he chooses - denominationalism.
 - a. He argues that man can make the choice although God has spoken on the subject:
 - 1). ***(EPH 3:21) Unto him {be} glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (KJV)***
 - 2). ***(COL 1:18) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all {things} he might have the preeminence. (KJV)***
 - 3). ***(EPH 4:4) {There is} one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (KJV)***
 - b. Thus he would have us believe that we can stay in the land (world) and still worship God acceptably.
 2. He argues that we do not have to be separate **morally**.
 - a. ***(2CO 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. (KJV)***
 - b. ***(EPH 5:11) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove {them}. (KJV)***
 - c. ***(1TH 5:22) Abstain from all appearance of evil. (KJV)***
 - d. ***Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (2 Timothy 2:19)***
- C. Moses' answer should still be our answer: ***(EXO 8:27) We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as he shall command us. (KJV)***

II. LACK OF PARTICIPATION (8:28)

- A. Having failed at his first attempt, Pharaoh didn't give up. ***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. (Exodus 8:28)***
 1. He said if you are going to go, then don't very far.
 2. He wanted to let them go a little ways, but not as far as God wanted them to go.

- B Satan still tempts God's people today trying to persuade us not to get that involved with church work.
1. He is willing to allow us to follow God, but not really participate.
 - a. God will not accept any place but first: *(MAT 6:33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)*
 - b. Principle goes back even to the O.T. -- *(DEU 4:24) For the Lord thy God {is} a consuming fire, {even} a jealous God. (KJV)*
 2. Make application to today:
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Visitation
 - c. Bible study
 - d. Standing for the Truth
 - e. Gospel meetings, etc.

III. LACK OF EDUCATION (10:9-11)

And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we [must hold] a feast unto the LORD. And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look [to it]; for evil [is] before you. 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. (Exodus 10:9-11)

- A. Pharaoh was willing at this point to let the men go, but wanted the little ones to stay there.
 1. Perhaps at this point he realized that the older ones had set their minds to go and he would not be able to sway them any more.
 2. Perhaps he knew that if he could get the little ones to see his side, he could have the next generation.

- B. Satan is truly doing this today.
 1. There are many older people who will not go along with the new thought sweeping through the church.
 2. Satan perhaps realizes that he will not be able to deceive the older, more mature people so he goes after the younger generation.
 3. What we have to do is continue to educate them in the basic fundamental points of Christianity.
 - a. Absolute standard of authority
 - b. Authority begins at home
 - c. The Bible is sufficient to make us complete before God if we will obey its teachings
 - d. There is only one church and one plan of salvation in order to be added to the church
 - e. The church is still the most important thing in the world
 - f. God has spoken in matters pertaining to worship and we must obey His plan in order to worship correctly
 - 1) Instrumental music -- A Capella -- Senatobia Friday night
 - 2) Men taking the public lead in worship -- ERA or not!

- C. Satan will get many to fall for his compromise -- those who believe that they ought to leave it up to their children to decide for themselves what is right or wrong concerning religion.
 - 1. Children must be taught by mouth and by example
 - 2. ***(PRO 29:15) The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left {to himself} bringeth his mother to shame. (KJV)***
 - 3. ***(EPH 6:4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (KJV)***
 - a. "bring" - 1625. ektrepho {ek-tref'-o}; from 1537 and 5142; to rear up to maturity, i.e. (genitive case) to cherish or train: -bring up, nourish.

IV. LACK OF DEDICATION (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. (Exodus 10:24)

- A. Pharaoh realized that they were not going to be swayed away from going, so he wanted them to leave their money behind.
 - 1. Moses went on to tell him that they would need their flocks and herds in order to sacrifice to God.
 - 2. They were not just playing at worship, but they were dedicated to doing what God wanted and offering to Him what He had commanded.

- B. Satan is still trying today to get to leave our money at home.
 - 1. The Lord spoke many parables while on earth, but about 3/4 of His parables were aimed at money.
 - 2. Satan tries to get us not to be dedicated with our money.
 - a. Why, you worked all week for that, it is yours.
 - b. They don't ever spend it like I want them to anyway.
 - c. The only reason the preacher preaches on it is because he wants a raise.
 - d. The Lord expects me to pay for all my bills first and then give to Him.
 - e. Perhaps the most truthful one of all is: **IF I GIVE WHAT I AM SUPPOSED TO THE CHURCH, THERE WON'T BE AS MUCH LEFT FOR ME!!!!**
 - 3. The Lord told us we can't take it with us: ***(1TI 6:7) For we brought nothing into {this} world, {and it is} certain we can carry nothing out. (KJV)***
 - 4. The Lord told a parable about the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) which describes so many people.

- C. Moses answer was the immortal answer: ***(EXO 10:26) 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. (KJV)***
 - 1. We might say that Moses' answer summed up all of Pharaoh's compromises.
 - 2. What Moses was saying was that they were not going to follow Pharaoh and they would not be denied.
 - 3. There would be no compromise on their part and we should say the same today.

CONCLUSION:

1. We can not compromise Truth and please God.
2. We must ever guard against becoming lax with the Word of God and allowing things to happen which violate the Word of God.
3. We must guard against this in our own personal lives also.
4. will we fall victim to Satan's compromises today or will we stand firm on the Word of God?
5. If you are here and not a Christian, Satan wants you to compromise now by staying in your seat and not coming forward and being baptized into Christ.
 - a. He wants you to say that there are hypocrites in this church
 - b. He wants you to say that you are already a pretty good person
 - c. He wants you to say that you will do it some day, but not today
6. If you are a member but have wandered back into the world,
 - a. He wants you to blame everybody except yourself.
 - b. He wants you to say, *Look at so-n-so, but not me!*
 - c. He wants you to think about dinner or the ball game
7. Will you come today and not listen to Satan's compromises?