

Pharaoh's Offers Of Compromise

Exodus 8:25-32

Introduction:

- A. Pharaoh offers some subtle compromises to Moses.
 - 1. He wanted to hold Israel, yet lighten the plagues.
 - 2. He is typical of Satan and His efforts to hold us in bondage to sin.
- B. Pharaoh offered *four compromises* that Satan offers to people today.

Discussion:

I. “Go, Sacrifice To Your God In The Land.” (Ex. 8:25)

- A. This offer had a snag in it — “in the land.”
- B. This offer created an impossible situation. (Ex. 8:26-27).
 - 1. Israel's sacrifices an abomination to Egyptians.
 - a. Jupiter adorned under a ram.
 - b. Apollo adorned under a cow.
 - c. Bacchus adorned under a goat.
 - d. Juno adorned under a heifer.
 - 2. Egypt's sacrifices an abomination to Israel.
- C. This offer made by Satan today — Worship, but in a denomination.
 - 1. “One church is a good as another.”
 - 2. Denominational worship displeases God — Scriptural worship displeases denominations.

II. “Only You Shall Not Go Very Far Away.” (Ex. 8:28)

- A. This offer would keep them in reach, far from Canaan.
- B. This offer offered Christians by Satan — “If must be Christian, do not go far.”
 - 1. “Attend, but do not attend all the services”. (Heb. 10:25).
 - 2. “Attend all the services and worship, but remain passive on other matters effecting the church.
 - 3. “Go, but do not make a clean break with world”.
 - a. Cf. Jas. 1:27; Matt. 6:24; 2 Thess. 5:22; 1 Jno. 2:15,16.
 - b. “See how close to border you can live”.
 - 4. “Preach and support the truth, but not all the truth”.
 - a. Avoid confrontation with sin and error — especially within the church.
 - b. Be content to believe the truth — but let others defend it alone. (2 Tim. 4:14-17)
 - c. Only the positive side of the gospel, never the negative or vise versa.
 - (1) “Goodness & Severity” of God. (Rom. 11:22)
 - (2) “Rebuke” & “Exhort” (2 Tim. 4:2).

III. “Let The Men Go” (Ex. 10:7-11)

- A. This offer would have left hearts behind — would be back.
- B. This offer repeated by Satan today.
 - 1. “Worship but leave children at home — to much trouble.” (Eph. 6:4; Ps. 22:6)
 - 2. “Serve God, but leave your affections behind.”

IV. “Let Your Flocks And Your Herds Be Kept Back.” (Ex. 10:24)

- A. This offer would have weakened Israel's chances of reaching Canaan.
- B. This offer repeated by Satan today. — “Serve but leave possessions behind”.
 - 1. Those who first give themselves to Lord also give possessions. (2 Cor. 8:5).
 - 2. When commit to the Lord, we commit with all that we have.

Conclusion:

- A. Moses's final answer: “Not *one hoof* shall be left behind.” (Ex. 10:26).
- B. Our final answer must be: “Not *one point* shall we compromise.”